

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday July 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Heather McManus PhD, Chairperson, Bradford M. Parsons Committee Member, Deborah L. Mc Ewan PhD Committee Member, Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

Staff: Maureen Foley, Head Clerk

In attendance Mark Bittenger, Mark Murphy, Dina Lloyd, Erika White, Paul Schneider, Patrick Megan Rego, Marci Patrick, Tyler Brown, Yogesh Chutake, Corey Fyfe, Hui Liu XXXX, Josh Foster, Clare Johnson, Ins Ersing, Jonathan Williams, Silpi Arora, Elizabeth Graham, David Wilson, Edward Darr, Corey Martin, Kathea Lynch, Rob Derosier,

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. McManus called the meeting to order 7:08 pm

Minutes

1. Minutes approvals were tabled until August 5, 2021 (Ramdin, Parsons) Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public comments

Sai Life Sciences – 300 North Beacon Street #302

Mark Bittenger, Vice President and Global Head of Biology gave a short synopsis of Sai Life Sciences activities.

Dr. McEwan had questioned IBC minutes and noted a change. She also noted precautions related to various generations of viruses. Brad Parsons questioned hazardous and biological waste products. The community member on the IBC must be eligible as a “Watertown Community Member” once the lab moves to Watertown. Larry Ramdin questioned the concentration of disinfectant also as it relates to lentivirus.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health. Motions granted with conditions; 1. Include the correct dilution of bleach concentration 2. Expand EAP 3. Exposure Control Plan 4. A larger floor plan 5. Certificate of Liability with the Town of Watertown (Ramdin, Parsons) 4-0. All in favor. Roll Call

Addgene – 490 Arsenal Way #100

Megan Rego, Scientist gave a short synopsis of Addgene activities.

Brad Parsons stated there needs to be a training outline. It is required on the application. Larry Ramdin requested a larger floor plan and Certificate of Liability with the Town of Watertown.

Dr. McManus wanted to know why did Addgene submit their application so late in the process.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with the following conditions:

1. Certificate of Liability with the Town of Watertown 2. Larger Plan layout

Motions granted (Parsons, Ramdin) 4-0. All in favor. Roll Call

Kymera Therapeutics – 200 Arsenal Blvd #230

Juliet Williams gave a short synopsis of Kymera's activities.

Brad Parsons stated he wanted a training outline in the sections of chemical, biological and hazardous waste. Also include training outlines for new hires and annual trainings.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with the following conditions: 1. Expanded EAP 2. Training Outlines 3. Occupational Health agreement

Motions granted (Parsons, McEwan) 4-0. Roll Call

28-7 Therapeutic Inc – 490 Arsenal Way #100B

Dave Wilson gave a short synopsis of 28-7's activities. Brad Parsons stated there needs to be a training outline. It is required on the application. Larry Ramdin requested a larger floor plan and Certificate of Liability with the Town of Watertown. Dr. McManus questioned 28-7's exposure plan and EAP spills.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with the following conditions: 1. Training Outlines 2. Certificate of Liability with the Town of Watertown 3. Larger Floor Plan

Motions granted (McEwan, Parsons) 4-0. Roll Call

KeyBio Systems LLC. – 200 Dexter Avenue

Jonathan Wilde, BioSafety Officer gave a short synopsis of KeyBio's activities.

Brad Parsons and Dr. McEwan questioned the sublease with another lab and the possible cross contamination.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with the following conditions: 1. Expanded EAP 2. Certificate of Liability with the Town of Watertown 3. A document indicating the shared lab space

Motions granted (Parsons, Ramdin) 4-0. Roll Call

Exo Therapeutics – 480 Arsenal Way #100

Silpi Arora, [Vice President, Discovery & Translational Biology](#) gave a short synopsis of Exo's activities.

When sharing lab space, requires separate hazardous waste streams. The streams are demarked for Bio and chemical wastes.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health

Motions granted (McEwan, Ramdin) 4-0. All in favor. Roll Call

Additional Business

Vertex application is incomplete. Vertex needs to submit IBC minutes for next month's meeting.

WBSC should discuss the renewal application process.

Health department is hiring a biosafety consultant.

Adjourn: Dr McManus adjourned 9:23 PM

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health