Afterthoughts:
Response, Recovery, and Mitigation of Biological Events

OBJECTIVE
Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense a better understanding of: (1) improvements needed for the national response to biological threats; (2) implications for recovery from large-scale biological events like the COVID-19 pandemic; and (3) how the nation can build resilience and mitigate future biological threats.

SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC MEETING

11:00 - 11:20 am Opening Remarks

11:20 am - 12:20 pm Panel One: Non-federal Response
Representatives from a non-federal emergency management association, a governor’s association, and a hospital system will address what states, localities, tribes, and territories need to respond to large-scale biological events, lessons learned from recent biological incidents, and hospital coordination with others involved in emergency response.

Chris Rodriguez, PhD
Director, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Brittney M. Roy
Program Director, Public Health, National Governors Association

Robert Wyllie, MD
Chief, Medical Operations, Cleveland Clinic

12:20 - 1:05 pm Break for Lunch

1:05 - 1:50 pm Panel Two: Congressional Perspective
Members of Congress will provide their views on biodefense, and response to and recovery from biological events affecting national security.

Representative James Langevin (D-RI)
Chair, Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems, Committee on Armed Services; U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Fred Upton (R-MI)
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives

1:50 - 1:55 pm Break
Panel Three: Pre-event Activities and Emergency Response

Former federal officials and a foundation representative will discuss planning, exercises, and emergency response activities for biological events.

The Honorable Robert P. Kadlec (US Air Force – Retired)
Senior Counselor, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; former Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; former Special Assistant to President George W. Bush for Health and Biodefense

The Honorable Mark McClellan
Director and Robert J. Margolis, MD, Professor of Business, Medicine and Policy, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy; Former Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and former Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services

Bruce Gellin, MD, MPH
Chief, Global Public Health Strategy, The Rockefeller Foundation

Panel Four: Recovery and Mitigation

Former federal official and a representative of a national pharmaceutical distribution association will address mitigation against future biological threats and recovery from large-scale biological events like the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stephen C. Redd, MD (US Public Health Service – Retired)
Former Deputy Director, Public Health Service and Implementation Science, and former Director, Center for Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services

Nicolette Louissaint, PhD
Senior Vice President, Policy and Strategic Planning, Healthcare Distribution Alliance; former Senior Advisor to the Special Coordinator for Ebola, Department of State

Closing Remarks

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