



July 22, 2025

**Biodefense in Crisis:
Danger and Opportunity**

OBJECTIVE

Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of: (1) core requirements for effective national biodefense; (2) Administration biodefense priorities; (3) impacts of department and agency realignment; and (4) strategies for addressing future biological threats.

SCHEDULE

10:15 – 10:25 am **Opening Remarks**

10:25 – 11:30 am **Panel One: Leadership**

A former flag officer and current university professor will provide their perspectives on the biological threat, priorities for addressing biological events, and requirements for biodefense leadership.

Michael L. Place, MD (Major General, US Army – Retired)

Former Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General and US Army Medical Command

Leonard J. Marcus, PhD

Co-Director, National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, Harvard University

11:30 am – 12:25 pm **Panel Two: Preparedness and Planning**

Representatives from a public health association, and an operational foundation will discuss requirements for biodefense preparedness and planning activities, and capability gaps that need to be addressed to ensure robust support of nonfederal government and private sector entities.

Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA

Chief Executive Officer, National Association of County and City Health Officials

David Stiefel, MA

Director, Global Biological Policy and Programs, Nuclear Threat Initiative

12:25 – 12:55 pm **Lunch**

12:55 – 1:50 pm **Panel Three: Detection and Surveillance**

Representatives from the federal government, a state public health department, and a nonprofit association will discuss biological detection and surveillance requirements, diagnostics capability gaps, and lessons learned from previous biological events.

Erica Pan, MD, MPH

Director and State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health, and former California State Epidemiologist

Tina Tan, MD, FIDSA, FPIDS, FAAP

President, Infectious Disease Society of America

Patricia R. Bright, DVM

Former Senior Science Advisor, One Health/Global Health Security, United States Geological Survey

1:50 – 2:45 pm

Panel Four: Response, Recovery, and Mitigation

Representatives from a local emergency management agency, a state department of agriculture, a coalition focused on medical countermeasure advancement, and a former federal official will discuss requirements for response to, recovery from, and mitigation of biological events impacting human and animal health, including federal and nonfederal government resource, capability, and information needs.

Clint Osborn

Director, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Ali S. Khan, MD, MPH

Dean, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Alex Hamberg, VMD, PhD

Pennsylvania State Veterinarian and Vice President, National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials

Richard J. Hatchett, MD

Chief Executive Officer, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations

2:45 – 2:55 pm

Break

2:55 – 3:50 pm

Panel Five: Science and Technology

Former federal official and representatives from a congressional commission and a medical countermeasures coalition will discuss requirements for biodefense science, technology, research, development, testing, and evaluation activities, including for medical countermeasure development, regulatory approval processes, and national security in the biotechnology space.

Matthew Hepburn, MD

Executive Vice President, Research and Development, Panther Life Sciences

Taylor Sexton, MPH

Executive Director, Medical Countermeasures Coalition

Joe Buccina, MA, MS

Policy and Research Director, National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology

3:50 – 3:55 pm

Closing Remarks and Adjourn Meeting