

boysen.1@osu.edu, 08:47 PM 2/21/2005, Re: In response RE: Chimp Center Update

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Subject: Re: In response RE: Chimp Center Update
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sally,

Here's what I know. John has tried to call Chimp Haven 2 maybe 3 times. He emailed me and Carole after each attempt. he was getting concerned that no one would return his call. then came your email yesterday and he asked if that was why he wasn't getting a returned call. I know you have a history with him but I don't think that he is obstructing or playing head games with you here. I really don't. Even if he is, we need to just keep what's important in mind and figure out the best overall solution. I know you are stretched. take a deep breath and come on by tomorrow if you want to talk. this is one of the reasons I thought it might be good for you, me, and Jan to meet before the group meets. You've got so much on your plate and maybe we can put our heads together and help. whatever is helpful...I know you've got alot of irons in the fire and need time to investigate them. giff

At 08:10 PM 02/21/2005 -0500, you wrote:

Giff,

First, this is what I was talking about regarding John Biancamano last year when you and I first started talking about these matters. I distinctly recall that it was the consensus of the group at our last meeting that a representative from Legal Affairs, meaning John, should call Chimp Haven & discuss this matter with Dr. Brent and Ms. Koebner, the Executive Director. It was not my responsibility. I think he is just trying to screw around with me -- subtle, but intentional. I didn't mean to embarrass him with my comment (if I did) in the last msg.; I was just stating the facts. I'd be as interested in what the folks at Chimp Haven say to him as the rest of the group.

He can try to turn it around and put it on me, but that's his problem, not mine. I knew he was ultimately going to be obstructionistic, and I am not happy about it. As if this whole ordeal is not difficult enough. If necessary, I CAN find a way to make him knock it off. He is treading on very dangerous ground as I am stretched just about as far as I can be.

Second, didn't I make it clear to everyone that I intend to MOVE the chimps by the end of June? Thus, whether I have funding or not is a moot point, at some level. If, however, the prospective site for them is not quite ready to receive them, then we will pay whatever per diem necessary until they can be moved. That seems like a fairly simple plan to me, although I recognize that we have not yet firmly identified just where

that location would be at this moment. There are additional options that have emerged even since my last email to the group, and I will update everyone. as I noted, as things progress.

If I end up going public about this, we both know who is going to lose face in the eyes of the public -- but I also am aware that ultimately, the chimps will lose, one way or another, although in reality, it seems like we don't really have a lot to lose at our end. It does seem interesting, however, that the closer scrutiny has emerged now that Bertson is not part of the project. Lest you think I am being delusional, there is a track record & paper trail for the project having had other funding hiatuses over the years, yet somehow, things managed to work out okay. Many research projects go through similar funding ups & downs in every department of every university.

Do you think Gary sat down there in his hole of an office in the basement and cranked out grants for 22 years? Au contraire. The first time a grant he wrote for us got rejected, he went home and got completely drunk out of his mind. I stayed at Townshend and wrote another grant for NSF THAT night, and gee, it got funded. Thus began our funding history at NSF. I am certainly not suggesting that Gary was not pivotal to the development of the project. However, never during the period of time that he was a collaborator were we pushed into a corner and read the last rites by the university administration. What's different now? Curious, isn't it?

Sally

> you know this email will inevitably raise the issue of what we do in June
> if there is no further funding. I guess that this is an issue that we
> just
> might have to be ready to address in some fashion. Giff
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> At 07:28 PM 02/21/2005 -0500, you wrote:
>>John et al.,
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>> I spoke with Dr. Brent about another matter. She noted that there
>>was a msg. from you to be returned during the course of our
>>conversation. I do not know why she has not returned your call
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>> And no, I didn't tell her that we want to begin the process of
>> moving
>>the chimps. I don't want to move them twice, so if and when they
>>move, I would like them to go a more permanent facility. As far as I
>>am concerned, *Chimp Haven* is not longer appropriate for them, in that
>>they are not going to be retired. Rather, I intend to continue my
>>research program with them. At the time we initiated discussions

>>with Chimp Haven through Linda Brent last year, there was no
>>discussion about limiting behavioral and/or cognitive research at
>>that facility. Since that time, NIH has become much more rigid in
>>their interpretation of the CHIMP legislation, and thus Dr. Brent
>>intends to also take a more conservative interpretation of these
>>mandates.

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>>Sally Boysen

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>> > Sally,

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>> > I have not heard from Linda Brent of Chimp Haven, probably because you
>> > have been talking to her. Did you tell her that we want to begin the
>> > process of moving the chimps?

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>> > -- John Biancamano

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