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Austin,

FYI...we have had 8 health-related incidents at the Richland DSNAP site today. We want to make sure the Governor's Office gets accurate information as to the nature of these incidents. We had had media inquiries from WIS and WLTX. I have not called any legislators, such as Senator Lourie, to give them a heads-up about the below incidents, but can do that if you think appropriate.

- At approximately 8:00 – 8:15am, a female on oxygen walked up to the line that had formed and shortly after passed out. First responders on the scene did CPR, she was resuscitated at the site, and transported by EMS to the hospital. There is no update on her condition at this time. June Skinner in DOI called Palmetto Richland(the hospital SLED reported she had been taken to) but they could not find a patient matching her description.
- A female (Abigail Lecock) who reportedly previously received two liver transplants was inside the facility in a chair. She fell out of her chair and was foaming at the mouth. Her mother, who was with her, reported that she had a history of seizure disorders. She was transported to the hospital and, according to the fire department, has since been discharged.
- A female (Genevia Wilson), reportedly age 66, complained of shortness of breath while standing in line. She is reported to have a history of congestive heart failure and was transported to the hospital.
- A female (Tiffany Sharpeson) who stated she was seven months pregnant indicated that she was stung by a bee and is allergic to bee stings. She reportedly began to feel jittery and did not have an epi-pen on her. She was seen by EMS and declined treatment.
- A female (Annie Taylor) who was reportedly in her early 60s tripped over the leg of a speaker inside the facility. She was given a wheelchair, evaluated by EMS and declined treatment.
- A female (Jesse Taylor) complained of difficulties breathing while inside the building. She was evaluated by EMS and declined treatment.
- Two other health-related incidents occurred, but individuals declined treatment and did not give names. Nature of incidents unknown.

One of the emerging issues today is that folks began forming lines as early as 2am! We have asked the Richland County Sheriff's Department to assist us this evening, to discourage the public from arriving at the site in advance of the site's opening. Last night's WLTX report was very positive, with citizens being interviewed and stating that the lines have been running very fast, and that they received their EBT cards within an hour. The positive media coverage this week may have inadvertently contributed to today's heavy numbers...today the traffic was so congested that our staff had difficulty getting to the site, but they were still able to open on time.

Let me know if you think any follow-up actions are necessary.

Thanks,

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