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Outline:

- **Welcome to all new members**
- **What do we do?**
- **Setting schedule for next months: every 2nd week, 10 am BNL time?**
- **Planning for the year**

Welcome

- **Introductions**
- <http://www.rhicuec.org/>
- **Five working groups: 1. Meetings, Communications, Outreach 2.) quality of life 3) diversity 4) Funding, Politics, and Programmatic 5) Site Access and Science**

- **What do we do?**

Three big events: DNP open Forum, D.C. Day, Users' Meeting

Advocate for Users' (BNL and Remote) on many issues: Current big ones:

Overall: decline of laboratory non-science infrastructure

Food service:

Discovery park (future dorms + many other service)

onsite day care + lactation

Chairs have monthly meeting with lab management

ALD Amy Nunziata~monthly, DLD Tribble, Doon Gibbs (did not do it last year).

Facebook page and Blog

Go follow us on Facebook!

OK to tag you?

Blog: <http://rhicusers.blogspot.com/>

Quality of life

- **Issues**
- **New Food Vendor Metz**
- **Increasing DOE budget pressure on QOL**
- **Decaying infrastructure: dormitories, apartments, etc. discovery park project**
- **Child development center service reductions/financial viabilities.**

Monthly meeting with Facilities and Operations ALD Amy Nunziata and other directors, together with other BNL UEC's participation:

Bob Lincoln on July 2016, update on CDC: BSA subsidize 150,000 USD so far, 22 k USD per month for the tuition increasing and part of the hot, lunch program. Need increase the enrollment. 45 kids, need increase to about 65? Working closely with the BNL parent committee, BNL management is seeking for solutions, and talking to DOE. In the process of asking for outside company to fully investigate the issues and for recommendations.

Food: new local manager at café. Veggie options in minimarket and café.

Lanny Bates on Discovery park: scheduled to be on Aug 2016.

Diversity workgroup

- Copied from Justin's talk at AUM2016 meeting:

- * Lot's of Activities and Many Fronts already:
- * Working in close consultation with BNL Diversity Office !!!
- * Data Gathering / Publishing? Plan Part 1 near completion
 - * Diversity breakdown for Different User communities including Theorists
 - * Part 2, 3, more ! (More Detailed Publications Collaborations Data)
- * Lactation Room(s) : Our actions started a process that has led to a new Lactation Room to appear in the Physics Building soon
 - * Identified good lead for another new one on RHIC Ring (1005)
- * Sexual Harassment :
 - * More prominent warnings at all BNL/RHIC events!
 - * User Agreement/Info Registration Changes (appearing soon)

Planning for the year

- **Invite Berndt? His schedule?**
- **Open Forum Meeting at DNP, Vancouver, BC Canada (Jim coordinates)**
- **Nuclear Physics Day March 2016? (Lijuan Coordinates)**
- **AUM June? (Jim coordinates, help from Lijuan/Justin) decide the dates before Dec?**
- **World science festival?**
- **What else?**