



Meeting Summary, April 14th, 2016
Meeting Location – OR Public Health Lab, Hillsboro, Oregon

OTAC Members			
<i>Dennis Wells</i>	<i>Chair, BSK Associates</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Ken Yeomans</i>	<i>Apex Labs</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Marsha Farooqui</i>	<i>Portland Water Bureau</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Scott Dickman</i>	<i>Alexin Analytical</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>Resigned 4/2016</i>
<i>Steve Thompson</i>	<i>Clean Water Services</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Chuck Lytle</i>	<i>City of Portland</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>William Michalek</i>	<i>OELA</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>Not Present</i>
<i>Darrell Auvil</i>	<i>Apex Labs, Secretary</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>Present</i>
ORELAP STAFF:			
<i>John Fontana</i>	<i>Public Health Lab Director</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Gary K. Ward</i>	<i>ORELAP Administrator</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Stephanie Ringsage</i>	<i>Public Health Lab</i>	<i>Present</i>	
<i>Shannon Swantek</i>	<i>ORELAP</i>	<i>Not Present</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Garcia</i>	<i>ORELAP Assessor</i>	<i>Not Present</i>	
GUESTS:	<i>Kristen Thomas (City of Portland) ; Andy Barrett (OR DEQ Finance); Bjorn Fritzsche and Corina Grodek (MRX Labs)</i>		

1. **Welcome / Additions to Agenda:** Dennis called meeting to order @ 10:10
2. **Review of last meeting summary:** small corrections noted, Feb. minutes approved.
3. **Membership Notes:** Scott Dickman @ Alexin has tendered his resignation, we want to thank Scott for his time and input on OTAC. Dennis offered Rory White as replacement. Bjorn F. from MRX labs also would like to be considered.

Chuck L suggested we add a NEFAB representative. Gary is close to getting NEFAB accreditation as an Assessor.

4. **ORELAP Implementation Report:** Going well. Average is 20 days from assessment to Initial ORELAP Report. NELAC requires 30 days.

RaeAnn Haines coming back as part time assessor. This will give ORELAP 2 full teams.

ORELAP was audited for Drinking Water, 6 staff, NO findings noted!!!! Excellent work!

ODIE upgrade will increase the efficiency of staff. Everything will be able to be remotely accessed.

April 25th City of Portland and EPA are auditing ORELAP.

TNI meeting in Orange County, Gary will be giving a paper.

- 5. John Fontana:** took the floor and noted some increased costs to the ORELAP accreditation. He cited that the fee is modest increase. There is also an increase in microbiology for in-state labs; \$50 to \$350 every 2 years. The increased cost is also due to the increased levels of high technology, which in turn, requires more time/effort on the assessors.. Technologies such as GC/MS/MS used in the cannabis labs. He also noted the addition of 22 cannabis labs. The advanced technology is a new item @ \$1200 every 2 years.

In general, there is support for the ORELAP increases. Rory W. and Bill M in particular were not present to comment and had voiced concerns/reservations at past meetings.

Public Comment on accrediting the new ORELAP rule ends April 25th 8pm. Add comments? Comment period started March 15th. Not many comments.

Motion from Steve T. to re-submit December Letter regarding SB#333, crafted by OTAC in support of ORELAP , Chuck L seconded the motion.

Dennis had to leave, Steve took over the Chair.

- 6. Cannabis Update:** Cannabis Sampling Protocols are completed , for ORELAP. Appears to be extensive/ comprehensive and completed with support of Marlene Moore.

October 1st: goal to be accredited for selling ALL cannabis products.

Salmonella and Mold analysis is not required.

MRX labs (with 2 reps attending) noted that they were very near completion. They need the field samples.

- 7. NOTES: Short School:** Scott H. @ DEQ has lowered QLs. And also possibly looking to require ORELAP certification for lab work. COP is certified, so not an issue for them. But smaller municipals will be difficult for them.

OELA May 11th.

Steve T @ Clean Water Services is getting new NPDES permit.

4 new positions open at the Portland Water Bureau.

- 8. Next meeting:** → Hillsboro, Public Health Lab, April 14th, 2016 10am.