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Minutes of Biosafety Committee Meeting: 7/23/25 6PM – 7:00PM

Called to order at 6:10PM-concluded at 7:20PM

Meeting attendants: Miguel Garcia (community member), Kutay Karatepe (member), Choukri Ben Mamoun (member), Elizabeth Eynon (member/community member), Hamidah Raduwan (member), Sai Harshitha Dakoor (member), Jon Alderman (chairman). Martin Mattessich (guest)

Zoom meeting attendants: Choukri Ben Mamoun (member)

Absent: Cara Case (community member), Karen Anthony (member)

Old business:

- Discussion of proper procedures for working alone in the lab, monitor: ring camera, life alert style personnel or wall mounted emergency call button. *If after hour work is required, it was agreed that personal should have in their possession mobile phones with voice activation capability. Also, it is preferred to work in pairs.*
- Signage will reflect two new individuals as emergency contacts: Kutay Karatepe and Jon Alderman. *All signage is up to date*
- Add a spill tray to acid / base of sufficient size to accommodate all stored items. *Ordered.*

New Business:

- No accidents or incidents were reported during the last year.
- 2025-2026 BSC roster: Cara Case, Miguel Garcia, Kutay Karatepe, Karen Anthony, Choukri Ben Mamoun, Elizabeth Eynon, Hamidah Raduwan, Sai Harshitha Dakoor, and Jon Alderman. Confirmed all serving members agreed to serve another 1 year term.
- The Biosafety Committee participants conducted a physical inspection: reviewed the following: 515 lab space, signage, safety SOP manuals, eye wash station logs and BL-2 and chemical waste manifests, storage / inventory, and new lab member training. All workspaces were clean, orderly, proper signage was in place, PPE, and spill kits were available. All Standard Operating Procedures, and training records were up to date.

Protocol review:

There were no new, de novo, or modifications to review at this time.

Follow up actions:

1. Mount the two fire extinguishers by the entrance to labs.
2. Replace the Eppendorf 5810r Lid Spring, Part # 022663941
3. Create a new BL2 database using Excel spreadsheet. The inventory will be updated regularly, with senior scientists having the ability to make changes. Also discussed were storage options and the importance of keeping records of sample usage.
4. Clear items that are stored close to the ceiling to leave enough space.

Meeting summary

The meeting introduced Sai Dakoor, M.S., a new employee / committee member who joined in January 2025, highlighting her background in biotech and experience in protein purification and cell culture. Jon provided an overview of the committee's role and responsibilities. To include the process for handling protocol modifications, which involves distributing them via email for review and approval. Highlighting his role as an independent safety advisor related to NIH and Connecticut Department of Health regulations and encouraged committee members to consult with him on all safety concerns, work practices, and general lab standard operating procedures. Discussed recent changes to the biosafety guidelines, including the requirement to post meeting minutes on a publicly facing website. The group agreed to approve last year's meeting minutes and to review and vote on this year's minutes before posting them in a timely manner. L2 has created a link on the home page to make it simple for the public to locate all public notices. Discussed the organization's grant funding status. Martin provided an overview of several ongoing projects, including work on diagnostic assay utilizing a protein related to infectious disease, a malaria peptide vaccine approach, and a tuberculosis vaccine collaboration, all with ongoing collaborations with multiple institutions.