



NPRSB and NACCD Joint In-Person Public Meeting Summary

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NPRSB Voting Members Present

Steve Krug, Chair
John Bradley
Virginia Caine
Prabha Fernandes
Ross LeClaire
Gray Heppner
Noreen Hynes
Eva Lee
Kenneth Miller
Catherine Slemp
David Weinstock

NPRSB Ex Officio Members Present

Marc Shepanek (NASA Alternate)

NACCD Voting Members Present

Scott Needle, Acting Chair
Robin Gurwtich
Lauralee Koziol
Linda MacIntyre

NACCD ASPR Subject Matter Liaison

Dan Dodgen

Welcome and Call to Order

Evelyn Seel, MPH, Acting Executive Director, NPRSB and NACCD
Designated Federal Official
CDR, U.S. Public Health Service
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

CDR Evelyn Seel called the meeting to order, and welcomed the National Preparedness and Response Science Board (NPRSB) and National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD) members, ex-officio members, and the public in attendance. She provided a brief overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Conflict of Interest rules. She stated that the purpose of this joint NACCD and NPRSB public meeting was for members to receive informational updates on pertinent activities, programs and priorities within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the National Health Security Strategy (NHSS) and from other relevant stakeholders. CDR Seel took the roll call for NPRSB and NACCD voting members and ex-officio members present. Then she introduced Dr. Steven Krug, Chair of the NPRSB, for his welcoming remarks.

Chair Welcoming Remarks

Steve Krug, M.D.
Chair, NPRSB

Dr. Krug welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this meeting. He expressed gratitude for the speakers and presenters on the day's agenda for taking the time out of their busy day and week to inform the members of their programs and priorities. He introduced the first presenter, Darla Eisemann to provide an overview of the HHS Budget Cycle.

Presentations

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Budget Cycle

Darla T. Eisemann, Program and Management Analyst, Office of Financial Planning and Analysis
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Office of Financial Planning & Analysis (OFPA) leads ASPR efforts to align financial resources to its strategic priorities. It conducts annual planning under a multi-year strategy, measures performance and alters course when necessary. OFPA formulates monitors and evaluates budgets and financial plans to support program activities and ensures the efficient execution of ASPR's financial resources.

Steps in the ASPR funding process:

1. The Assistant Secretary's request to the Secretary
2. The Department's request to the White House Office of Management and Budget
3. The President's Budget to Congress
4. The Congressional Budget Resolution & Appropriations

Dr. Krug thanked Ms. Eisemann and introduced the next two presenters.

Health Resource & Services Administration – Emergency Medical Services for Children program

Theresa Morrison-Quinata

Branch Chief, Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)

Maternal Child Health Bureau, Health Resource & Services Administration

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Diane Pilkey, RN, MPH

Senior Nurse Consultant, Maternal Child Health Bureau

Health Resource & Services Administration

The mission of the EMSC program is to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity resulting from severe illness or trauma with three goals:

- To ensure that state of the art emergency medical care is available to ill or injured children and infants when needed.
- To ensure that pediatric services are well integrated into the existing state emergency medical services system and backed by optimal resources.
- To ensure that the entire spectrum of emergency services -- including primary prevention of illness and injury, acute care, rehabilitation -- is provided to children and infants at the same level as adults.

The next presenter on the agenda was Pamela Barnes of the ASPR Office of Policy and Planning.

National Health Security Strategy

Pamela Barnes, MA

Program Analyst, Division of Policy & Strategic Planning

Office of Policy and Planning

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The goal of the National Health Security Strategy (NHSS) is to strengthen and sustain communities' abilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies.

National Health Security Overview

- The Concept
- 2010-2014 NHSS
- NBSB Recommendations & ASPR response
- 2015-2018 NHSS

Current Activities

- Stakeholder Engagement
- 2019-2022 NHSS

Environmental Scan & Emerging Issues

- Detecting emerging trends, informing strategy formulation and open-source research
- Targeted research interviews and federal data calls

The next speaker to present to the NPRSB and NACCD members was Dr. Sally Phillips, Deputy Director of ASPR Office of Policy and Planning.

ASPR Priorities

Sally Phillips, RN, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Phillips briefly highlighted that the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response was created under the 2007 Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. ASPR is to lead the nation in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters. She described ASPR's priorities and the charge from the new HHS Secretary Thomas Price to focus on patients, people, and partnerships.

