**WARM WELCOME TO NBIMC**

**Donald Miller-Program Analyst**

 Donald Miller commenced working with NBIMC on August 2018. He is our new NBIMC Program Analyst and we are glad to have him onboard.

Donald Miller is originally from New York, NY. He came to the Washington DC area in 2000 where he was successful in becoming certified as a Clinical Research Professional at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. From 2001 to 2015, Mr. Miller was the Research Coordinator for the Hematology/Oncology and the Infectious Diseases clinics. Within these clinics, he actively took charge of various clinical trials, where he enrolled, tracked and followed up an ever increasing number of civilians and military service members far above the 500 enrollment count, seeking to participate in the valued clinical research being offered.

He was also awarded the opportunity to apply his knowledge as a Research Data Manager for the National Institutes of Health’s Pediatric Oncology clinic in conjunction with WRNMMC for a brief period. In 2011, Mr. Miller helped with the smooth and successful transition of clinical research within the Infectious Diseases clinic during BRAC. In all of these varied clinics, Mr. Miller was mentor to new clinical research assistants, and medical professionals seeking to further their knowledge in research over the years. From 2015 to 2017, Mr. Miller performed various administrative services for the Internal Medicine clinic at Ft. Meade, and for the OB/GYN clinic at WRNMMC. In 2017, he returned to research with the Gynecology Oncology clinic at WRNMMC.

Mr. Miller’s interests include community service, history, and family.

**Vanessa Santiago-Miranda-Medical Technologist**

 In early September 2018, NBIMC welcomed aboard our new Medical Technologist Vanessa Santiago-Miranda. She is coming from Baltimore Washington Medical Center where she was in charge of Microbiology-Serology and Outreach Department.

 She is originally from Puerto Rico where she joined the Army Reserve in the 335th CSH Puerto Nuevo Puerto Rico in November 2007. She earned her honorable discharge after completion of service in April 2016. During her military tenure she served one year in support of Operation Endurance Freedom (OEF) from 2008-2009

at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Washington, DC. During this time she was assigned to the ASBCC providing support for the blood donation process including testing and viability of products shipped to theater.

 As a federal civilian employee her motivation was to learn more about the aspects on the clinical setting particularly in microbiology and public health. Worked through various federal facilities including: Brooke Army Medical Center, VA San Juan Medical Center, Andrew Rader Clinic, San Juan Military Entrance Processing Station, VA Baltimore Medical Center and WRNMMC. Ms. Santiago-Miranda received a BS Microbiology from University of Puerto Rico Humacao. She completed the Medical Laboratory Technician School with AMEDD Center in San Antonio, Texas through George Washington University. Then she undertook studies in MS Medical Technology with specialty in Molecular Microbiology in Interamerican University Metro Campus Puerto Rico. She is currently in the progress of completing an online Certificate in Public Health through Capella University.

 She loves reading motivational books, running and pizza.

**OBSERVANCE OF NOVEMBER 2018 HOLIDAYS**

**Thanksgiving Day** - Thursday, November 22nd. NBIMC and CDD will be closed.

**SPECIMEN SUBMISSION REMINDERS**:

\* Calls to CDD for supplies: be sure you make inventory of ALL supplies needed before you call CDD with your supplies requests; that way they can take care of your supplies needs in one shipment.

\*D-1 rejects- With the holiday season coming up, please remember to make sure that orders are transmitted when you ship the specimens, so you do not have D1's that might possibly get discarded.

\*Barcode labels: Please check the barcodes label prior to shipping them. CDD gets some barcodes that do not scan because they are cut off, too light, a line through them, etc... If you notice any of these issues, please check your label printer and see if any adjustments need to be made.

\*Two barcode labels on the tubes. If you send specimens with two barcode labels, please be sure to label the specimens so only ONE label is visible.