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Joint NACCD and NBSB Future Strategies for Children Report

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Background

Building on the NBSB Future Strategies Report (2015), the NACCD worked with the NBSB to:

- ✓ Review projected trends
- ✓ Develop a prioritized set of future strategy recommendations and initial implementation steps for the ASPR, specific to children's needs in disasters.

Trends

- Economic challenges pose major threats to at least three core components of our nation's health security. (MCM/Technology Dev; Public Health; Health Care System)
- Social and entrepreneurial models are changing. Networks, collaborations, and more decentralized models of leadership are being used to address complex issues, spark and support innovation, advance common objectives, and empower local leaders
- **Mental health considerations in children are increasingly resonating as an important public health and societal issue** (newly added trend)
- Data and data computation capacity are rapidly expanding, as is the need for data systems integration and cyber security.

Trends (Continued)

- Disasters and emergencies will remain a significant threat to the health and safety of communities and the security of the nation. By most accounts, events are increasing in frequency, severity and cost.
- Disaster risk reduction is a critical component of advancing health security globally and in the United States (US). Much can be done to reduce the likelihood of and prevent events and other health threats from becoming disasters.
- Demographic and environmental changes relevant to health security are projected to occur in the United States.
- **Children are facing economic and societal challenges with long term consequences every day** (newly added trend).

Recommended Strategies

- Strengthen ASPR's ability to fulfill the full intent of its authorizing legislation.
- Markedly expand ASPR's facilitation of and participation in networks, coalitions, collective impact initiatives, and other structured collaborative approaches used to address complex social and system issues.

Recommended Strategies (Continued)

- Work to assure that a sufficient domestic capability to conceive, develop, produce and replenish medical countermeasures is maintained and enhanced.
- Continue to prioritize preparedness strategies that address multiple hazards or synergistically meet both health security and other high-priority societal needs.
- Increase public visibility of emergency preparedness and response efforts undertaken by ASPR and others i.e. openly and actively engage the public.

Recommended Strategies (Continued)

- Strengthen disaster risk reduction strategies in ASPR's work and encourage the same with federal, state, and local government and private sector partners.
- Link with and incorporate preparedness policy and incentives into other initiatives (especially mental health and social initiatives) shaping the health of individuals, communities, the economy, and national defense.

Recommended Strategies (Continued)

- Continue to seek novel approaches for accessing, analyzing, disseminating, and utilizing data to reduce disaster risk, strengthen resilience, improve preparedness, guide response, and hasten recovery.
- Advance, and whenever available, utilize scientific investigation and data to learn more about the health and mental health effects of disasters and to evaluate and guide approaches to decreasing risk, advancing preparedness, maximizing the effectiveness of response and recovery efforts, and enhancing community resilience.

Recommended Strategies (Continued)

- Utilize performance improvement principles, assuring the organization continuously learns from experience and operates in as facile, rapidly responsive, collaborative, innovative, and effective an environment as possible.

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