

Boston University Medical Campus

Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL)

MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

9:30 am. * 620 Albany Street

ATTENDING

Robert Francis (CLC); James Keeney (CLC); Michael Kozu (CLC); Linda Lukas (CLC); Ronald Corley, Associate Director, NEIDL; Kevin Tuohey, Executive Director, Research Compliance, BU.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Tuohey informed the CLC of an open webinar being held by the Chemical Safety Board related to laboratory accidents that have occurred in university settings. Corley and Tuohey invited the CLC to attend the Washington Gateway Main Street annual NeckTies event scheduled for November 9, 2011.

REGULATORY

Corley and Tuohey reported that the NIH Blue Ribbon Panel would be meeting on November 2, 2011 in Bethesda, Maryland to hear a presentation on the Risk Assessment from the Tetra Tech team performing that work. The CLC were provided with an agenda for that meeting, advised that it would be webcast and that they could link to the meeting at <http://nihblueribbonpanel-bumc-neidl.od.nih.gov/meetings.asp>.

OPERATIONS

Tuohey confirmed that BU would make a presentation at the Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Association meeting on November 8, 2011. Bob Francis reported that he would provide dates for meetings related to safety and security that would provide time on the agenda for BU to present.

The CLC requested time during the meeting to select a Chairperson. Corley and Tuohey left the room. When the BU representatives rejoined the meeting, they were informed that Bob Francis would serve as Chairperson and Linda Lukas would serve as Co-Chairperson.

The CLC discussed the types of activities they might undertake to share information on the NEIDL with the community. CLC members will consider various approaches and develop a plan for going forward. Tuohey volunteered to provide conference call lines if needed and the CLC agreed that it would have additional conversations on this topic prior to the next actual meeting.

The CLC discussed the request for media to attend the meetings and agreed that the media would be welcome to attend the next meeting. The CLC will further discuss how and when to open meetings to the public at the next meeting

The CLC agreed to cancel the November meeting and members could attend the Washington Gateway Main Street. The next CLC meeting is scheduled for December 13 at 9:00 am.

11:00 AM Meeting adjourned.