

Proficiency Testing Expert Committee

Meeting Summary August 13, 2021

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, August 13, 2021, at 11:00 AM ET. Chair Kirstin Daigle led the meeting. The call was being recorded for the sole purpose of preparation of meeting minutes. The recording will be deleted immediately upon creation of said minutes. The agenda is presented in Attachment 1. No other changes and/or additions were proposed for the agenda which was approved by the committee.

Roll Call

Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Laboratory)	Present
Patrick Garrity, KYDOW (AB)	Present
Craig Huff, ERA (Vice-Chair; 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
Amy Pollard, Occidental Chemical (Laboratory)	Present
Kirstin Daigle, Pace Analytical (Chair; Laboratory)	Present
Sennett Kim, A2LA (AB)	Absent
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Absent
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Absent
Amy DeMarco, NYSDOH (PT Provider)	Absent
Jim Todaro, Alpha Analytical (Lab)	Present
Marie Wu, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Lab)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Absent

Associate Committee Members: Audrey Cornell, Shawn Kassner, Danielle Pearman, Fred Anderson was also present. With a quorum present the meeting proceeded.

Review and Approve June 2021 Minutes

The July 9, 2021, minutes were reviewed. After minor corrections, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Rachel Bailey and seconded by Reggie Morgan. The motion was unanimously approved, and the minutes are presented below. The minutes will be forwarded to William for posting on the TNI website.



NEMC/TNI Meeting Open Forum

Kirstin asked the call participants to share any feedback or highlights from the Summer Environmental Measurement Symposium In-Person / Virtual Event that took place in Bellevue Washington, August 2-5, 2021, and virtually August 2-12, 2021.

Susan, Kirstin, and Reggie shared the in-person sessions, although smaller than usual, was a good meeting. No items of interest to PTEC were raised.

Shawn provided a brief overview of topics covered from the PT Executive Committee's virtual meeting on August 11, 2021. He shared the PTPEC will be working with EPA on DW updates and with PTP and others on data and statistics that will be used to improve the PT Program. As that committee moves forward with their work, they will liaison with the PTEC on topics as needed.

Kirstin shared that Jerry Parr is already planning the Winter meeting which will be held in San Antonio and that she intends to request a ¼ day session for the PTEC.

SIR 413 Review & Discussion

Kirstin opened this topic by reading the SIR.

The SIR refers to V2M1, 8.2.1 and V2M2, Section 4.1. of the 2009 TNI Standard as the source of language for which interpretation is requested.

The committee reviewed these sections together and concluded that the response to this SIR should be provided by the LAB.

Section 4.1 (V2M2) provides the requirements for Primary ABs. Clause e) of Section 4.1.1 requires the primary AB to maintain the certification status of laboratories in their program in the National Database.

Section 4.2 (V2M2) provides the requirements for Secondary ABs.

The language in subsections of 4.2.1 or 4.2.2 reads: (copied from 2009 Standard)

4.2 Secondary Accreditation Body (Secondary AB)

4.2.1: The Secondary AB shall accept the assessment decisions made by the Primary AB regarding a laboratory's performance and compliance with the proficiency testing requirements set forth in this Standard.

4.2.2: The Secondary AB shall not impose additional requirements for proficiency testing that are not included in this Standard as a requisite for initial or continued accreditation.

The committee members concluded that that the sections in the PT Module clearly specify the expectations for Secondary ABs and these sections do not require the

Secondary AB to use the National Database. These sections also do not preclude the use of the National Database as a source of information for the laboratory's current accreditation status by the Primary AB. The obligations for the AB are specified in V1M1, Section 8.1, which is outside the purview of the PTEC committee.

The language in 2016 Standard relevant to requirements for primary and secondary ABs was also looked at. The committee thought the language in the 2016 Standard needs closer review. These sections will be added to the workbook used by the PTEC to keep track of items to review with the next standard's revision. (5_Comments-Review of PT Standards).

V1M3 Update:

Kirstin gave an update on the activities of the V1M3 workgroup, the members of which are Tim Miller, Craig Huff, Susan Jackson, Nicole Cairns and Kirstin Daigle.

She informed that the workgroup met and reviewed the line items in Excel file 5_Comments-Review of PT Standards 06.04.21 that referenced V1/M3 together. The workgroup concluded that there are discrepancies and/or concerns between the volumes that should be reconciled in the next revision.

These 5 items identified will be added to September and October PTEC call agenda, with the intent to review 2-3 items per call. Prior to these calls, the workgroup proposed that the group prepare worksheets that compare language between volumes and sections for easy reference to facilitate discussion during the committee call. The committee agreed this is a good approach.

Kirstin went through the relevant topics which correlate to lines 4, 5, 8, 10,15 in the Review of PT Standards worksheet.

Line Item 5 is about supplemental PT. Tim Miller asked if anyone could remember the historical context requiring quantitative PT to include the analyte of interest. Shawn replied that this requirement was in the 2003 Standard and carried forward. He explained that some of the ABs wanted to ensure that after a quantitative failure, the next PT would include the analyte. However, supplemental PT are not required to be analyzed after a PT failure and regularly scheduled studies require PT sample composition to be randomized. This information is relevant to the next committee discussion on this topic.

New Business

No other new or old business was presented to the committee for consideration.

Having completed all agenda items, the PTEC meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM ET. The next meeting of the PTEC was scheduled for 11:00 AM ET on September 3, 2021, which is the Friday before the Labor Day weekend. Both the Chair and the Vice-Chair will be out of office on this day and several members also noted they would be unavailable for

the call. Therefore, the meeting was rescheduled for the second Friday of the month (i.e., September 10, 2021, at 11:00 AM ET) instead of the usual 1st Friday meeting date.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda- Revised

08/13/21

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

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1. Roll Call
2. Review and approve minutes from previous meetings:
 - TNI_PTEC_07.09.21_draft
3. Open Discussion: Highlights from NEMC/TNI Summer Meeting 2021
4. SIR 413 Review & Discussion
 - SIR 413 to Lab and PTEC
5. V1/V3 Workgroup Update
 - 5_Comments-Review of PT Standards 06.04.21
6. New Business