

# Boston University Medical Campus

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## Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL)

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### MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

9:30 am. \* 620 Albany Street

#### ATTENDING

Dolly Battle; Christopher Brayton; Robert Francis; James Keeney; Linda Lukas; Ronald Corley, Associate Director, NEIDL; William Gibbons, Assistant Director, Public Safety, BU; Stephen Morash, Director, Emergency Response Planning, BU; Matthew Rarick, Operations Manager, NEIDL; John Tonkiss, Associate Director, Maximum Containment Training, NEIDL; Kevin Tuohey, Executive Director, Research Compliance, BU; Carla Richards, Director, Community Relations, BU; Daniel Wieland, Senior Specialist, Emergency Response Planning, BU

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Introductions were made. Linda Lukas from the Innovation District in South Boston was welcomed as the newest addition to the CLC.

#### REGULATORY

Francis asked for an update on the timeline for completion of the NIH Risk Assessment and Corley noted that the NIH estimates the report will be available summer/fall 2011 to early 2012 (visit the NIH Blue Ribbon Panel website at <http://nihblueribbonpanel-bumc-neidl.od.nih.gov/default.asp> for periodic updates on the timeline).

#### OPERATIONS

##### Select Agent Transport, II

The meeting was the second part of the demonstration of how Boston University will transport Select Agents. The exercise continued last month's recreated transportation to the Medical Center and simulated the delivery of the package to the NEIDL at the loading dock.

Rarick and Tonkiss walked members through the processes involved in delivery including review of driver identification, maintenance of chain of custody, removal of cable locking the outer package and inspection of packaging for evidence of tampering and/or damage. Once the packaging box was opened, the contents were examined alongside shipping documents to verify the agents received. Only after this process was completed, were delivery drivers allowed to leave.

Members discussed systems in place for checks and balances. Battle asked about verification of specific drivers and Tuohey explained that drivers are chosen by the vendor from a pool of individuals that meet specific criteria and that both the vehicles and the packaging are secured from point of departure to point of destination and GPS-enabled for increased monitoring and tracking.

Keeney asked whether NEIDL transport policies were developed in collaboration with containment facilities in places like Texas and Atlanta and Rarick explained the additional NEIDL specific layers of protection that are incorporated on top of existing requirements regarding transportation of Select Agents.

11:15 AM Meeting adjourned.