OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE (CAS)

The Associate Director for Science (OADS) and staff provide CDC/ATSDR with scientific vision and leadership in promoting quality and integrity of CDC science, and helping to encourage the application of science to solving important public health problems. (Approved 3/11/2010)

Office of the Director (CAS1)

(1) Directs, manages, and coordinates the activities of the OADS; (2) develops goals and objectives, provides leadership, policy formation, scientific oversight, and guidance in program planning and development; and (3) oversees functions of Office of Science Quality, Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of Technology and Innovation, and Special Projects Activity. (Approved 6/6/2013)

Special Projects Activity (CAS13)

(1) Provides oversight and leadership in major or cross-cutting scientific activities; (2) represents the agency and the director on high-level internal and external scientific activities and groups; (3) develops and advances CDC research priorities; (4) handles high-profile or controversial issues and mediates (internally and externally) in difficult, contentious situations; (5) helps to develop and encourage innovation throughout the spectrum from scientific discovery to the application of science to solving health problems; (6) maintains regular, open, and transparent communication with CDC science community and uses the results to contribute to problem solving; (7) provides oversight for CDC science-related workgroups; (8) provides leadership opportunities for scientists; and (9) encourages appropriate internal and external collaborations and partnerships related to science issues. (Approved 9/21/2012)

Office of Science Quality (CASH)

(1) Provides consultation and advice and support to the CDC OD, National Centers, programs, ADSs, MMWR, and other relevant organizations related to intramural and extramural scientific activities; (2) leads development of policies related to intramural and extramural science; (3) performs and facilitates good quality internal and external peer review; (4) ensures transparency and accountability of CDC extramural research programs; (5) provides oversight of knowledge management activities involving Documentum and eClearance; (6) supports and champions evidence-based decision making to support practice, program, and policy inside and outside of CDC; (7) encourages the production and communication of science products that address essential questions for practice and policy; (8) assures that science products are perceived as timely and useful for decision making; (9) enhances access to CDC publications; (10) feeds back key program and policy research gaps into the research agenda; and (11) links the needs of public health practitioners and decision makers into the development of CDC research projects and publications (in collaboration with Associate Directors for Program, and State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support). (Approved 12/29/2010)

Office of Scientific Integrity (CASJ)

(1) Protects the rights and welfare of human beings who participate in research; (2) complies with laws and principles in the care and use of laboratory animals at CDC; (3) ensures compliance with Paperwork Reduction Act to protect the privacy of individuals in records maintenance; (4) serves as the agency research integrity liaison officer; (5) ensures leadership in public health ethics and integrate ethical analysis into day-to-day decisions and activities across CDC; (6) oversees emergency use authorization (EUA); (7) establishes newly required oversight and regulatory activities; (8) provides independent assessment and resolution of contentious situations/issues; and (9) provides training relevant to science quality and integrity to CDC community. (Approved 3/11/2010)

Office of Technology and Innovation (CASK)

(1) Promotes and facilitates the development of technology and innovation throughout the spectrum of scientific discovery; (2) provides leadership and expertise to promote and effect the timely transfer of knowledge and technology for development of products and processes that improve public health; (3) manages CDC's intellectual property (e.g., patents, trademarks, copyrights) and promotes the transfer of new technology from CDC research to the private sector; (4) leads, develops, coordinates, and manages policies and/or activities that assure CDC intellectual property transfer, scientific training and technical assistance; (5) champions and facilitates innovation, collaborations and technology transfers among federal scientists, laboratories, academia and industry; (6) provides leadership and oversight for innovation activities that have the potential to transform the way that CDC and the private sector improve the public's health; (7) provides consultation and advice to the CDC Office of the Director, Centers/Institute/Offices, and programs related to technology transfer and innovation; and (8) maintains regular, open, and responsive communication with the CDC science community and other key partners including CDC Office of General Council, National Institute of Health, Department of Health and Human Services and United States Patent and Trademark Office. (Approved 6/6/2013)