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### **Safe Water: The IHPC Flint Michigan Initiative**

The IHPC Flint Michigan Initiative was commenced in February, 2016 in order to address the issue of lead toxicity adversely affecting the citizens of Flint, Michigan due to lead contamination during the time when water was supplied to the city utilizing the Flint River. Leaders in integrative health formed a task force in order to address this issue with an initial focus on the 9000 affected children. The task force is co-chaired by Len Wisneski, MD and Dr. Gail Christopher, Vice President of the Kellogg Foundation, and is composed of representatives of several major integrative health organizations as well as representatives from the University of Michigan.

A well referenced naturopathic protocol has been introduced based on oral DMSA chelation supported by essential nutritional support. It is the aspiration of the task force to mitigate this difficult environmental issue by implementing a coordinated treatment effort. The treatment will be performed as a detailed prospective study based upon evidence based principles.

It has become apparent that the crisis in Flint, Michigan is the tip of the iceberg as it has been reported that lead toxicity may be problematic in several other areas in the United States. A safe water supply is a major issue in the United States at this time.

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