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2.31 (c) (3)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(c)(3) states "IACUC functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility. The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views."

The IACUC met on 2-19-09 and performed the facilities inspection and program review. Although the report for the Institutional Official was written, it has not been sent to the Institutional Official as it is being forwarded around to the committee members for signatures. The meeting was 4 months ago, so this report was not given to the Institutional Official in a timely manner. The IACUC reports to the Institutional Official need to be signed by a majority of the members and presented to the Institutional Official in a more timely manner.

To be corrected by 7-31-09.

2.31 (e)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(e) states "A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following: (1) Identification of the species and the approximate number of animals to be used; (2) A rationale for involving animals, and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers of animals to be used; (3) A complete description of the proposed use of the animals; (4) A description of procedures designed to assure that discomfort and pain to animals will be limited to that which is unavoidable for the conduct of scientifically valuable research, including provision for the use of analgesic, anesthetic, and tranquilizing drugs where indicated and appropriate to minimize discomfort and pain to animals; and (5) A description of any euthanasia method to be used."

Six guinea pigs are present today, being used for an animal teaching lab taught by a guest veterinarian. Guinea pigs are specifically named under the sedation section of the master protocol, where certain procedures to be done are

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listed, but many points are not described. Qualifications of the guest teacher need to be described. The master protocol needs to describe the approximate number of guinea pigs which will be used (and source), a rationale for the proposed number and for the use of guinea pigs, a full description of the proposed use of the guinea pigs (including housing), what pain relieving drugs will be used (they are sedated for the lab), and how euthanasia will be done if needed, or what the final disposition of the animals is (adoptions are done). The master protocol needs to be amended to include the guinea pig lab and this amendment approved by the IACUC.

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NO NON-COMPLIANT ITEMS IDENTIFIED THIS INSPECTION.

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2.31 (d) (2)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(d)(2) states "Prior to IACUC review, each member of the Committee shall be provided with a list of proposed activities to be reviewed. Written descriptions of all proposed activities that involve the care and use of animals shall be available to all IACUC members, and any member of the IACUC may obtain, upon request, full Committee review of those activities. If full Committee review is not requested, at least one member of the IACUC, designated by the chairman and qualified to conduct the review, shall review those activities, and shall have the authority to approve, require modifications in (to secure approval), or request full Committee review of any of those activities. If full Committee review is requested for a proposed activity, approval of that activity may be granted only after review, at a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC, and with the approval vote of a majority of the quorum present. No member may participate in the IACUC review or approval of an activity in which that member has a conflicting interest (e.g., is personally involved in the activity), except to provide information requested by the IACUC, nor may a member who has a conflicting interest contribute to the constitution of a quorum."

At the last IACUC meeting on 2-7-07, a quorum was not present to approve the master protocol. There are 8 IACUC members and only 4 were physically present at the meeting. One member who could not attend the meeting participated via teleconferencing, as another member unexpectedly could not make the meeting. Teleconferencing does not meet the intent of the Animal Welfare Act for face to face IACUC meeting participation. Also, the master protocol is written by one of the IACUC members, who cannot approve his own protocol. The master protocol is exactly same as the one approved by the committee last year, but will still need to be reviewed and approved by a quorum of the committee annually.

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