

**External Laboratory Safety Workgroup (ELSW)  
Meeting Summary  
Monday, January 5, 2015  
8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**

**Attendees**

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| ✓ Joseph Kanabrocki, PhD, CBSP – <i>Co-Chair</i>           | ✓ Kenneth I. Berns, MD, PhD – <i>Co-Chair</i>         |
| ✓ Patty Olinger, RBP                                       | ✓ Michael A. Pentella, PhD, D(ABMM)                   |
| ✓ Fred Sparling, MD  | ✓ David A. Relman, MD                                 |
| ✓ Jill Taylor, PhD   | ✓ Deborah E. Wilson, DrPH, CBSP (NIH)                 |
| ✓ Debra L. Hunt, DrPH, CBSP                                | ✓ Sarah Wiley, MPH, <i>Designated Federal Officer</i> |
| ✓ Thomas V. Inglesby, MD                                   | ✓ Leslie Dauphin, PhD                                 |
| ✓ Heather J. Sheeley, BA, MS, CBiol, MSB,<br>CMIOSH, FISTR | Domenica (Dee) Zimmerman                              |

- ✓ *In attendance*

**Summary of Meeting Notes**

**Roll Call and Call to Order**

*Sarah Wiley, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), ELSW*

**CDC Laboratory Incident**

*Dr. Leslie Dauhin, CDC Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Science and Safety (ADLSS) and ELSW Members*

Dr. Dauphin reported on the recent laboratory incident in which a laboratory technician was potentially exposed to Ebola virus on December 22, 2014. An internal review is currently underway and will be completed and shared publically by the end of the month. The Environment, Safety, and Health Compliance Office (ESHCO) conducted a second formal decontamination of the laboratory, performed efficacy testing to ensure that the laboratory is safe for re-entry, and determined that it is safe.

- The discovery of the incident occurred one day after the transfer. Within one hour of discovery, the appropriate leadership and the Select Agent RO were notified. Access to select agents by the two technicians who were involved with this incident has been temporarily suspended.
- DSAT and APHIS/AgSAS agents were scheduled to begin their investigation on January 6, 2015. ESHCO will complete its investigation sometime in January 2015.

**Discussion Points**

*ELSW Members*

- Some ELSW members do not believe additional cameras would have made a difference. The buddy system is recommended for BSL-4 laboratories.
- Members discussed the need for a culture of accountability for the protection of those around them, the environment, and those in the community. This expectation must come from the top; this change is important regardless of how many cameras are installed.

**CDC Laboratory Safety Metrics**

*Dr. Joseph Kanabrocki and Dr. Kenneth Berns, ELSW Co-Chairs*

ELSW will periodically track updates on the ACD's recommendations to the agency. The following metrics were suggested to track the progress of the recommendations and are listed in alphabetical order based on the general topic raised:

- Buddy System
- CDC Brand

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- CDC Input
- External Accreditation
- Survey
- Tracking/Feedback Mechanism

The next ACD meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and will include a variety of agenda items in addition to the ELSW's proposed recommendations.

- Open to the public, so all ELSW members may call in to listen to the discussion.
- Once the proposed recommendations are presented, the ACD will vote to accept them as recommendations.
- The recommendations will be subsequently submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary, Dr. Sylvia Mathews Burwell, where the recommendations will be reviewed over the course of 30 days before they are officially released publically.

**NIH Preliminary Discussion**

*ELSW Members*

- Documents requested will be distributed to the ELSW members prior to the NIH site visit in February 2015.
- Sarah Wiley will ask Dr. Wilson to join the next teleconference to touch base about the agenda and discuss the types of staff the group would like to interview individually.

**Approval of Executive Meeting Summaries**

*Ms. Sarah Wiley, DFO and ELSW Members*

Members should review the meeting summaries to ensure their accuracy. Summaries will then be forwarded to the ACD membership for review and approval. Revisions should be submitted to Sarah Wiley by January 6, 2015.

**Administrative Matters**

*Ms. Sarah Wiley*

- The next ELSW teleconference will be January 20, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM EST
- In preparation for the NIH meeting, everyone is to make hotel reservations. NIH will reach out about travel details and paperwork that needs to be completed.

**Wrap up and Adjournment**

*Dr. Joseph Kanabrocki, Co-Chair, ELSW*