

# TNI PT Expert Committee Meeting Summary

**February 8, 2019**

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, February 8, 2019, at 11:00 am EST. Chair Nicole Cairns led the meeting.

## **1 – Roll call**

Jim Brownfield, ESC (Laboratory)	Absent
Nicole Cairns, NYSDOH (Chair; Laboratory)	Present
Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Laboratory)	Present
Patrick Garrity, KYDOW (AB)	Absent
Craig Huff, ERA (PT Provider)	Present
Susan Jackson, SC DHEC (Laboratory)	Present
Tim Miller, Phenova (PT Provider)	Present
Reggie Morgan, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Laboratory)	Present
Rachel Bailey, Advanced Analytical Solutions (PT Provider)	Present
Matt Sica, ANAB (AB)	Absent
Ilona Taunton, Temporary Program Administrator	Recording

Associate Committee Members present: Rachel Ellis (NJ), Audrey Cornell, ERA, Fred Anderson (Advanced Analytical Solutions), Shawn Kassner (Neptune and Company), and Brian Stringer, ERA.

## **2 – Previous Minutes**

Nicole is working on pulling minutes together for the 12/7/18 and 1/4/19 meetings based on the agendas for those days. She will then send them to the committee for review and input.

Lynn prepared the meeting minutes from the Milwaukee meeting (1/28/19), but she had some questions. Nicole will finish these minutes and circulate them for review prior to the next meeting.

## **3 – PTRL Guidance Document**

Nicole is waiting to hear back on final approval from the Policy Committee.

#### **4 – Milwaukee Re-cap**

The NELAP AC issued an implementation date of January 31, 2020 for the 2016 TNI Environmental Laboratory Standard. It will be a rolling implementation. Florida is already implemented it. It looks like most states will hit that implementation date. States like Virginia and Oklahoma have to do rule making, so it will take longer.

The PTP Executive Committee discussed the implementation of Volume 3 and Volume 4 of the TNI Standard. It is hoped they will have a similar implementation date as the rest of the 2016 Standard. Section 5.9 of Volume 3 will definitely be implemented so it will allow PT Providers to move forward with the PTRL scoring. PT Providers were recently assessed, so they will not be accredited to 2016 until their regular cycle. The PTPEC is working on a Footnote for the PT Provider reports that explains that the new calculation method is being used.

Tim commented that the scoring is not the only change in the 2016 Standard. There is also a change in time between subsequent PTs. Nicole noted that implementation of the rest of the Standard will need to be worked out with the PTPAs. The only thing discussed is the more immediate implementation of the Section 5.9. This is all still in the discussion phase. The Footnote has to be worked on and the NELAP AC needs to agree with this implementation process.

PT Providers are expected to move from the 2009 to the 2016 Standards and not to have to do multiple reports for the different standards. This is the plan and implementation needs to be worked out. If the AB needs something else, it is expected that the AB will handle it themselves.

#### **5 – PT Requirements – DoD vs TNI**

Jerry has requested that this committee take a look at the DoD requirements and compare them to the 2016 Standard. DoD completely disregarded the 2009 Standard in their most current DoD manual. He would like to understand the differences. There was some rumored discussion that DoD is considering dropping the TNI Standard in the DoD manual. *(Addition: Jerry confirmed he spoke to DoD and this rumor is incorrect.)*

Nicole is looking for a volunteer to start this comparison process. She emailed a copy of the DoD manual to the committee. Chandra agreed to volunteer to do this. Nicole would like to start discussing this in March.

#### **6 – New Business**

It might be appropriate to start reviewing some of the suggestions the committee received for the next standard, but there is no hurry in doing this. The NELAP AC has repeatedly stated they do not want to implement another standard for at least 5 years.

#### **7 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am Eastern.