Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Health Science Center (HSC) Animal Facility

Between

La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium, Inc. (LMHSC)
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UW-L)
Gundersen Health System (GHS)

Effective Date: February 2016

This MOU describes the management and space use terms for the Animal Facility (the Facility) located on the lower level of the Health Science Center at 1300 Badger St., La Crosse, Wisconsin.

The parties above agree to the following:

Gundersen Health System Scott Rathgaber, CEO

- 1. UW-L is responsible for the management of the Animal Facility and for providing the services of the Facility Manager. As such, UW-L is responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining the Facility including the common areas
 - b. Maintaining AAALAC-I accreditation
 - c. Veterinary surveillance and oversight
- 2. As a user of a UW-L managed facility, GHS is responsible for:
 - a. Paying the agreed upon management fee due annually on February 1st.
 - b. Proper maintenance and sanitation of GHS exclusive rooms
 - Maintaining the standards set forth by UW-L by following the program's SOP's and policies
- 3. Each room in the Facility is restricted to a single species, but animals from different projects or institutions may be housed together.
 - a. Rooms 0113, 0115, 0117, 0118 and 0119 is used exclusively by UW-L
 - b. Room 0120 is used exclusively by GHS
 - c. Rooms 0121 is used exclusively by GHS for immune-compromised mice but this specialized room may be used by other institutions if space allows. Space-sharing arrangements should be made with GHS lab personnel well in advance
- Per HSC policy: All research projects involving vertebrate animals housed in the HSC Animal Facility must be approved by the IACUC of the institution managing the facility.
- Each institution is responsible for the husbandry and daily health checks of its own animals (which includes providing their own qualified personnel) and purchasing their own feed, bedding and supplies.
- 6. Purchase of shared supplies and equipment maintenance will be shared by both institutions according to their percentage of use.

La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium, Inc.
Catherine Kolkmeier, Director

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