

Boston University Medical Campus

Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL)

MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

9:30 am. * 620 Albany Street

ATTENDING

Robert Francis (CLC Chairperson); Linda Lukas (CLC Co-Chairperson); Ronald Corley, Associate Director, NEIDL; Kevin Tuohey, Executive Director, Research Compliance, BU

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting were distributed.

Chairperson Francis reported that the recommendations related to opening meetings to the public should be addressed with a majority of the CLC present and that he would therefore delay that topic of discussion until the February meeting.

Corley presented the slides that are being used on the tour to introduce the tour attendees to the facility and provided a report on the tours and the positive feedback received.

REGULATORY

Tuohey reported on the continued planning for emergency responder training particularly as it related to the Boston Fire Department and the ongoing efforts at obtaining a permit from the MWRA and a new Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Boston.

OPERATIONS

Corley provided an update on the NEIDL Associate Directors meetings addressing: :

- The operations grant progress reports are being prepared for submission to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Corley emphasized that current funding is going to existing dedicated staff and building operations costs and that this funding model will likely remain in place until higher level labs are operating.
- Methods of communicating for researchers in personal protective equipment - Corley explained that research being done to improve communication technology is addressing the balance between needing to communicate with those in suits while not distracting those engaged in lab work unnecessarily.

The next CLC meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am..