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MHD hosts international guests

Botswana Ministry of Health to create a Public Health Laboratory similar to MHD Lab

The City of Milwaukee Health Department Public Health Laboratory is one of a select few labs chosen by the Association of Public Health Laboratories to help the Botswana Ministry of Health transform their National Health into a bona fide Public Health Laboratory.



From left: John Pfister, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene; Sanjib Bhattacharyya; Kelebogile Jaudi, Ministry of Health; Paul Biedrzycki; Margaret Bafana, Ministry of Health; Steve Gradus; and Tom Tarkowski, Department of Public Works

On September 28, two representatives from the Ministry visited MHD to learn more about the challenges of laboratory renovation. Their visit consisted of intense discussions on organizational needs and structure, waste management, equipment needs and maintenance, complex testing and technology.

Ministry of Health representatives Kelebogile Jaudi, Chief Administration Officer, and Margaret Bafana, Chief Medical Scientific Officer, took scrupulous notes on everything that was heard and seen.

The representatives also visited the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene for another perspective on the considerations, challenges and solutions of laboratory renovation. The State Lab has been collaborating with the Ministry for the last several years.

Construction for the Ministry of Health transformation will begin in April 2011 and is being funded by the CDC-BOTUSA, a partnership between CDC and the Government of Botswana to help stop the spread of TB and HIV/AIDS in southern Africa.