

NSABB Working Group: Oversight of Research with Dual Use Potential

Charge, Approach, Issues

Working Group Charge

- Recommend the features and characteristics of a proposed oversight framework
 - Attributes of review and oversight entities
 - Processes for local and federal review and oversight
 - Develop tools and guidance for these processes

Working Group Members

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- Scott Steele (DOJ/FBI)
- We invite and encourage ALL ex officio agencies to participate on this WG!

Approach

- Expert input
 - Examine extant oversight models: e.g., rDNA research
 - IBC functions and oversight
 - Risk assessment and management
 - Other?
- Incorporate NSABB WG products
 - Principles
 - Criteria, code, communication tools
- Consult other NSABB members as needed
- Consultations with stakeholders

Oversight of Dual Use Research: Major Issues to be Addressed

- Review of research for dual use potential
- Risk assessment
- Risk management
- Institutional administration
- Review of issues by USG and/or NSABB

Honing in on Issues

- Purpose(s) of each activity
- Process: how should it be carried out and by whom?
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Necessary attributes and expertise of individuals/entity involved in activity
 - Possible candidates

Honing in on Issues, cont'd.

- Timing
 - When should activity be carried out?
- Is ongoing activity necessary?
 - If so, by what process?
- Is there need for an appeals process?
- Tools
 - Criteria, code of conduct, communication tools
 - Worksheet for identifying DUR
 - Additional tools needed?