

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on Thursday June 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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

Staff: Maureen Foley, Head Clerk

In attendance Estaban Terzo, Dawn Hidenfelter, Tom Fenton, Elyse Walker, Lynn Jackson, Duane Burnett, Corey Martin, Anna Alves, Chris Holler, George Kenty, Jon Sophul, Jim Lanter, Will Adams, Michael Vaine, Charlie Cook, Michael Tchen, Lynn Jackson, Morgan Brand, Peter Antoinette, Rob Derosier, Matthias Oberli

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. McManus called the meeting to order 7:01 pm

Minutes

Approved Minutes for May 6, 2021, 5/20/2021:
Motions granted (Ramdin, Parsons) 4-0 All in favor.

Public Comment

No Public comments

Arkuda Therapeutics – 200 Arsenal Yards Blvd.

Brad Parsons stated the application was thorough. Brad questioned the generator status and waste water plan.

Larry Ramdin stated this was a complete application. Dr. McManus and Dr. McEwan were in agreement.

Larry requested additional information about the community members on the IBC.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health. Motions granted (Ramdin, Parsons) 4-0. All in favor. Roll Call

Riparian Pharmaceuticals – 201 Dexter Avenue

Will Adams gave a short refresher presentation of the company's activities. Dr. McEwan thanked Riparian for forming an IBC in a short time frame.

Brad Parsons asked about where the hazardous waste and EAP requirements to be trained with refresher training.

Dr. McManus stated this was a well put together application.

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

1. Internal discussion of the IBC meeting 2. Certificate of Liability with the Town of Watertown 3. Plan layout is labeled

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

Eloxx Pharmaceuticals – 480 Arsenal Way

Esteban Terzo, Research Scientist gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Brad Parsons stated there is confusion related on the application indicating BSL1, BSL2 or BSL3. Eloxx stated they are a BSL2 facility. Brad requested a new page 2 on the application to be submitted.

Dr. McEwan stated a great IBC with safety protocols.

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

1. Resubmit page 2 of the application
2. Updated hazardous waste notifications

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

Xibus Systems Inc. – 200 Dexter Avenue

Heather McManus recused herself from this discussion.

Peter Antoinette, CEO gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Committee requested the occupational health agreement with Mt. Auburn Hospital. This agreement was not included with the application.

Larry Ramdin requested a larger floor plan. Xibus must inform Watertown Health within 24 hours of a spill.

Brad Parsons inquired about the production of hazardous waste.

Dr. McEwan was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with the following conditions:

1. Occupational health agreement
2. Change the conditions on page 35 to included reporting spills to Watertown Health within 24 hours
3. Larger floor plan

Motions granted (Parsons, McEwan) 4-0. All in favor.

Explora BioLabs – 480 Arsenal Way

Charlie Cook, East Coast Operations gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. McManus stated she was pleased with animal work in a well-controlled environment. Dr. McEwan inquired about after hours work and safety inspection schedule for the facility. Dr. McEwan questioned Explora related to security measures within the facility.

Brad Parsons inquired about the protocols related to chemical storage and use and disposal of hazardous waste.

Larry Ramdin stated Certificate of Liability is with the Town of Watertown. Explora must inform Watertown Health within 24 hours of a spill.

The committee was in an agreement the clients using the Explora facility should submit their IBC minutes. A member of the WBSC will serve as a Designated Reviewer of the IBC minutes to determine if a client's

work fall within Explora's existing Permit. If the work does fall within the scope of the permit the Designated Reviewer will inform Explora that the work can proceed. If the Designated Reviewer feels more information is needed (ie Clients work will bring new technology to the facility) the Designated Reviewer may inform Explora that the work needs to come before the WBSC for discussion prior to commencing.

The WBSC determined that the role of Designated Reviewer would rotate between the WBSC members and that if need be, the Designated Reviewer can reach out to one of the other WBSC for input in their decision without violating the Open Meeting Law.

There could be 10-12 clients at any time. Dr. McEwan stated sending those clients IBC notes could be triaged.

Dr. McEwan was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with the following conditions:

1. Explora shall ensure that the individual clients establish IBC's and shall provide information on the makeup, qualifications of, and minutes of IBC meetings to the Health Department for transmission for review and approval by the WBSC
2. Change the conditions on page 35 to included reporting spills to Watertown Health within 24 hours
3. Community members in IBC for Explora.
4. Larger Floor plan

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

Enanta Pharmaceuticals – 500 Arsenal Street

Michael Vaine, BioSafety Officer gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. McEwan questioned disposal of infections and lentivirus protocols. Larry Ramdin requested larger layouts and Declaration of Insurance should be Town of Watertown (Certificate Holder). Must notify Health department of spills within 24 hours.

Brad questioned radioactive work and safety related to materials and the work being done at the facility.

Dr. McManus stated the IBC notes were thorough especially related to lentivirus and lentivirus vectors.

IBC notes should be submitted to WBSC or come before the WBSC.

Larry Ramdin was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health with the following conditions:

1. Add 43 to 6.9 use as a guide.
2. reporting spills to Watertown Health within 24 hours
3. Declaration of Insurance should be Town of Watertown (Certificate Holder).
4. Larger Floor plan

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

Roll Call

Additional Business

Dr. McManus stated as the Watertown Fire Department should conduct a walk through for preparedness of C4 and Enanta.

The applications are improving as time goes on.

Adjourn: Ramdin recommended Adjourn, McEwan 2nd 9:37 PM

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health