ASPR Priorities

- Lead the nation in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from Public Health and Medical Emergencies - ranging from natural disasters to infectious disease outbreaks
- Make advances in medical countermeasures development and procurement

Advancements based on previous Federal Advisory Committee Recommendations

- Hurricane Sandy Grant Program Update
- Disaster Science Program Development

External Stakeholder Updates

For the remainder of the meeting, NACCD and NPRSB members heard from a number of external stakeholders.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

James Blumenstock
Chief, Health Security
Association of State & Territorial Health Officials

Gerrit Bakker
Senior Director, Preparedness
Association of State & Territorial Health Officials

ASTHO's primary function is to track, evaluate and advise members on the impact and formation of public or private health policy which may affect them and to provide guidance and technical assistance on improving the nation's health.

Five Priorities of ASTHO are:

1. Supporting wellbeing, disease prevention, and health promotion as key strategies to improve health and reduce healthcare costs
2. Ensuring domestic health security and rapid response to public health emergencies
3. Strengthening the public health infrastructure at the state and territorial level to deliver essential public health services

4. Implementing public health programs to meet the specific needs and address the priorities of the state and local health agencies
5. Improving the health outcomes and delivery and return on investments across the public health enterprise

This year Dr. Butler, the President, identified challenges in preventing substance abuse and addictions. ASTHO is challenging the members to use evidence-based strategies and tactics to make a difference in the opioid epidemic and in other types of substance abuse concerns. ASTHO has seven policy committees that state health officials and others belong to representing priority areas.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

Justin Snair, MPA

Senior Program Officer

Director, Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Disasters and Emergencies

Director, Standing Committee on Medical and Public Health Research During Large-Scale Emergency Events

Board on Health Sciences Policy, Health and Medicine Division

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) are private, nonprofit institutions that provide expert advice on pressing challenges facing the nation and the world. Their work helps shape sound policies, inform public opinion and advance the pursuit of science, engineering and medicine.

The NASEM Health and Medicine Division's Board on Health Sciences Policy addresses critical concerns faced by the nation's public health and health care systems. The work on health security includes:

- Fosters in-depth policy discussion, examination and collaboration
- Identifies barriers and explores solutions to enhance national health resilience and national security
- Improves U.S. preparedness for, response to and recovery from disasters, public health emergencies and emerging threats

The NASEM has the activities:

- Forums
- Standing Committees
- Consensus Studies
- Stand-alone Workshops

Upcoming activities of the NASEM include:

- The Future of Disaster Health Volunteerism: A Workshop (April, 2017)
- Strategies, Interventions and Policies for Health Promotion, High Risk Behavior Prevention and Increased Performance of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Law Enforcement Workforce: A Workshop (June, 2017)
- Translating the Results of Hurricane Sandy Research Grants into Policy and Operations: A Workshop (July, 2017)
- Alternative and Sustainable Financing of Preparedness for Medical and Public Health Disasters and Emergencies (Forum Meeting, August, 2017)
- Solar Storm: Prolonged Regional Power Failures and the Consequences to Healthcare and Public Health Critical Infrastructure – A Workshop (October, 2017)
- First Responder Psychological Resilience – A Workshop (TBD)

- Evidence Based Practices for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response: Assessment and Recommendations for the Field – Consensus Study (TBD)

Public Comment

The NACCD and NPRSB received a public comment from the President of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB). AABB is a leader in standards development, accreditation and implementation of quality systems in transfusion medicine and cellular therapies.

Ann Stone, Director of Public Policy Advocacy for the AABB, was in attendance at the meeting and expressed the association's concern with blood sustainability in the transfusion community. She stated the lack of data on blood utilization in the emergency preparedness mission space. She encouraged the NACCD and NPRSB to explore this issue in the future. The chairs of both the advisory committees thanked her for the AABB's letter and for bringing this issue to their attention.

Adjournment

Evelyn Seel, MPH, Acting Executive Director, NPRSB and NACCD
CDR U.S. Public Health Service
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CDR Evelyn Seel thanked all the members, members of ASPR staff and the public for joining the meeting of the NACCD and NPRSB. She adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.