

Laboratory Science Policy and Practice Program Office (CPG)

The mission of the Laboratory Science, Policy, and Practice Program Office is to provide leadership, coordination and scientific direction in order to strengthen CDC's laboratory science capacity and improve public health and healthcare at the local, state, and global level. (Approved 7/20/2010)

Office of the Director (CPG1)

(1) Directs and provides public health vision for laboratory science; (2) assists CDC labs in operating as 'one-CDC' for lab science, research, and practice; (3) directs and coordinates the development and implementation of CDC laboratory policy; and (4) coordinates and complements programmatic lab capabilities via cross-cutting advances in lab science and practice. (Approved 7/20/2010)

Business Management Activity (CPG12)

(1) Provides leadership, oversight, and guidance in the management and operations of Laboratory Science, Policy and Practice Program Office (LSPPPO) programs; (2) plans, coordinates, and provides administrative management support, advice, and guidance to LSPPPO, involving the areas of fiscal management, procurement, property management, personnel, travel, and other administrative services; (3) coordinates the development of the LSPPPO annual budget request; (4) conducts management analyses of LSPPPO programs and staff to ensure optimal utilization of resources and accomplishment of program objectives; (5) plans, allocates, and monitors LSPPPO resources; (6) maintains liaison and collaborates with other CDC components and external organizations in support of LSPPPO management and operations; (7) works closely with other federal agencies involved with LSPPPO interagency agreements; (8) coordinates LSPPPO requirements relating to procurement, grants, cooperative agreements, materiel management, and interagency agreements; (9) provides fiscal management and stewardship of grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements; and (10) develops and implements administrative policies, procedures, and operations, as appropriate for LSPPPO, and prepares special reports and studies, as required, in the administrative management areas. (Approved 7/20/2010)

Division of Laboratory Policy and Practice (CPGB)

(1) Ensures coordination and liaison with the Office of Safety, Health and Environment (OSHE) on laboratory biosafety issues as part of the larger Quality Management Systems for laboratories; (2) addresses policy and issues regarding storage and maintenance of laboratory specimens; (3) coordinates the management of CDC intellectual property and technology transfer; (4) provides coordination of laboratory space planning and management; (5) assures the provision of scientific consultation, training, and technical assistance to CDC laboratories and program staff; (6) serves as a laboratory point of contact for agencies and organizations external to CDC; and (7) coordinates laboratory training programs for external partners. (Approved 4/15/2011)

Office of the Director (CPGB1)

Plans, develops, coordinates, and manages policies and/or activities that assure CDC intellectual property transfer, scientific training and technical assistance, critical external laboratory partnerships and the provision of essential laboratory services. (Approved 7/20/2010)

Technology Management Branch (CPGBB)

(1) Coordinates with OSHE and other federal partners on cross-cutting safety issues; (2) transfers and translates research findings, technologies, and information from CDC's laboratory and science into practice recommendations; (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 to facilitate and enhance the development of diagnostic products, vaccines, and products to improve occupational safety; (4) provides assistance in the coordination and management of CDC laboratory space (planning, maintenance, etc.); (5) provides scientific consultation, training and technical assistance to CDC laboratories and program staff; (6) reviews and grants access to Select Agent laboratories for individuals when the properly approved paperwork is presented for processing; and (7) maintains compliance with the Select Agent rule (42 CFR Part 73) for Select Agents housed within the CDC. (Approved 4/15/2011)

Laboratory Policy Branch (CPGBC)

(1) Develops, supports, and enhances agency laboratory policies to ensure a strong public health laboratory system; (2) provides technical support and coordination for the Association for Public Health Laboratory (APHL) projects and serve as project officer for APHL cooperative agreement; (3) provides technical support to laboratory stakeholders at local, state, federal, and global levels; (4) provides general oversight, consultation and management to CDC labs (e.g. overarching management issues, auditing, FDA compliance, quality system for research (for new products/diagnostics); (5) assists in policy development, and provide cross-agency documentation and technical support for the laboratory information systems used at CDC; and (6) serves as agency-wide quality manager for CLIA compliance and support. (Approved 7/28/2010)

Laboratory Training Branch (CPGBD)

(1) Provides advanced laboratory training to maintain a competent, prepared, and sustainable national/global laboratory workforce; (2) analyzes, designs, develops, and implements effective needs-based training pertaining to public health laboratory methodology and technology; (3) evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of public health laboratory education and training for state and local public health, clinical, military, CDC, and other federal agency laboratorians; and (4) evaluates the effectiveness and measures the outcomes of all training to ensure a high quality product for all end users. (Approved 03/10/2011)

Division of Laboratory Science and Standards (CPGC)

(1) Leads and/or participates in the development of voluntary laboratory standards and guidelines; (2) manages the HHS Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Committee which provides scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Secretary on laboratory practice issues; (3) develops federal quality standards for the nation's clinical laboratories; (4) collaborates with other CDC components, governmental agencies, private sector organizations and other outside groups on laboratory quality issues; and (5) provides a forum for exchange of general and timely information about laboratory practices. (Approved 7/20/2010)

Office of the Director (CPGC1)

Plans, directs and manages the division activities to improve health outcomes and assure patient safety by optimizing the quality of medical laboratory practices in the United States. (Approved 7/20/2010)

Laboratory Practice Standards Branch (CPGCB)

(1) Encourages the establishment and adoption of mandatory and voluntary standards for laboratory practice; (2) assists Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the implementation of the CLIA; (3) coordinates and conducts standards development, validation, and review activities that provide support to CMS in its development and revision of the CLIA standards and guidelines; (4) provides technical assistance to CMS in its review of laboratory accreditation programs, state laboratory licensure programs, and proficiency testing programs; (5) provides technical assistance to CMS in responding to inquiries, especially pertaining to issues relating to testing complexity, personnel, quality control/quality assessment, and proficiency testing; (6) evaluates the applicability of CLIA quality standards to new laboratory technology and methodologies and, when necessary, assists in the establishment of appropriate alternative quality assurance measures; (7) performs review of CMS's guidelines for CLIA program implementation and oversight; (8) provides scientific support for issues relative to the development and implementation of cytology standards; (9) assists in the development and review of voluntary laboratory performance standards and guidelines; (10) disseminates information about laboratory standards and practices; (11) provides materials, forums, briefings, and assistance to CDC and external organizations in the interpretation, understanding, and implementation of the CLIA regulations; and (12) collaborates with other components of CDC in carrying out the above functions. (Approved 7/28/2010)

Laboratory Research and Evaluation Branch (CPGCC)

(1) Encourages the establishment and adoption of performance standards for laboratory practice; (2) develops, evaluates, and implements systems for measuring and assessing laboratory quality; (3) facilitates and conduct research and demonstration projects to support the scientific development of performance standards, evaluation systems, and regulatory standards, and assesses the efficacy of established standards; (4) develops, promotes, implements, and evaluates intervention strategies to correct general performance deficiencies in health laboratory systems and worker competencies; (5) provides a forum for exchange of information about laboratory

practice and research and development activities to promote the coordination of federal, state, and clinical laboratory improvement efforts; (6) coordinates and conducts activities that provide technical and scientific support to CMS in its evaluation, development, and revision of standards and guidelines; (7) monitors and evaluates current and emerging practices in genomics to improve quality and promote access to genetics testing; and (8) collaborates with other components of the CDC in carrying out the above functions. (Approved 7/28/2010)