From: Letavish, George
To: Irving, Toni
Subject: RE: How"s it coming?
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As Lorri stated, they're on pace to get me cost information, performance evaluations, and some data from social solutions by COB tomorrow. I'll start doing the analysis Tuesday evening. I will also have the opportunity to talk in person with the UIC team at the meeting on Wednesday morning to go over any data questions. Assuming this timetable continues on target, I think it's unlikely a briefing would be ready by COB Wednesday. However, I think I can certainly have something ready by midnight Wednesday or Thursday morning. Let me know when you need it done, and I will adjust accordingly.

Unfortunately, I am unable to give you an idea of what kind of program evaluation I will be able to provide until I see everything I have to work with. I can tell you that it won't be the traditional cost-benefit analysis that you were hoping for. The data for that kind of report just isn't there. The necessary outcomes weren't measured and tracked. It's also unclear the extent that individual programs in each community can be compared to one another. In the draft reports, there is data missing for several communities, and it is unclear at the moment whether or not this data is even available.

I also want to emphasize that all of this will need to be taken into account as one piece of information to utilize rather than a comprehensive and concrete conclusion of the program's effectiveness. This analysis will be working off of serious data issues and small sample sizes. The UIC draft report notes some of these data problems and then states "caution therefore should be exercised in the interpretation of many results." Not a good sign.

I can already state that a recommendation equally if not more important than what programs were effectively administered and beneficial to participants would be an overhaul of the outcomes measured and processes to collect accurate and reliable data.

That's the status as of right now. I'll know a lot more tomorrow.

George

-----Original Message-----
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Cc: Jenkins, Lorri
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Just got off the phone with the Governor who wants me to brief him on NRI Thursday. Please send a status.

Thx

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