

External Laboratory Safety Workgroup (ELSW) Meeting Summary

Tuesday, November 24, 2015
9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Attendees

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| ✓ Joseph Kanabrocki, PhD, CBSP – Chair | Heather J. Sheeley, BA, MS, CBiol MSB, CMIOSH, FISTR |
| ✓ Kenneth I. Berns, MD, PhD – Co-Chair | Fred Sparling, MD |
| ✓ Debra L. Hunt, DrPH, CBSP | ✓ Jill Taylor, PhD |
| Thomas V. Inglesby, MD | Domenica (Dee) Zimmerman |
| Patty Olinger, RBP | ✓ Sarah Wiley, MPH, <i>Designated Federal Officer (DFO)</i> |
| Michael A. Pentella, PhD, D(ABMM) | ✓ Steve Monroe, PhD, <i>Director for Laboratory Science and Safety, OADLSS</i> |
| David Relman, MD, PhD | |

✓ *In attendance*

Roll Call and Call to Order

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

Update: Final CDC Report

Steve Monroe, Sarah Wiley, Joe Kanabrocki, ELSW Members

Dr. Steve Monroe provided updates on CDC laboratory safety activities, as well as some government-wide activities. In CDC's on-going response to the recommendations from the LSIW and ELSW, there now is a plan to realign the biological, chemical, and radiation safety and select agent compliance components of the Environment, Safety and Health Compliance Office (ESHCO) to place them within the OADLSS. Dr. Monroe's goal is to engage in a "soft standup" in early January 2016. This will give the OADLSS the opportunity to have more direct oversight, and to fulfill the notion of providing direction, consistency, and one "CDC Way" of doing things across the agency.

Dr. Monroe also updated the group in regards to the session of the CDC Public Health Grand Rounds on December 15, 2015, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time (ET) titled "Strengthening a Culture of Laboratory Safety." The group also discussed the promotional laboratory video produced by the Office of the Associate Director for Communication. Overall, the ELSW believed the video to be well done and a positive step in engaging with the public to convey the positive steps CDC has taken in regards to its laboratories.

Discussion Points

ELSW Members

The participants discussed the following points:

- The ELSW was pleased to hear about the ESHCO realignment and movement forward on that.
- Dr. Frieden has asked Dr. Monroe to consider establishing a group to include internal and external participants that will focus on laboratory quality efforts.

Update: ACD Meeting

Joe Kanabrocki

Dr. Joe Kanabrocki reported that the ELSW's presentation to the ACD was largely what ELSW members saw in advance of the meeting. The ACD meeting itself was very good, and the agenda was very full. The ACD voted to adopt the ELSW's report.

Administrative Matters and Adjournment

Sarah Wiley, ELSW Members

- The ELSW's report that was approved by the ACD and presented to Dr. Frieden was ready on November 23, 2015, to be transmitted to the HHS Secretary for review.
- CDC plans to post the recommendations on the website after the 30-day HHS review period. They also anticipate working with Dr. Katherine Lyon Daniel and her team in the OADC to engage in some media outreach.
- HHS informed CDC that because the ELSW has met its charge, the ACD should formally conclude the work of the ELSW. CDC will explore other options for external input on its laboratory safety activities.
- Drs. Berns and Kanabrocki agreed that the ELSW and working with CDC had been an excellent experience, and that the CDC had been cooperative and receptive to the ELSW.