

## **Toxicology Meeting Minutes 9/29/08**

**Attendees:** Bob Drawbaugh, Darcy Richardson, Kirk Kimball, Amanda Bolduc, Marie Sawyer, Hillary Boucher

**Absent:** Steve Harnois, Kelly Bradshaw, George Voss

**Minutes:** Darcy Richardson

Workload Schedules were distributed.

George Voss remains out until further notice and will probably return in a part-time status when he first returns. Amanda will have some responsibilities shifting to Blood Lead. Initial training will be in sample prep and putting samples on the instrument. Over the next few months she will be trained in instrument set up and data review. The Micro position is still up in the air which may affect us if Hillary gets the job. Melissa's last day is 9/30/08. There has been some discussion in regards to another temp position in blood lead with no specific description of whether that is a strong possibility or when it might become available. Blood lead is a big issue with Melissa gone, George out, Kelly out and Amanda not currently trained. Leaves three people in the building who are trained although all are not currently available for that testing.. Darcy offered to be re-trained in data review.

**CT Inorganic:** The CDC is "mothballing" the trace urine metals method. We'll still seek a PT for clinical work. Work on speciation will continue. There is a specific request from our epidemiologist to continue this so we can offer it clinically. Kelly continues to work in this area as well as increasing involvement in 200.8. She will also be working on implementation of FTIR for white powder investigations, shared with Micro. The specs and bid requests are currently out.

**Blood Alcohol:** Expected to remain the same

**Breath Alcohol:** We have an expansion coming up into Chittenden County. Training in October and November with a November deployment. We are expected to receive money for an additional 60 instruments.

**Drug Testing:** Planning on expansion in offerings and in the programs we provide testing to. ME work is still up in the air. We are still providing drug testing in non-DRE DUID cases. A bid request is expected from Highway Safety for drug testing for DRE cases. We will be bidding for that work.

**Urine Drugs:** Will stay about the same, may have some growth. Looking to report electronically and offer quick turn around on confirmations.

**BGA:** Winding down for the season. Did not add microcystin speciation as had been planned for this year. UVM will use us for confirmation when the method is up. Expecting to add homoanatoxin as well.

**Job Assignments:** Bob will be distributing a list.

Amanda: Moving into blood lead. Need to check on HAA schedule. Same involvement with breath and blood alcohol.

Darcy: Blood lead review and need to find a way to get back into drug testing. Same involvement with breath and blood alcohol.

Marie: Keep going with everything. Need to add carbamates.

Kirk: 525, may have to cover more organics for Jim. Continue with CT and drug testing.

Hillary: StarLims, only tech left on the chemistry side. Continue with drugs and support for water program when she can. Possibly learn sample prep for blood lead?

Kelly: Metals speciation, FTIR implementation, 200.8, continue to help in blood lead.

Steve: Remains the same, still working on training to help with other equipment in the lab.

**StarLims**: Will probably only be for some programs as LITS is now. Will need workflow diagrams for everything we do but unclear on how they should be different from the ones previously provided. Blood alcohol has been started but is not close to implementation. Bob is strongly pushing that blood lead should be the first module set up in StarLims for Toxicology. The rest of toxicology will be a while.

**Training**: Teleconferences for safety training are coming up. All are strongly encouraged to attend at least one session which will count towards our annual safety training. They are on 10/8/08, 10/22/08, and 11/5/08 all lasting one hour at 3pm.

**Space**: Downstairs is pretty good, upstairs not so good. Bob suggests turning his office into a 4-5 person cube area as micro and chemistry have. This will get Hillary out of the lab and others out of the hallway. Suggest that LC moves to 209 and new triple quad goes where Pluto currently is. Requesting input from staff for other ideas as well.

Next meeting : date/ time to be determined but expected to be week of 10/20