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Sent: 11/9/2020 12:02:17 PM
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Subject: RE: Adoption Policy situation
Attachments: Animal Adoption Briefing.docx

Thanks again, Jaimie. As an FYI--attached is the version I sent to Chris. I will let you know what he says regarding reaching back to OGC to try to shake loose the policy and get some feedback.

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Good afternoon, Alison;
Revised information regarding our adoption policy and rabbits with some historical information.
Cheers and have a good weekend;
Jaimie

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Thanks, Jaimie. And I misspoke/mistyped—it's "White Coat Waste" that the Administrator is meeting with later this month. We've been asked to prepare background information for Jennifer to prepare her to pre-brief him.

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Good afternoon, Alison;
Now that I understand things a bit more I'll update that 1 pager for you, a little more history, a little less detail about what an adoption policy needs.
And you haven't put me in an awkward position.
Cheers;
Jaimie

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Hi Jamie,

Thank you for these materials. I am sorry if we've put you in an awkward situation. Chris asked for an update on the proposal for a research animal retirement/adoption as well as our current practices to prepare Jennifer for a meeting with the Administrator in November. He is meeting with White Coat Labs in the coming month.

I will talk to Chris on Monday about the materials you provided and see if he would like for us to further investigate why the proposed policy stalled. I can also write to Wayne if you'd like just to update him on what's going on—let me know if you think that's necessary.

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From: Graff, Jaimie <Graff.Jaimie@epa.gov>
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Subject: Adoption Policy situation

Good afternoon, Alison;
I recently wrote and sent Angela and Beverly the Adoption 1 pager that is attached to this document. I understand that it was written as a brief for you and John Steenbock.

I notified Wayne Cascio, Director of CPHEA and the appointed* ORD Institutional Official (IO) for both the RTP Health Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and the unified Ecology IACUC about the 1 pager during our monthly IO meeting. Wayne expressed interest in our stalled Adoption Policy and has asked for a copy of the policy and a sample form (both of which are attached to this email).
As the IO, it is Wayne's responsibility to ensure that the animal care and use programs in his charge have whatever resources they need to adequately care for the animals, and he has ultimate legal responsibility for the animals (that whole "Go to Jail Guy" thing from the animal care and use briefing). His interest in the adoption policy makes sense, not least since the animals that draw the most public attention are our rabbits, which are part of a CHPEA research project. He's also very curious why the policy is stalled, since the ARPO submitted this to the OGC somewhere around 3 years ago, give or take a few months.

All that said, I understand that you and John are also working on something about either our adoption or retire in place practice, and I'd rather not have CPHEA and ORM working at cross purposes.

Do you wish to respond to Wayne's request or do you want me to do so?

It's a little awkward having worked for Wayne for years in NHEERL as the Director of ARPO and to continue to work for him as my IO while I'm still the Director of ARPO but working for ORM. Your input would be very welcome.

Cheers;
Jaimie

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