External Laboratory Safety Workgroup (ELSW)
Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 9, 2015
9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Attendees

✓ Joseph Kanabrocki, PhD, CBSP – Chair
✓ Kenneth I. Berns, MD, PhD – Co-Chair
✓ Debra L. Hunt, DrPH, CBSP
  Thomas V. Inglesby, MD
✓ Patricia Olinger, RBP
✓ Michael A. 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, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
  Steve Monroe, PhD, Director for Laboratory Science and Safety, OADLSS
✓ In attendance

Roll Call and Call to Order
Sarah Wiley, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and ELSW Members

Update: In-Person Meeting
Ken Berns, Joe Kanabrocki, ELSW Members

Dr. Berns, ELSW Co-Chair, summarized some highlights of the October 5-6, 2015, in-person CDC meeting. The group discussed their impressions of feedback they received during individual sessions with CDC staff members, and commented on the varying opinions presented by CDC staff. The group also discussed the potential placement of some ESHCO functions within the OADLSS, and the emphasis on laboratory science in the newly established office.

Update: CDC Update Report
ELSW Members

Dr. Kanabrocki indicated that he had received numerous comments regarding the update report on CDC’s progress and was in the process of reviewing them. He envisioned that the report would be briefer than the original report, and he did not believe they needed to repeat previously identified issues. Instead, they should offer a status report from the ELSW’s point of view about the progress to date.

Discussion Points
ELSW members discussed points of the report, including:

- Dr. Berns said that in addition to noting the changes that have occurred, the responses of the CDC staff to the changes should be documented. Ms. Sheeley agreed, and said she came away with the notion that there has been a lot accomplished and there was a lot of staff endorsement.
- Dr. Kanabrocki said he thought they should accentuate and acknowledge what has been addressed and reinforce the works in progress that still require attention. This is an opportunity to provide some clarity on the efforts that still need to be addressed.
Administrative Matters and Adjournment

Sarah Wiley, ELSW Members

- Dr. Kanabrocki planned to have a polished report completed by October 20, 2015, and a condensed version in the form of 10 slides for the upcoming ACD meeting.
- The next ELSW call is October 20, 2015, at 9:00 am.
- The next ACD meeting is October 29, 2015, beginning at 9:00 am.