

**NC Legislative Joint Life Science Caucus  
NCFIL / NCRC Visit  
Wednesday 23-February**

**Schedule**

- 9:30 – 10:00 Check In & Coffee
- 10:00 - 10:15 Welcome
- Bill Aimutis – NCFIL
- Laura Gunter – NCBio
- NC Joint Life Science Caucus
- Senator Woodard
- Representative White
- Representative Reives
- 10:15 – 10:25 EDPNC Update on Food Mfg. 2021 – Mary Lesa Pegg
- 10:25 – 10:35 NC Plant Science Initiative Update – Adrian Percy
- 10:35 – 10:55 NCFIL 2021 Activity – Bill Aimutis
- 10:55 – 11:05 Break
- 11:05 - 12:05 Tour of the NCFIL Facility (2 Groups)
- 12:05 – 12:35 Lunch
- 12:15 NCBio - Laura Gunter
- 12:20 Biosimilars – Mike McBrierty (Biogen) and Dr. Kassab
- 12:25 Lilly Pharmaceuticals – Dan Wahby
- 12:30 NCRC Research - Cory Brouwer
- 12:35 Voices of the NCRC - Mark Spitzer
- 12:40 – 1:40 “Speed Dating” Panels – Voices of the NCRC
- 1:40 – 1:55 Networking
- 1:55 – 2:00 Wrap-up – Caucus Chairs

## Voices of the NCRC

The afternoon segment of the event includes an hour long “speed dating” type of event in which five groups of attendees will rotate every 10 minutes or so to hear five “voices” of the NCRC presented by five panels of NCRC partners.

### Panel 1 – Economic Development

- Presenters will include Page Castrodale (Cabarrus EDC), Irene Sacks (City of Kannapolis), and Craig Lamb (RCCC).
- Discussion will focus on the importance of collaboration between workforce development and economic development professionals as a powerful team for the recruitment of companies, particularly companies in high tech fields like life science, that require a specifically trained workforce to fill the high paying jobs these companies bring to a community.

### Panel 2 - Research

- Presenters will include Dr. Maryann Lila (NCSU), Dr. Stephen Hursting (UNCCH), Dr. Susan Sumner (UNCCH) and Dr. David Neiman (App State)
- Discussion will focus on the growing number of collaborative projects and federal grants at the NCRC and the opportunities these basic research projects represent for social and economic impact.

### Panel 3 – Community Engagement

- Presenters will include Dr. Julie Eckstrand (Duke), Dr. Phred Pilkington (NCCU), Erin Shue (CHA) and Marcella Beam (CHA)
- Discussion will focus on collaborations between NCRC scientists and Cabarrus Health Alliance professionals to engage with and support community efforts to address the health needs of our community and particularly those portions of our community that experience the greatest health disparities.

### Panel 4 – Innovation

- Presenters will include Gene Ford (Standard Process), Tony Quinones (Bright Path Laboratories) and Mukul Juneja (US Food Testing)
- Discussion will showcase the economic value represented by a representative group of our commercial partners, the reasons why they have chosen to locate at the NCRC and the collaborative opportunities they have found on the campus.

### Panel 5 – Community Health and Lifestyle Medicine

- Presenters will include Dr. Bonnie Coyle (CHA), Dr. Andrew Nance (Atrium) and Dr. Cam Cruikshank (Cabarrus College of Health Science)
- Discussion will focus on collaborative efforts between NCRC scientists, Atrium Health, the Cabarrus College of Health Science, the Cabarrus Health Alliance and the NC Medical Society Foundation to bring greater attention and understanding of the educational, medical, social and economic value of empowering individuals, families and communities to improve their health and prevent avoidable disease.