

Microbiology Expert Committee

Conference Call

Dec 4, 2012 2:00 p.m. EST, Adjourned @ 2:45

AGENDA/ Minutes

1. Roll Call – On the Call
 - a. Committee Members – Robin Cook, Patsy Root, Elizabeth Turner, Po Chang, Mary Robinson , Dwayne Burkholder, Donna Ruokonen, Karla Ziegeleman-Fjeld
 - b. Associate Members – Brad Stawick, Carl Kircher
2. Selection of Vice Chair- Patsy Root has volunteered
3. Comments of the TNI White Paper for MUR – Clarified that the 12 QC elements does not apply to microbiology. The only portion that does apply is the change in hold times as spelled out in for specific analytes .
4. Method Codes for the TNI Database- Discussion points
 - a. Concern over the edition of SM and how that will affect PTs and assessments. ABs should be checking the QC at the time of on-site so the assessment concern may not be a problem. PTs are evaluated by technology.
 - b. How to reconcile CFR part 141.21 with individual methods.
 - c. Clarification regarding what SM 9223 actually covers.
 - d. Tasked group to review the recommendations of the Database group and comment on such. ABs on the call did not express concern that a simplification of the method codes would present a problem in their states.
5. Status of Micro Module- Discussion points
 - a. Tasked the group with review of the current std to evaluate if we need to address any concerns on their part.
 - b. Discussion regarding the future inclusion of parasitology, enteric viruses, and molecular methods such as qPCR.
 1. Patsy will speak with Carrie Miller and seek her input
 2. Dr. Kircher has provided the Florida certification checklist for comparison with the std to verify that the foundation for the inclusion of those subsections is in place.