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**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2017 10:02 AM  
**To:** David Wuest  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Request to Meet Re: NV State Infectious Disease Forecast Station  
**Importance:** High

Hi David,

I was referred to you by Dr. Wentworth after we met to discuss the valuable role of community pharmacists in promoting public health.

1. Our team provides forecast and warning for a wide variety of issues (see [www.nvidforecast.com](http://www.nvidforecast.com)) of which we think influenza is highly relevant for your local pharmacies' situational awareness. Specifically, we had an issue this past influenza season here in the north with unusually early type A influenza activity. We were aware of a vaccination lag combined with physicians advising their older patients to wait to vaccinate until later in the season due to concerns about waning immunity. It is our belief this impaired effective warning for our community, because it was clear to us our physician colleagues were unable of just early and unusual the activity was.
2. We are also heavily involved with antimicrobial stewardship and are funded to develop the Antimicrobial Resistance Intelligence System (ARIS). This system will enable rapid review of antibiotic resistance patterns at a scale unprecedented in the US. ARIS provides direct linkages between IDSA clinical guidelines to our local resistance patterns and the diseases providers are prescribing antibiotics against. I consider it absolutely crucial that the Board of Pharmacy not only has access to this system but is directly involved in the project development process.

Please do let me know when it would be convenient to meet with you in person to show you the above and discuss.

Cheers and very best,  
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