

**External Laboratory Safety Workgroup (ELSW)
Meeting Summary
Monday, May 6, 2015
12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

Attendance	
Joseph Kanabrocki, PhD, CBSP – <i>Co-Chair</i>	√
Kenneth Berns, MD, PhD – <i>Co-Chair</i>	√
Debra L. Hunt, DrPH, CBSP	
Thomas V. Inglesby, MD	√
Patricia Olinger, RBP	
Michael Pentella, PhD, D(ABMM)	√
David Relman, MD, PhD	
Heather J. Sheeley, BA, MS, CBiol, MSB, CMIOSH, FISTR	√
Fred Sparling, MD	√
Jill Taylor, PhD	
Domenica (Dee) Zimmerman	√
Sarah Wiley, MPH, <i>Designated Federal Officer</i>	√
Michael Shaw, PhD, <i>Associate Director of Laboratory Safety, CDC</i>	√
√ In attendance	

Meeting Summary

Roll Call and Call to Order

Sarah Wiley, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and ELSW Members

Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) Presentation

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

Dr. Kanabrocki and Dr. Berns provided an update to the ELSW on their presentation to ACD regarding ELSW’s findings from their site visit to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The ACD endorsed the suggestions of ELSW and submitted the ELSW’s report to Dr. Frieden. Upon Dr. Frieden’s submission of the report to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the report can be released publicly following a 30-day review period at HHS.

Dr. Berns noted that Dr. Leslie Dauphin, the Interim Lead for Laboratory Safety, provided a very comprehensive update of all of CDC’s accomplishments and progress to date.

Plans for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Site Visit

ELSW Members and Sarah Wiley

During this session ELSW members and Sarah Wiley discussed the upcoming FDA visit scheduled for May 11-13, 2015.

- Procedures for FDA Visit (security clearance, agenda, etc.) will mirror closely to those made during visits to CDC and NIH.
- While FDA does not engage in a significant amount of high containment work, the agency does have Biosafety Level-3 (BSL-3) laboratories.
- Main issues to consider during the visit to FDA will be the agency’s maintenance of inventories and response to the smallpox incident.

Update on CDC Laboratory Safety

ELSW Members, Sarah Wiley, and Dr. Michael Shaw, Associate Director for Laboratory Science

During this time ELSW members engaged with Sarah Wiley and Dr. Michael Shaw on a discussion of laboratory updates at CDC.

- Sarah Wiley noted that Dr. Leslie Dauphin’s presentation to the ACD would be made available on the CDC intranet and internet webpages.

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- Emory University and CDC are engaged in discussion regarding the possible use of an Emory University training facility.
 - This raises concern of a Conflict of Interest (COI) for Ms. Patricia Olinger. She will recuse herself from any issues or discussion regarding CDC training programs moving forward.
 - While CDC is working internally on some options for a dedicated training facility, no decisions have been made thus far.
 - Any mechanism used for training CDC staff will be led by CDC rather than by an external entity.
- Dr. Michael Shaw reported on an incident of seroconversion to seasonal influenza A(HC) virus that occurred among a group of ferrets that were kept in a holding facility. A preliminary report was filed with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) by CDC's Animal Care and Use Program Office (ACUPO). CDC's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) also assessed the situation and made some preliminary recommendations that are being carried forward.
 - The exposure and infection appears to have happened while the animals were being held for an extended period on a quarantine (holding) protocol between August 2014 and March 2015. No clinical symptoms of illness were noted in these animals during this period. Assessment of the situation indicates that the origin of the A (H3) virus was from humans to ferrets. Due to the nature of the facility and asymptomatic nature of the ferret infection, there seemed to have been little, if any, risk to staff. .
 - All procedures are being reviewed, including personal protective equipment (PPE) and tracking of personnel in/out of the facility.
- Dr. Pentella asked for additional information on the risk assessment training course at CDC; Sarah Wiley will share the curriculum and materials with the group.

Administrative Matters and Adjournment

Sarah Wiley

- The FDA site visit will be on May 11–13, 2015.
- The next ELSW teleconference will be held on May 19 at 8:00 am (EST). Dr. Dauphin will provide a detailed update from CDC at this meeting.