

NACCD PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, December 18, 2014

1:00 pm EST

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CALL TO ORDER, FACA OVERVIEW, CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULES, AND ROLL CALL

LCDR Lynn Seel

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Office of Policy and Planning (OPP)

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

LCDR Lynn Seel called the meeting to order, provided an overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and the conflict of interest rules. She proceeded to take roll of National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD) members present via teleconference. LCDR Seel confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting. The following NACCD members were present:

NACCD Voting Members:

Michael Anderson, Chair

Alex Amparo

Allison Blake

David Esquith

Lisa Kaplowitz

Linda McIntyre

Dianne Murphy

Scott Needle

Sarah Park

Georgina Peacock

Jeffrey Upperman

Anne Zajicek

ASPR Subject Matter Expert:

Daniel Dodgen

ASPR Staff:

Evelyn Seel

Ayah Wali

Justin Willard

Maxine Kellman

WELCOME REMARKS

A full transcript of these proceedings may be found at

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/naccd/meetings/Pages/publicmeeting-141218.aspx>

Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
Rear Admiral, U.S. Public Health Service
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Nicole Lurie, the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR), thanked everyone for their attendance on the teleconference call and emphasized her appreciation in the Committee's work to date.

Dr. Lurie provided an overview of the first task, which concerns the state of pediatric surge capacity this winter season specifically as it relates to an infectious disease outbreak. She expressed her interest in the NACCD's assessment of surge capacity and transport capability among local pediatric and non-pediatric healthcare facilities nationwide. She believes the knowledge and experience of NACCD members will help prepare the country for future responses to a surge in infectious children.

Dr. Lurie then went on to the second task, which is broader and takes a longer-term perspective on pediatric healthcare readiness during a large-scale public health emergency. She is looking to the NACCD for advice on incorporating emergency preparedness into hospital quality control programs and identifying best practices and tools for healthcare coalitions to effectively care for children in any disaster situation.

Dr. Lurie thanked everyone on the call and looks forward to hearing from the NACCD after they complete their deliberations of their first two tasks.

ASPR TASKING LETTER: SURGE CAPACITY

Dr. Michael Anderson, Chair
National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters

Dr. Anderson welcomed everyone and thanked the members for all the work they have done so far. He thanked the ASPR staff for managing and assisting the NACCD.

Dr. Anderson summarized the first task letter on surge capacity. The purpose of the task is to address the current state of readiness across the nation for a surge of pediatric patients and

mass-transport this fall and winter as spelled out in the following questions:

1. The current state of readiness to transport large numbers of critically ill children.
2. The current state of general emergency/pediatric emergency surge capacity.
3. The current readiness of children's hospitals to surge during an infectious disease outbreak.
4. The current state of non-pediatric facilities to care for children in large scale disease outbreaks.
5. A summary of potential mitigation strategies for identified gaps.
6. A review of best practices and a summary of practical tools to help build health care coalitions aimed at increasing community readiness to care for children.

Dr. Anderson noted that the deadline for this task is February 27, 2015.

NACCD VOTE ON SURGE CAPACITY TASK

LCDR Lynn Seel
Alternate DFO for CAPT Charlotte Spires
OPP/ ASPR/ DHHS

LCDR Seel polled NACCD members and the task letter was unanimously approved.

ASPR TASKING LETTER: HEALTH CARE PREPAREDNESS

Dr. Michael Anderson, Chair
National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters

Dr. Anderson provided an overview of the second task assessing the readiness of the healthcare system for large-scale pediatric events. Specifically, he noted the second paragraph of the task letter which states:

“The hospital sector has undergone dramatic reforms with a focus on performance values and increased emphasis on quality of care. As integrated health delivery systems enhance their program growth, coordination, and efficiency, the development of disaster preparedness, response, and resilience strategic plans that meet the long-term needs of children will be vital.”

Dr. Anderson noted the positive impact of healthcare reform on preparedness, and stated that an important part of the NACCD's work is to ensure the needs of children in disasters are a part of

those innovative approaches.

In task letter, Dr. Lurie asked the NACCD to address the topic of pediatric healthcare delivery systems in the event of mass casualty/large-scale disaster and to identify the opportunities for hospitals to link preparedness to hospital quality control programs. Specific questions are:

1. The current state of health care (both pediatric and non-pediatric) facility preparedness to care for children in mass disasters. Examples of variables may include site management, surge, transport, medical countermeasure capabilities, workforce development, innovative programming, communications streams, and partnership/coalition-building.
2. A review of best practices, recommendations of potential long-term strategies, and a summary of practical tools to improve the ability of health care coalitions to effectively care for children after disasters.
3. A summary of potential mitigation strategies for identified gaps.
4. An assessment of current granting structures for pediatric health care capacity building.”

Dr. Anderson noted that the NACCD report deadline is August 28, 2015.

NACCD VOTE ON HEALTH CARE PREPAREDNESS TASK

LCDR Lynn Seel
Alternate DFO for CAPT Charlotte Spires
OPP/ ASPR/ DHHS

LCDR Seel polled NACCD members and the task letter was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REMARKS

Dr. Michael Anderson, Chair,
National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters

The NACCD received two comments from the public prior to the meeting. Dr. Anderson responded to both during the meeting. Patricia Frost, EMS Agency Director for Contra Costa California, and Co-Chair of the California Neonatal/Pediatric/Perinatal Disaster Coalition recommended that the NACCD support a national pediatric disaster drill and support the analysis of available data on pediatric bed capacity nationally. She stressed that both recommendations create the opportunity

to support local efforts for neonatal and pediatric disaster preparedness.

Ms. Frost also recommended that the NACCD consider Perinatal Preparedness as a population to integrate into the current emergency preparedness infrastructure.

Dr. Anderson stated that one mitigation strategy is robust drilling. He thanked Ms. Frost for her comments on behalf of the NACCD and stated that the committee will address them as the Committee deliberates on pediatric health care preparedness following disasters.

WRAP UP AND CONCLUSIONS

Dr. Michael Anderson, Chair
National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters

Dr. Anderson echoed Dr. Lurie's earlier remarks that it has been a very busy time for everyone involved in healthcare and in disasters, especially with Ebola issues and Enterovirus D68. He expressed appreciation to NACCD members and specifically acknowledged Dr. Jeffrey Upperman, who agreed to Chair the first two subcommittees. On behalf of the NACCD, Dr. Anderson accepted the two tasking letters from the ASPR and confirmed that the NACCD will provide a Surge Capacity report by the end of February, 2015 and the Healthcare Preparedness report by August 28, 2015.

ADJOURN

LCDR Lynn Seel
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

LCDR Lynn Seel thanked everyone for joining the call and adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:25 P.M EST