

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Meeting
Minutes**

**1:00pm, July 12, 2021
Remote via Zoom**

Voting Members Present: Chair; M-1; NS-1; S-2; S-8; S-9; V-1; V-2; V-3

Alternate Members Present: M-A-1; S-A-2; S-A-3; S-A-4; S-A-6

Voting Members Absent: NA-1; NA-2; S-1; S-3; S-4; S-5; S-7

Visitors Present: Sr. Director Research, Ethics and Quality; IACUC Specialists 1 & 2

Meeting was brought to order at 1:00 PM and quorum confirmed with 9 of 16 members present.

Introductions:

- New members
 - o New IACUC members were introduced and welcomed.

Standing Items:

- **Approve minutes of previous meetings.**
 - o The June 2021 minutes were approved as written.
- **Submission Metrics**
 - o The IACUC AD presented submission metrics. Of note:
 - Total submissions and approvals continue on an upward trend and have increased in comparison to pre-COVID work

Announcements:

- **New member training:**
 - o Members were informed that new member training and refresher training will be held Friday, July 16, 2021. Of note:
 - Training will last roughly 2 hours.
 - A packet will be sent out prior to training with additional information.
 - Reminded members that IACUC membership and business is confidential and must remain confidential.
 - Post-doctorate individuals are allowed to join the IACUC and training as long as their PI and/or department head approves.

New Business:

- **National NHP Shortage:**
 - o Veterinarian discussed NHP shortage with committee. Of note:
 - Protocol work is slowing as there is a nationwide NHP availability shortage due to COVID and other factors.
 - NHP are limited and only being allocated by a central committee.

- PI's working with NHP may be submitting amendments to continue research with limited animals thus Committee members need to be aware of the resource shortage and examine amendments accordingly.
- **18-384 Welfare Report**
 - The Committee discussed an incident involving an anonymous welfare report. Of note:
 - Alleges that electrodes implanted are not properly sterilized.
 - Veterinarian observed animals in facility and noted no ongoing issues related to non-sterile equipment.
 - Animals that had recovered two weeks did not show any signs of infection.
 - Discussed incident with PI and recommend protocol assessment to determine if any amendments need to be made. PI agreed and is willing to assist with recommendations.
 - Preliminary findings indicate that there are no animal welfare concerns, rather complaint may stem from personal/political matters.
 - **The IACUC did not vote as the non-compliance process is still in progress.**
- **eSirius help text(s) & info.**
 - The Committee discussed updating the help text in eSirius. As of note:
 - The current version of edited help text can be found in Box.
 - Members were asked for input on what they would find useful in the methodology help text. Of note:
 - Adding hyperlinks to different information dependent on methodology type (e.g.: Rodents, USDA, etc.)
 - Committee members need to provide feedback by the end of the week.
 - Committee needs to relay frustrations/complaints to Chair, AV, and/or Sr. Director Research, Ethics and Quality.
- **I-PM-SOP-001 & PAM**
 - New document for PAM – this is a WIP, not ready for vote.
 - Members were asked for input on what PAM information they would find useful.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM and quorum maintained for the duration.

*Indicates USDA species.

Minutes compiled by IACUC Specialists and IACUC Assistant Director.

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