

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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

In attendance: Linda Scott, Ayca Yalcin Ozkumur, Getzabel Guevara, Konstantino Tsiors, Emily Kuiper, Corey Martin

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

Minutes

Minutes approvals for September 7, 2023

(Mele, Lieberman) 5,0

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Amendments:

AvenCell Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Emily Kuiper, Associate Member of Immuno Oncology gave a short presentation of the company's plan to creating their own viral vectors and gamma vectors to be used for oncology. Dr. Maguire asked about the use of PPE, sharps and the glass instruments. Dr. Maguire asked about the scale in the lab the origin of the plasmids. Dr. Lieberman questioned the dedicated hood and the other activity in that particular room. Mr. Parsons questioned if AvenCell plans on producing vectors for other lab companies. Mr. Parsons endorses AvenCell 's new work and will present to the BOH on 10/17.

(Parsons, Mele) 5,0

Roll Call

Permits:

One Cyte Biotechnologies – 199 Dexter Avenue

Ayca Yalcin Ozkumur, Director of R&D gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Maguire questioned the scale of waste produced. In the biosafety manual for One Cyte states BSL2 procedures but the lab is using BSL2+ precautions. This detail needs to be mentioned in the IBC minutes. Dr. McEwan questioned the scope of activities. In the Summary are the use of B cells, T cells and CHO cells and how are those cells are sourced. Mr. Mele asked if the space will be shared. Mr. Parsons questioned the layout and wanted more detail related to safety cabinets, eye wash stations, etc. Mr. Parsons questioned clinicals samples that were stated in the summary. One Cyte will not be using clinical samples. There should be a person listed on the Chemical Hygiene Plan..

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

Updated Summary of Work

(Parsons, McEwan) (5,0)

Roll Call

Additional Business

Transition Bio will present in November.

The draft document is ready to present to the BOH related to amendments.

The renewal process should include the option to add an amendment at the same time. Should include yearend study, materials list of biological agents, Certificate of Insurance, IBC minutes and members and Workman's Comp. Affidavit.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 2, 2023

Dr. Maguire volunteered to take the minutes in November.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:26 PM