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BOSTON BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE'S COMMUNITY MEMBERS BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is seeking members of the community who are interested in serving as Community Members on the Boston Biosafety Committee (BBC).

What is the Boston Biosafety Committee?

BPHC regulates and permits biological research laboratories in the City of Boston. The BBC provides technical assistance and advice to the BPHC's Executive Director on issues related to the regulation and permitting of biological research laboratories in the City of Boston.

The Community Members should be Boston residents, preferably from the South End, Fenway, and Chinatown neighborhoods. The BBC members are appointed by the BPHC's Executive Director. The members should be able to commit to serve on the BBC for at least two years.

What is the role of the Boston Biosafety Committee?

- a) To foster and facilitate a two-way communication between the Boston residents and the operators of biological research laboratories in the City of Boston.
- b) To seek information about issues of public concern and ways to address and communicate those concerns, including the implications of biological research laboratory operations on the public health and safety.

How often does the Committee meet?

The Committee meets quarterly to review research projects and laboratory permit applications, or at other times as requested by the BPHC's Executive Director. The time commitment for each BBC member will be about 5 hours per month. There will be documents to review in advance before scheduled meetings. No BBC meetings will be held during some months.

How do I Join the BBC?

If you are interested in joining the BBC, please contact Simon Muchohi, Director of Biological Safety at BPHC (617-534-2683 or smuchohi@bphc.org) for more information.