

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Brad Parsons, Chairman, Deborah McEwan, Tim Maguire, Mia Lieberman, Maureen Foley, Clerk, Abbey Myers, Director of Health

In attendance: Dustin Poole, Christopher Bradfield, Linda Scott, Zaira Martin Moldes, Corey Martin, Andy Sullivan, Eric Duhaime, Kenny Pantuso, Melissa Geddie, Sibhon Branch, Matt Waguespack

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:05 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for April 2, 2024

Dr. Lieberman made motion to approve last month's minutes.

(Lieberman, Parsons) (4,0)

Roll Call

Public Comment

Ms. Scott stated she contacted Watertown Cable and they have all the WBSC meeting posted.

Amendments:

Cultivarium – 490 Arsenal Way #110

Zaira Martin Moldes, Principal Scientist gave a short presentation of the company's plans to expand their work. Dr. Lieberman clarified that Cultivarium will be expanding host range but limiting packaging. Dr. Martin Moldes clarified chloroform will not be stored at the facility. Dr. McEwan stated the agent list had ? marks with certain strains related to the BSL level. She requested Cultivarium address that issue and upload an updated agent list.

Mr. Parsons had a discussion with the committee if Cultivarium should present to the BOH. The results are at this point Cultivarium is working in a BSL1 level and they will not present to the BOH. At the point this is successful and the risk changes, Cultivarium will come before WBSC and then present to the BOH.

Permits:

7 Traits Genomics– 155 Arlington Street

Dustin Poole, Manager gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Mr. Parsons questioned the shared space. Per Workman's Comp. Affidavit, there are no employees. The IBC members are not employees but owners. The person on the CHP needs to be an employee per OSHA. Dry ice will be used for transporting the products and it is not stored at 200 Arsenal Blvd. The contractors (non employees) will transport the materials to the customers. Dr. Lieberman stated 7 Traits needs to use a commercial courier until employees are hired. Occupational Health will not cover independent contractors. Dr. Lieberman stated she was not comfortable with human blood samples from an unknown source to be transported in the back of someone's car. Dr. McEwan questioned the screen plan for the agents 7 Traits will be working with. Will there be screening documentation? Dr. McEwan would like to see all materials be prescreened and documented not just high risk. Dr. Maguire requests an updated screen list. Dr. Maguire asked about waste accumulation. Mr. Poole stated there will be approximately

200 samples per month.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with conditions:

Provide an updated list of biological materials and agents list, screening levels and sources.

All samples should be shipped to customers with a commercial courier until employees are hired.

Update the 1 page summary with these revisions.

(Parsons, Lieberman) (4,0)

Roll Call

Diagonal Therapeutics – 200 Arsenal Yards Boulevard #220

Eric Duhaime, Senior VP gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Melissa Geddie, Drug Discovery explained the screening, lab activities and more. She stated Diagonal was leasing space from Arkuda. Dr. Maguire stated the floor plans were great. Dr. Lieberman stated it was well put together application.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health as submitted.

(Parsons, McEwan) (4,0)

Roll Call

Discussion related to the reorganization of the WBSC

Dr. Lieberman made a motion to approve of Mr. Parsons as chair of the WBSC.

(Lieberman, Maguire) (4,0)

Roll Call

Items that were not anticipated before publication of this agenda.

Dr. Lieberman presented a list of required documents for new applications in the Open Gov portal to simplify and reduce the ambiguity.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 13, 2024

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:56 PM

(Parsons, Lieberman) (4,0)

Roll Call