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I2SL Landfill Diversion Working Group

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Agenda

1. Discuss the vision, goals, and objectives of the group (see attached)
2. Share and review any purchasing language that members are aware of.

Call notes: [Action Items highlighted in blue](#)

Purchasing language

Sandia has sustainability language in their Just In Time purchasing arrangements, but not for packaging and landfill diversion

Cleveland Clinic does not have purchasing language

CU Boulder has office supply language. [UC system has procurement - Amorette to find this to share](#)

[Emory to ask intern to benchmark SPLC and AASHE for procurement sustainability language in contracts and P.O.s, as it relates to landfill diversion](#)

SPLC

Phil has been contacted by SPLC in the past re labs; Kathy has reached out to Jason Pierce at SPLC re labs

SPLC Presentation in May (Denver)- Ilyssa and Kelly have submitted a proposal for a panel

Kathy would be happy to co-present at SPLC, but has to go to D.C. on Wednesday of the Summit.
If anyone else wants to contribute, please let Ilyssa or Kelly know.

Vision/Goals/Objectives Discussion

Value of working group

- To share the effort to try to identify solutions in landfill diversion in research and healthcare lab procurement

Solid waste metrics from research lab sector

- Nature reporter was interested in quantity of lab waste
- [UCSB has waste audits of buildings, including lab buildings - municipal waste. Has data to share.](#)
- UCSB has biohazard waste data as weights only; so does CC.
- Sandia has done waste audits of all buildings, including lab and office buildings; also municipal

- Might be easier to look at Procurement records to determine how much is purchased and disposed of. Is there a metric/methodology we could replicate? Practice Greenhealth/healthcare sector - may be a good resource.
- Kimberly Clark and Fisher have done audits and have metrics. [Star to ask her reps for those data.](#)
- [Ilyssa to look into Healthcare Plastics Recycling Council data](#)

Future brainstorming session re: metrics we need to make the case for our work

Group agrees that fact finding is a good first step, that might be occurring simultaneously with other steps

I2SL Meeting

Phil hopes we will present on working group progress at I2SL in Boston

- Potential to include students and researchers is high
- Create deadlines and goals leading up to the I2SL meeting
- Could present benchmarking work, state of sustainability in sector, and procurement language
- Think about what we want to do at the meeting. Half day facilitated session with suppliers & manufacturers
 - o Sustainability staff members on the panel and let the audience ask questions and drive the importance of this
 - o Start with LabCon, New England BioLabs, Millipore-Sigma who have sustainability commitments and have been to I2SL before
 - Address disconnects between what suppliers are doing and what is helpful for labs

[Kathy will reach out to the University Alliance to see if more people are interested in joining our working group.](#)

Partnership with Healthcare Without Harm - their lab group is based in Boston, Ilyssa spoke with Bill and Paul last summer - got the impression that they are mostly focused on energy, but willing to keep an eye out for opportunities.

Our group has a webpage on I2SL website - thanks to Phil for setting this up.