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**Newman Alumni Center, University of Miami
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STATE, LOCAL, TERRITORIAL, AND TRIBAL ABILITY TO RESPOND TO LARGE-SCALE BIOLOGICAL EVENTS: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Objectives

Provide the Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense with a better understanding of the ability of the state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments to: (1) respond to large-scale biological events; (2) identify and utilize SLTT assets and resources for immediate response (prior to a declaration of a SLTT biological emergency or disaster; (3) operate before federal assistance arrives and after federal resources are exhausted; and (4) shift to population management when a biological event overcomes pre-hospital and hospital response protocols. Provide SLTT, academic, and federal representatives with the opportunity to discuss their perspectives, experiences, challenges, and recommended solutions regarding SLTT response to large-scale biological events.

- At what point will a large-scale biological event overcome SLTT ability to respond quickly and save lives?
- Recognizing that beyond a certain point, everything becomes public health, how can we characterize such a public health system in advance of a large-scale biological event?
- How can we flip the paradigm from federal-lead/SLTT-follow, to SLTT-lead/federal follow?
- Have we done enough to plan for when federal resources are exhausted and states, localities, tribes, and territories are on their own?
- How can we learn to work the interfaces between and among non-traditional partners?
- How should the federal government, SLTT governments, and private sector organizations take regional, hemispheric, and global contexts into consideration when planning and training in advance of large-scale biological events?
- How can we strengthen and foster leadership in this arena?

SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:15: Opening Remarks

- Former Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense
- Former Representative James C. Greenwood, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense



9:15 – 10:00: Political Perspective

Former political appointee will discuss the need to ensure that states, localities, territories, and tribes possess the resources, capabilities, and capacity to respond to large-scale biological events.

- Richard Serino, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Harvard School of Public Health; former Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; former Chief, Boston Emergency Medical Services

10:00 – 10:45: Panel One – Community and Pre-Hospital Assets and Resources

Current state officials and private sector experts will discuss the use of SLTT pre-hospital assets and resources, and the ability of communities, to respond to large-scale biological events.

- Nicolette A. Louissaint, PhD, Director, Healthcare Ready
- Jimmy Mynatt, AAE, Assistant Aviation Director, Operations, Charlotte Douglas International Airport
- James Robinson, Assistant Chief, Denver Health Paramedic Division

10:45 – 11:00: Break

11:00 – 11:45: Panel Two – Hospital Preparedness and Response

Local hospital and university medical professionals will discuss SLTT leadership in preparedness, training, and response; the recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Emergency Preparedness Rule; and the need for a stratified biodefense hospital system.

- David Zambrana, PhDc, DNP, Senior Vice President and CEO of Jackson Memorial Hospital
- David E. Marcozzi, MD, Associate Professor, School of Medicine, University of Maryland
- Alexander P. Isakov, MD, MPH, Executive Director, Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response, Emory University

11:45 – 12:30: Panel Three – Public Health Response and Population Management

A state official and private sector experts will discuss public health roles and responsibilities when responding to biological events affecting large groups, and how the public health community must interface with the health care delivery and public safety communities.

- Celeste Philip, MD, MPH, Surgeon General and Secretary, Florida Department of Health
- Scott J. Zimmerman, DrPH, Director, Division of Public Health, North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health
- Tina Batra Hershey, JD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Management; Assistant Director for Law and Policy, Center for Public Health Practice, University of Pittsburgh

12:30 – 1:00: Move to luncheon (lunch will be provided)



1:00 – 1:45: Lunch Keynote – Local Response, Global Perspective

World authority on public health will place local response to a large-scale biological event into global context.

- Julio Frenk, MD, PhD, MPH, President, University of Miami

1:45 – 2:00: Move back to main conference room

2:00 – 2:45: Panel Four – Working the Interfaces

A federal official and private sector expert will discuss federal support of local response requirements and the need for federal agencies to work with SLTT officials.

- Michael Fraser, PhD, Executive Director, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Joseph M. Henderson, MPA, Director, Office of Safety, Security and Asset Management, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Faculty, National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

2:45 – 3:00: Closing Remarks

- Former Representative James C. Greenwood, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense
- Former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna E. Shalala, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense

3:00 Adjourn