# SUMMARY OF THE TNI LABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING

#### OCTOBER 24, 2014

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, October 24, 2014, at 12:30 pm EDT. Chair Shawn Kassner led the meeting.

#### 1 - Roll call

Absent
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Associate Committee Members present: Nicole Cairns, NYSDOH; Audrey Cornell, ERA; Shari Pfalmer, ESC; Brian Stringer, ERA; Rob Knake, A2LA

#### 2 – Previous Minutes

It was moved by Scott and seconded by Kareen to approve the minutes of October 10. All were in favor.

# 3 - V3

Shawn reported he now had the equation for between-sample standard deviation, and he would send it to the PT providers to make sure that is what they are doing. The standard would then be complete, and should be ready to publish as a VDS by the winter meeting.

# 3 - V4

Shawn said he had spoken with Maria Friedman, asking her to look at Jeff Lowry's comment about requesting data from the PTPAs. He said a sub-committee was being established to consider this issue, and he would e-mail all PTPs to solicit their interest. He hoped V4 would then be ready to publish as VDS along with V3 in January.

#### 4 – V1M1 and V2M2 VDS Voters' Comments

Several committee members had been given assignments. The discussion started with Yumi's assignment to check on the use of "Primary AB" vs. "AB" in the standard, and she presented a spreadsheet of her findings. In V1M1 4.3.6 it was questioned if all ABs should be able to request documentation from laboratories or just Primary ABs. Scott felt secondary ABs should not be able to request corrective actions, but he was happy for all ABs to get PT results since some ABs may not want to wait to get them from the Primary AB. Judy thought a Secondary AB should not be able to get data from the PTP without the laboratory's permission. After further discussion it was agreed to specify the Primary AB. It was pointed out that this should be in 4.4.1, and that would allow 4.3.6 to be deleted. It was agreed not to remove "Primary" from 5.1.2 and to also add it to 5.1.1.b.

The foregoing decisions were moved by Scott and seconded by Rachel, and all were in favor.

In **V1M1 6.1**, it was moved by Virgene and seconded by Rachel to change all to "Primary AB". All were I favor.

The section on complaints, **V2M2 5.1.1**, **5.1.2**, **5.1.3**, and **5.1.4** was discussed. The committee agreed with Scott who believed any AB should be able to complain. It was moved by Rachel and seconded by Scott to remove "Primary". All were in favor.

In **V2M2 6.1.1**, "Primary" had been removed, and this made it consistent with **4.2.2**. However, Judy referred to **V1M1 6.1** that specifies the laboratory must submit corrective actions to the Primary AB, so there is no allowance for a secondary AB to make the request. Then **V2M2 6.1.1** allows a secondary AB to take action that requires the corrective action report. Roger said, as a laboratory, he would provide his corrective actions to a secondary AB if they asked for it anyway. Nicole said a Secondary AB should always contact the Primary AB before taking any action, because there could have been another PT the secondary AB does not know about. It was moved by Scott and seconded by Virgene to put "Primary" back into **V2M2 6.1.1**. All were in favor.

# 5 – Next Steps

The definition for an Accreditation Body (AB) was discussed briefly. Both V1M1 and V2M2 have the old definition that an AB is a government entity. Shawn said he would ask Paul Junio what Quality Systems is doing about that definition.

At the next meeting, it was decided to discuss Judy and Lisa's assignments on the comments.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm EDT.