

# 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 19, 2012

9:15 am. \* 620 Albany Street

### ATTENDING

Robert Francis, Chairperson, CLC; Linda Lukas, Co-Chairperson, CLC; Valeda Britton, Executive Director, Community Relations, BU; Chimel Idiokitas, Assistant Director, Community Relations, BU; David Flynn, AVP Facilities Management; Ron Corley, Associate Director, NEIDL; Kevin Tuohey, Executive Director, Research Compliance, BU;

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting were distributed. Chairperson Francis called the meeting to order and introduced those speaking to agenda items.

Ms. Britton advised the Committee on the CLC expansion process. Ads to solicit members were placed in the South End News, the Boston Courant, El Mundo, the Bay State Banner, and the Dorchester Reporter. The Application to the CLC can be downloaded at [www.bu.edu/neidl](http://www.bu.edu/neidl). The Application deadline is July 27, 2012.

CLC members present discussed possible topics for new member orientation. It was suggested that a coffee hour be planned in August to discuss new member orientation and possible strategies for further community outreach.

### REGULATORY

Mr. Tuohey discussed the NEIDL Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (the "Plan") that was due to be submitted to the Boston Public Health Commission on June 21, 2012. He noted that Boston University ("BU") was responsible for the development, maintenance, coordination and implementation of this Plan. This Plan provides a framework whereby the staff of BU will perform their respective emergency functions during an emergency event at the NEIDL. Also, this Plan includes actions that the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will perform upon the occurrence of a NEIDL emergency event. Tuohey mentioned that the Plan is consistent with existing federal and state statutes and has been reviewed with agencies providing local support. The plan includes commitments for ongoing drills, exercises and training sessions involving external responders and on a going forward basis, BU will revise and update the Plan annually.

### OPERATIONS

Mr. Flynn talked about the epoxy coating failure on the walls and ceilings in the NEIDL BSL3A and BSL4 laboratories. The remediation plan in these laboratories is to remove all the existing epoxy coatings and reapply a new epoxy coating system. A schedule with durations for this scope of work has been defined and BU is now working on a plan for a start date.

Dr. Corley stated that researchers are continuing to work in the BSL-2 labs. He informed the CLC that Tufts is attempting to open a BSL-3 lab in an existing building in Chinatown. It is believed that they will be doing research on Tularemia and the Japanese encephalitis virus. Dr. Corley noted that BU has several BSL-3 labs in existing buildings on the Medical Campus.

The next CLC meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.