

**Public Meeting Summary<sup>1</sup>**

Friday, August 8, 2014

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building

200 C Street, SW, Washington DC 20024

Lower Level -L1J13 / S103 – Willow Conference Room

9:00 am – 11:00 am ET

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**National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters Voting Members Present**

Michael Anderson, Chair-Elect

Alex Amparo

Allison Blake

David Esquith

Robin Gurwitch

Lisa Kaplowitz

Linda MacIntyre

Dianne Murphy

Scott Needle

Sarah Park

Georgina Peacock

Sally Phillips

Mary Riley

Jeffrey Upperman

Anne Zajicek

**Presenters Present**

Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Lisa Kaplowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

**NACCD Staff Present**

Charlotte Spires, Executive Director

Jyl Woolfolk, Senior Policy Analyst

Maxine Kellman, Biotechnology Policy Analyst

Evelyn Seel, Policy Analyst

Ayah Wali, Senior Management Analyst

Belinda Green, Program Analyst

Miesha Dockery, Program Analyst

Justin Willard, Junior Management Analyst

<sup>1</sup> A full transcript of these proceedings may be found at

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/naccd/meetings/Pages/publicmeeting-140808.aspx>

### **Call to Order, Conflict of Interest Rules, and NACCD Introductions**

Charlotte Spires, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Executive Director, NACCD  
CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Spires called the meeting to order. She provided an overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and conflict of interest rules, and then proceeded to take roll for all National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD) members present. CAPT Spires confirmed a quorum was present among NACCD voting members.

### **Introduction of Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz**

Charlotte Spires, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Executive Director, NACCD  
CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

CAPT Spires introduced Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and provided a brief overview of Dr. Kaplowitz's role in ASPR, HHS, and her previous work experience prior to joining the agency.

### **Overview of ASPR, the Office of Policy and the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise**

Lisa G. Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Kaplowitz thanked CAPT Spires for the introduction. Dr. Kaplowitz discussed ASPR's role in public health emergencies and disasters within HHS, ASPR's health components, and the continued advancement by the offices in ASPR. She indicated that the next National Health Security Strategy (NHSS), a key document within ASPR, will be released by the end of the calendar year. Dr. Kaplowitz acknowledged the sustained engagement by the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE), involving several components of HHS with the purpose of medical countermeasure development. She noted the PHEMCE not only focuses on vulnerable populations, children and pregnant women, but also the development of medical countermeasures for children and adults.

### **Introduction of The Honorable U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.)**

Lisa G. Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Kaplowitz introduced Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, U.S. Senator for Maryland, and explained Senator Mikulski's role in advocating for this committee. Senator Mikulski was not able to join the public meeting in person, but Dr. Kaplowitz expressed gratitude for the video message welcoming the advisory committee on children and disasters.

## **Importance of Public Health Awareness for Children and Disasters**

### ***(Video message)***

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
Chairwoman  
The United States Senate Committee on Appropriations

### **Public Comment Period**

CAPT Charlotte Spires, DVM, MPH, DACVPM  
Executive Director & Designated Federal Official  
HHS/OS/ASPR/OPP/NACs

The NACCD received three public comments. CAPT Spires read each comment aloud during the public meeting followed by prepared responses for all three comments.

The NACCD also received a letter from James M. Perrin, the President of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) congratulating the new voting members for being selected to the NACCD. CAPT Spires read the letter aloud and thanked Miss Tamara Harrow, Assistant Director, Department of Federal Affairs at AAP for delivering the letter in person.

Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz introduced Dr. Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

### **HHS Activities to Protect the Health of Children in Disasters**

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

Dr. Lurie thanked Dr. Kaplowitz for her introduction, and welcomed the committee members, NACCD staff, and guests both in-person and on the teleconference for their attendance to the Inaugural Ceremony of the NACCD.

Dr. Lurie provided an overview of ASPR's background, citing the NHSS, a central document, released in 2009 and the two overarching goals that direct the work in ASPR. Dr. Lurie discussed the current role of ASPR's policy development and issues associated with children in disasters. She noted the department's child working group has coordinated and partnered with HHS and other federal and science agencies including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the AAP to conduct studies, develop medical countermeasures and prioritize children's policies and issues related to emergencies and disasters.

Dr. Lurie stated ASPR supports the whole community approach for preparedness response and recovery, and specified how children are a vital part of this continued effort. Dr. Lurie welcomed the committee's input in identifying areas of improvement, and asked the committee to consider a more comprehensive approach in discussing children in disasters.

### **Presentation of Certificates to New Members**

Dr. Lurie presented a series of certificates of appreciation to the new members of the NACCD.

### **Swearing-In of New Members**

Dr. Lurie swore in the following members of the NACCD, and ex-officio:

- Michael Anderson, MD, MBA, FAAP
- Alex Amparo
- Allison M. Blake, PhD, LSW
- David G. Esquith
- Robin H. Gurwitch, PhD
- Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA
- Linda M. MacIntyre, PhD, RN
- Mary Dianne Murphy, MD, FAAP
- Scott M. Needle, MD, FAAP
- Sarah Y. Park, MD, FAAP
- Georgina Peacock, MD, MPH
- Sally Phillips, PhD, RN
- Mary J. Riley, MPH, RN, CPH, CAPT, USPHS
- Jeffrey S. Upperman, MD
- Anne Zajicek, MD, PharmD, FAAP
- Gary L. Disbrow, PhD (*ex-officio*)

### **NACCD Chair-Elect Remarks**

Michael Anderson, MD, MBA, FAAP  
Chair-Elect, NACCD

Dr. Anderson thanked Dr. Nicole Lurie for her remarks and taking the time to speak at the Inaugural Ceremony, CAPT Spires and the NACCD Staff, and everyone attending in person or via teleconference. Dr. Anderson assured the committee would establish an agenda and continue to improve on the care of children in disasters.

**CAPT Spires adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00 A.M.**