

Meeting Summary, June 11th, 2015
Meeting Location – Salem, Oregon

OTAC Members			
<i>Dennis Wells</i>	<i>Chair, BSK Associates</i>	2017	<i>Present</i>
<i>Ken Yeomans</i>	<i>(Formerly) TestAmerica Labs</i>	2017	<i>Not Present</i>
<i>Marsha Farooqui</i>	<i>Portland Water Bureau</i>	2015	<i>Not Present</i>
<i>Scott Dickman</i>	<i>Alexin Analytical</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
<i>Steve Thompson</i>	<i>Clean Water Services</i>	2015	<i>Present</i>
<i>Chuck Lytle</i>	<i>City of Portland</i>	2016	<i>Present</i>
<i>William Michalek</i>	<i>OELA</i>	2016	<i>Present</i>
<i>Darrell Auvil</i>	<i>Apex Labs, Secretary</i>	2016	<i>Present</i>
ORELAP STAFF:			
<i>Stephanie Ringsage</i>	<i>Public Health Laboratory</i>		<i>Not Present</i>
<i>Chris Redman</i>	<i>DEQ ORELAP Lead</i>		<i>Not present</i>
	<i>Public Health Laboratory Director</i>		<i>Not present</i>
<i>Gary K. Ward</i>	<i>ORELAP Administrator</i>		<i>Present</i>
<i>Shannon Swantek</i>	<i>ORELAP</i>		<i>Present</i>
GUESTS:			

1. **Welcome / Additions to Agenda:** Dennis called meeting to order at 10:10 AM.
2. **Review of last meeting summary:** April meeting minutes were approved.
3. **ORELAP Implementation Report:** Turn-around-time is averaging about 20 days from assessment to initial ORELAP report. NELAP requires 30 days or less. Gary presented a graph showing the averages. A good deal of the assessment reports are being generated in real time while recollection of details are still fresh in the minds of the auditors. Staff now have tablets with electronic checklists which will speed up the process even more.. Gary will post checklist on ODIE.

Most common errors Gary still sees during audits:

- a) Single line strikethrough w/ date and initials not on records with corrections
- b) Closing CCVs for drinking water not performed
- c) Dual column confirmation, the second column must pass calibration/CCVs.

Note: New 600 series methods do require closing CCVs. 8000C does not require them.

There is a new director for the Public Health Lab, Dr. John Fontana, to start Aug. 17th. Michael Skeels retired on June 30th.

Response to ORELAP committee request is under draft. ORELAP is now \$200,000 in the “black” showing positive money flow.

4. **Cannabis Testing update:** Program costs are about \$400,000. Split over approximately 20 labs would be \$20,000 each (tentatively). Talk of splitting cost of license and accreditation. Need to find funding!!!

Labs will potentially be audited twice; once by OLCC (license) and once by ORELAP (accreditation).

Public comment? Not sure who is driving proposal at this time. Program to be paid by taxes on cannabis. Cannabis tax to State is 17%; local county/city tax rate is 3%. This is for retail sales.

Looking to Colorado for some of the analyte lists regarding testing. Methods by AOAC using GC/MS and LC/MS. OLCC is holding meetings on methodology.

Testing suite is still looking at: percent THC , solvent residue, pesticides, fungi, mold as items to test for.

Good labs are pursuing accreditation as they cannot compete with small "mom & pop" type labs.

PTs for cannabis testing are using spiked spinach, so they can cross state lines and avoid the Federal Govt Issues.

5. **TNI/NEMC Update:** Meeting in Chicago, on July 13th. There are issues with PT standards regarding aluminum and titanium, regarding higher recoveries using microwave digestion. Results are showing bimodal distribution.

Some discussion over the verbiage: total recoverable metals, total metals, recoverable metals...

2015 TNI standard to be voted on in 2016; implementation date???

Upcoming change to ORELAP language; "current TNI standard..."

2015 standard will have new MDL and calibration modules.

6. **OELA MEETING:** Keith noted a typical turnout, with approximately 100 attendants. He was not sure how many labs were represented.

Richard Burroughs gave an MDL presentation which was well received. The presentation will be posted on-line by PDF/Powerpoint. Open to all on OELA website.

Also had an "ask the assessor" session that went well.

7. **Re-writing ODIE:** ORELAP is spending some IT time (Jimmy) to update the ODIE program. Please give input to Gary. What changes would you like?

Will have new software (Oracle) and server (Sequel) and will be condensing to a single database.

Even before the update out-of-state users have consistently commented that ODIE is the most user friendly of any of the other state programs.

8. **NOTES:** Keith Chapman presented his ethics talk that he gave at the wastewater Short School.
9. **Next Meeting:** August 13th, 10am, Hillsboro, OR Public Health Lab