



NATIONAL SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD FOR BIOSECURITY



National Institutes of Health
Bldg. 31, C Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD

September 28, 2015

MEETING AGENDA

8:30 – 8:50 am Welcome and Introductions

8:30 – 8:35 am **Opening Remarks**
Samuel L. Stanley, M.D.
NSABB Chair
President, Stony Brook University

8:35 – 8:45 am **Introduction of NSABB Voting and Ex Officio Members**
Christopher J. Viggiani, Ph.D.
Executive Director, NSABB
National Institutes of Health

Review of Conflict of Interest Rules
Christopher J. Viggiani, Ph.D.

8:45 – 8:50 am **Approval of NSABB Meeting Minutes**
Samuel L. Stanley, M.D.

8:50 – 9:50 am Update from the NSABB Working Group

8:50 – 9:20 am **Update from the Working Group on Evaluating Risks and Benefits of GOF Studies Involving Pathogens with Pandemic Potential**
Joseph Kanabrocki, Ph.D., C.B.S.P.
Co-chair, NSABB Working Group
Associate Vice President for Research Safety
Professor of Microbiology
University of Chicago

9:20 – 9:50 am **NSABB Discussion**

9:50 – 10:00 am **Break**

10:00 – 11:30 am Update and Discussion of Risk-Benefit Assessment for Gain-of-Function Studies

10:00 – 10:45 am **Progress Report and Laboratory Risk Assessment**
Rocco Casagrande, Ph.D.
Principal Investigator
Managing Director, Gryphon Scientific

Biosecurity Risk Assessment

Kavita Berger, Ph.D.

Scientist, Gryphon Scientific

Benefit Assessment

Corey Meyer, Ph.D.

Senior Analyst, Gryphon Scientific

10:45 – 11:30 am **NSABB Discussion**

11:30 – 11:50 am **Public Comments (Session I)**

11:50 – 12:15 pm **Break to Get Lunches for Working Lunch**

12:15 – 1:30 pm **The Ethical, Legal, and Policy Issues Associated with Gain-of-Function Studies (WORKING LUNCH)**

Format: Presentation by author of commissioned ethics analysis followed by comments/remarks by 2 panelists; moderated discussion among panelists and NSABB discussion

Questions to be considered during the presentations and discussions:

- *What values and decision-making frameworks should NSABB consider in moving beyond the risk/benefit assessment in order to formulate policy recommendations on GOF studies involving pathogens with pandemic potential?*
- *Is there GOF research that should not be funded and conducted? If so, what are the features of such studies and what considerations should guide the identification of GOF studies that might meet such designation?*
- *After considering risks and benefits, what policy options or oversight strategies might NSABB consider in generating recommendations to the U.S. Government on the funding and conduct of GOF studies involving pathogens with pandemic potential?*

Moderator: Susan Wolf, J.D.

Member, NSABB

McKnight Presidential Professor of Law, Medicine & Public Policy

Faegre Baker Daniels Professor of Law

Professor of Medicine

University of Minnesota Law School

Presenter: Michael Selgelid, Ph.D.

Director, Center for Human Bioethics

Professor of Bioethics

School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies

Monash University

Panelists:

Rebecca Dresser, J.D.

Daniel Noyes Kirby Professor of Law

Professor of Ethics in Medicine

Washington University in St. Louis

Eric Meslin, Ph.D.

Director, Indiana University Center for Bioethics

Associate Dean and Professor of Bioethics,

Indiana University School of Medicine

Managing Director, Center for Law, Ethics and

Applied Research in Health Information

1:00 – 1:30 pm **NSABB Discussion**

1:30 – 1:50 pm **Public Comments (Session II)**

1:50 – 2:05 pm **Break**

2:05 – 3:50 pm **NSABB Discussion**

Samuel L. Stanley, M.D.

3:50 – 4:00 pm **Concluding Remarks and Adjourn**

Samuel L. Stanley, M.D.