

## NBSB PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY AND AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013

1:07 pm - 1:39 pm EST

Teleconference

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### CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL BIODEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD (NBSB) INTRODUCTION, CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULES AND ROLL CALL

#### **Charlotte Spires, DVM, MPH, DACVPM**

Executive Director, NBSB, CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Charlotte Spires called the meeting to order, provided an overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, reviewed the conflict of interest rules, and gave instructions to members participating by phone. Roll call was then taken.

The following NBSB members were present:

#### **NBSB Voting Members:**

- John Parker
- Georges Benjamin
- John Bradley
- Nelson Chao
- Jane Delgado
- David Ecker
- Emilio Emini
- Kevin Jarrell
- Steven Krug
- Betty Pfefferbaum
- Sarah Park

#### **Ex-Officio Members:**

- George Korch
- Peter Jutro

#### **Designated Alternates:**

- Marc Shepanek, the alternate for Richard Williams
- Kay Briggs, the alternate for Lori Caramanian

Members were asked to identify any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were identified.

## **WELCOME AND AGENDA OVERVIEW**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Dr. John Parker opened the meeting by greeting all in attendance. He then provided an overview of the day's agenda (June 25, 2013, agenda available at the end of this summary) and clearly explained to the public that the NBSB is in receipt of two letters from Dr. Nicole Lurie, the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR). One letter focused on Community Resilience, and the other letter focused the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategic End States.

Dr. Parker noted that the Medical Countermeasures Working Group (WG) is open. He stated that it will hold its original membership, but for a period of about 30 days be open to new NBSB members as to whether they want to join or whether they would like to serve as a chair or a co-chair of that group.

## **NBSB DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Dr. Parker covered the first discussion regarding the letter on community resilience letter, received on the 30th of April 2013. He noted three main points or questions to the NBSB:

- What actions should the ASPR take to advance health resilience in communities?
- What domains of resilience would most benefit from a federal action?
- What types of federal action would accomplish these goals?

## **NBSB VOTE ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TASK**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Dr. Parker then opened up the discussion to receive comments from the members of the NBSB on the acceptance of the community resilience task.

There being no comments, Dr. Parker closed the floor for discussion.

Dr. Parker accepted the transmittal letter from the ASPR and confirmed that the NBSB will take on the Community Resilience Task. He noted that during the next couple weeks, the NBSB will form a working group and will have a chair, a co-chair, and will be announced on the website.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TASK**

Dr. Parker then opened the line for any public comments. CAPT Charlotte Spires stated there were no public comments from the phone or email.

## **EX- OFFICIO COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS**

Dr. Parker asked if any members of the ex-officio group that would like to comment on the Community Resilience Task? No comments were made.

Dr. Parker thanked the group and reassured that the names of the work group, the chair, co-chair and the membership will be announced on the public website as soon as it is formed.

## **NBSB VOTE ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TASK**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Hearing no negative votes from the NBSB on the task or the process that the NBSB will enter, Dr. Parker declared that the NBSB has accepted, and with the quorum present, voted that they will accept this task.

## **NBSB PHEMCE STRATEGIC END STATES DISCUSSION**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Dr. Parker stated that he received a letter from the Assistant Secretary, Dr. Nicole Lurie, on the 22nd of May, 2013 concerning what the NBSB was going to call the PHEMCE.

He noted that the PHEMCE Enterprise Strategic End States Task has four main bullets that the Board must answer or at least make some sort of a recommendation on this particular letter.

- What methodology or process should be used for assessing the requirements for strategic end state versus real resource capacity?
- How should we think about what levels of risk are acceptable given the tradeoffs of resources and risk?
- How do we effectively communicate the levels of preparedness versus the level of risk tolerance to the public?
- What do we need to know in order to make decisions on future investments to achieve the next level or preparedness?

## **NBSB VOTE ON PHEMCE STRATEGIC END STATES TASK**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Dr. Parker opened up the floor for the NBSB Members to comment on the PHEMCE End States letter.

### **EX- OFFICIO COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS**

Dr. Parker opened the lines for comments from the ex-officio group. No comments were made.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Parker then opened all lines to the public and asked them if they have any questions. CAPT Spires stated that no public comments were received by phone or email.

### **DISCUSSION**

Dr. Parker then noted that on the PHEMCE Strategic End States Task, the NBSB will be using their common process of putting a working group together.

Dr. Parker also stated that the main requirements and criteria for being a member of the Working group (WG) is to want to embrace the discussion and work toward an end state and a recommendation.

Over the next 30 days, the WG will work on the email and select a Chairperson, a Co-Chair, and the work group will be put together and posted on the Website.

These particular tasks may be processed differently because the Department of Health and Human Services has responded extremely well to the sequestration and all the directives of the President and the Congress about conserving resources.

Many of the meetings concerning these tasks will occur by teleconference or by very specific e-mail exchange.

## **NBSB VOTE ON PHEMCE STRATEGIC END STATES TASK**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Dr. Parker opened the lines for votes to accept the PHEMCE Strategic End States Task. If there were negative votes, members are asked to say nay for their negative vote.

Hearing no nays, Dr. Parker confirmed to the Executive Director, and to the public, that the National Biodefense Science Board accepted the PHEMCE Strategic End States Task, with the processes that were outlined by Dr. Parker and accepted by the Board Members. Board Members will be volunteering for the Chairmanship, or Chairwomanship, Co-Chair, and membership of that particular task.

Dr. Parker then asked if there are any comments concerning the board, from either the Board Members or the ex-officios? No comments were made.

## **WRAP-UP AND CONCLUSIONS**

**John S. Parker, MD**

Major General (Retired), Chair, NBSB

Dr. Parker then concluded that the NBSB is prepared to move ahead on opening the Medical Counters Measures WG to assess the two reports and make some decisions.

The NBSB accepted both tasks with standard processes that the NBSB uses. Dr. Parker then discussed the public notice and that there will be openings on the NBSB. In that public notice, there are sites to go to the application. Applications are welcomed from all categories of people that would like to be on the Board.

Dr. Parker thanked those who were on the call and turned it back to the NBSB Executive Director, Captain Charlotte Spires.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND ADJOURN**

**Charlotte Spires, DVM, MPH, DACVPM**

Executive Director, NBSB

CAPT Charlotte Spires concluded the meeting with thanking all members for being on the line.

The meeting was then adjourned at 1:39 pm.

## Public Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST

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- 1:00 pm – 1:10 pm      **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Conflict of Interest Rules**  
Charlotte Spires, DVM, MPH, DACVPM  
Executive Director, NBSB  
CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Welcome and Agenda Overview**  
John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired)  
Chair, NBSB
- 1:10 pm – 1:15 pm      **Discussion on the Community Resilience Task**  
John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired)  
Chair, NBSB
- 1:15 pm – 1:25 pm      **Public Comment on the Community Resilience Task**
- 1:25 pm – 1:30 pm      **NBSB Vote on Community Resilience Task**  
John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired)  
Chair, NBSB
- 1:30 pm – 1:35 pm      **Discussion on the PHEMCE Strategic End States Task**  
John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired)  
Chair, NBSB
- 1:35 pm – 1:45 pm      **Public Comment on the PHEMCE Strategic End States Task**
- 1:45 pm – 1:50 pm      **NBSB Vote on the PHEMCE Strategic End States Task**  
  
John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired)  
Chair, NBSB
- 1:50 pm – 2:00 pm      **Wrap-Up and Conclusions**  
John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired)  
Chair, NBSB
- Adjourn**  
Charlotte Spires, DVM, MPH, DACVPM  
Executive Director, NBSB