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We remind everyone that FACHEP was funded by the State of MI, to fill a vacuum of trust created by a failure of government at all levels—[the word trust was used 22 times in the FACHEP Phase 2 report, affirming that primary mandate](#). But FACHEP also knew that they could bump the hair trigger with the prosecutorial laser beam ever-focused on MDHHS project manager Dr. Wells' forehead, whenever they felt like it, and seemed to relish behaving like insolent junior high students with a substitute teacher. Dr. Wells' only hope of keeping FACHEP on task and conducting themselves as a responsible partner for public health, was to [“plead” appeals to their nobler motives](#).

Consider that the fiascos of [McElmurry's “low chlorine” false alarms](#), Dr. Love's Shigella rumors, and FACHEP's strategic maligning of anyone standing in their way, would normally have caused termination for incompetence and unprofessional behavior. However, this was not a normal situation. With each FACHEP misstep, they grew increasingly bold in evading responsibility by exploiting a presumption of agency guilt in any dispute. Astonishingly, they even began lashing out with [moral indignation](#), [pontification about engineering codes of ethics](#), and crybullying, rather than swallow the most sugar-coated legitimate criticism.

[With the obvious exception of Dr. Masten](#), any attempt to appeal to nobler motives went nowhere. We learned that firsthand, as we repeatedly tried to respectfully engage with FACHEP team members through normal channels to no avail.