

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Brad Parsons, Chairman, Deborah McEwan, Tim Maguire, Ralph Mele, Mia Lieberman, Maureen Foley, Clerk

In attendance: John Athanaspoulos, Linda Scott, Ivan Mascanfroni, Michele Crawford, Kathi Breen, Isabelle LeMercier, Jeremy Luther, Lindsey DeVaux, Sada Breegi, Brandon Linz, Paul Lane, Jordan Bartlebaugh, Isabella Leone, Corey Martin, Nicole Billings, Eunice Park, Akinola Emman, Jy

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:03 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for August 3, 2023
(Parsons, Lieberman) 5,0
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Amendments:

AvenCell Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Isabelle LeMercier, Director of Immuno Oncology gave a short presentation of the company's vivarium which will be managed by Explora Bio Labs. Nicole Billings, Lab Director clarified that clinical samples have been in existence in the Allston lab. The IBC meeting noted clinical samples will be used in the Watertown lab space. Dr. Maguire asked if the vivarium will be shared with another lab. Dr. Lieberman inquired when the final commissioning will take place and the final IACUC walk through. The central temperature and humidity needs to be checked. Dr. Lieberman stated no work can start until IACUC gives their stamp of approval. Dr. McEwan stated your documents need to be updated to reflect current work from future work.

AvenCell needs to present to the BOH.

Day Zero Diagnostics – 85 Walnut Street

Jeremy Luther, Lab Manager stated Day Zero is moving to 85 Walnut Street. There will be a change in tissue samples and the clinical samples will come from hospitals. Clinical samples were used in the Allson location and now will be used in the Watertown lab space. Dr. Lieberman questioned the hospital screening procedures and what consists of patient samples. Day Zero stated patients' blood samples will not exceed 16 ml. and be prescreened with documents. Mr. Mele needed to know the floor this lab will be located for evacuation purposes. Dr. Lieberman questioned if the samples were screened for viruses. Mr. Mele requests an updated floor plan with labeling.

Day Zero does not need to present to the BOH.

Orna Therapeutic Inc. – 500 Forge Road

Brandon Linz, Triumvirate stated Orna is adding an Immunology Division using nonhuman primate cells. Dr. Lieberman stated this research is a BSL2 with enhancements and requires PPE. Dr. Maguire asked about the peak volumes and the number of isolations. Orna does not need to present to the BOH.

Permits:

Seismic Therapeutic – 85 Walnut Street

Linsey DeVaux, Lab Manager gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Lieberman asked the floor Seismic will be working on. (2S – 2nd floor). There is NHP material in the training manual. Dr. McEwan questioned the source of primary mass tissue and if there is prescreening.

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

Updated Floor Plan

(Parsons, Mele) (5,0)

Roll Call

Aleksia Therapeutics – 65 Grove Street #102

Eunice Park, Head of Biology gave a short presentation of the company's activities. She stated its similar work to Nexo. Aleksia is a different company from Nexo. Dr. McEwan questioned free agents. Dr.

Lieberman stated there is NHP in the training manual. Mr. Parsons stated the chemical hygiene plan has Nexo on the cover. Per OSHA, the CHP needs to be an employee of Aleksia.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health without conditions.

(Parsons, Lieberman) (5,0)

Roll Call

Additional Business

Dr. Lieberman and Mr. Parsons presented a draft document for the future amendments that will be presented to the BOH or will be reviewed by WBSC only. The committee reviewed the policy. Dr. McEwan wanted the document to cover novel technologies down the road. Mr. Mele asked if new equipment in a lab can change the work or scope of the work.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 5, 2023

Adjourn

Adjourned at 9:12 PM