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Background

“While significant progress has been made to better protect the country from health emergencies, funding for essential programs has been cut, putting these improvements in jeopardy. Additionally, a number of critical areas of preparedness still have significant gaps, including surge capacity and biosurveillance systems, and these problems are less likely to be addressed as funding decreases.

Ready or Not 2008, Trust for America's Health

“Protecting Americans in the 21st Century requires that national efforts, under federal leadership, markedly transition from being reactive and fractured, to being proactive, coordinated and comprehensive.

A White Paper by The National Homeland Security Consortium



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Charge to the Committee

This committee will provide a public venue for communication among government, the academic community, and other relevant stakeholders involved in emergency services, to discuss issues related to short- and long-term strategic planning on community-based integrated response and recovery systems.



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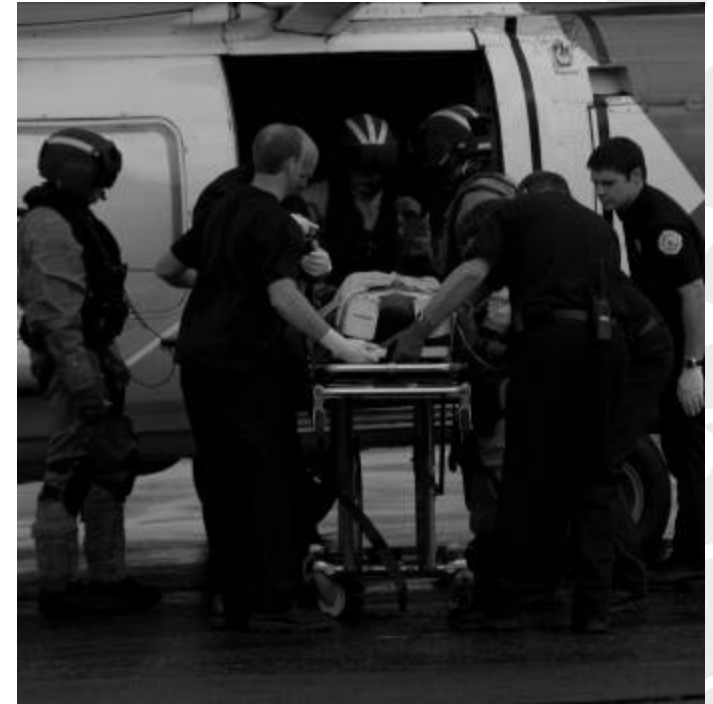
Discussions and work may address:

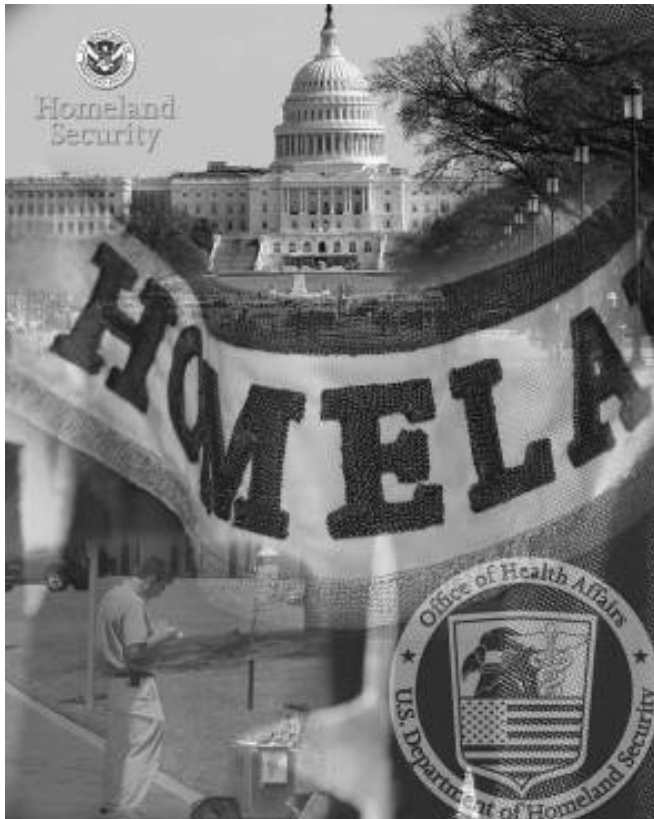
- the establishment or sustainment of community-based integrated medical response and recovery systems, and the networking of each community based system into an organized regional system;
- emergency response and recovery activities and gaps;
- capacity and gaps in the capability of the Federal, State, and local authorities to respond to catastrophic health events; and,
- current capabilities of the Metropolitan Medical Response System model and how this model and these capabilities may fill existing gaps.



Path Forward

- Find ways to effectively engage local and state governments, the private sector, and our citizens
 - Different roles—but equal responsibilities
- Support and stewardship from Office of Health Affairs – Medical Readiness



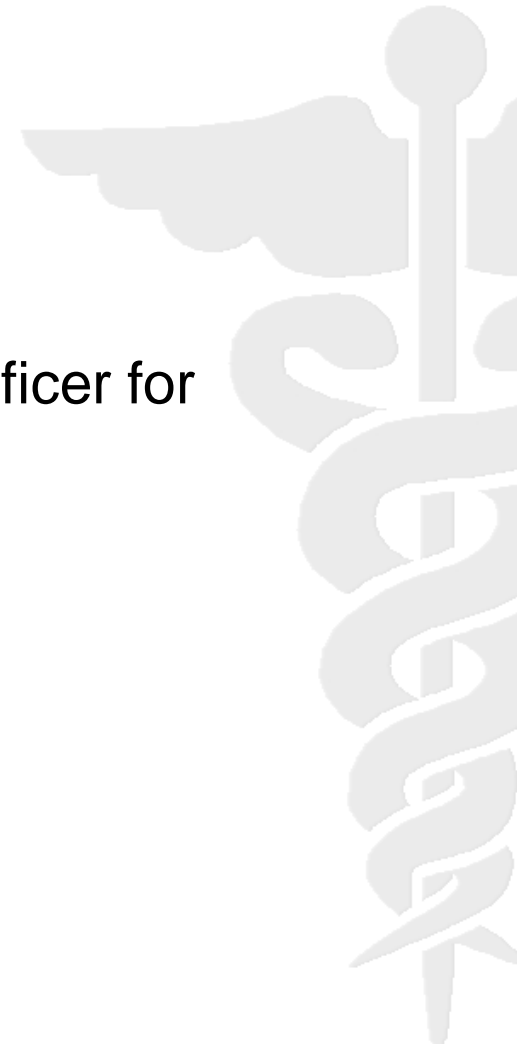


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