

2006 Current Fiscal Year Report: Secretary's Council on Public Health

Preparedness

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2006

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness

3b. GSA Committee No.

11994

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/22/2003

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/22/2005

7. Expected Term Date

10/22/2005

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Departmental Determination

8c. Actual Term Date

11/22/2005

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 USC 217a

13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)

\$0.00 \$0.00

18d. Total

\$0.00 \$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council was composed of public health representatives and other appropriate constituents and provided advice to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, on a continuing basis on matters relating to the appropriate actions to prepare for, and respond to, public health emergencies, including acts of bio-terrorism. The Council did not meet this fiscal year.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The 18 member Council, appointed by the Secretary, were selected from among the leading representatives from State and local public health agencies, other components of the public health community, academia, and other appropriate stakeholders with disciplines relevant to the activities of public health preparedness.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Council did not meet during FY05.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The expertise and experience of members of the Council could not be obtained from DHHS staff or other established sources. The membership was constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mission of the Council and the Department.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness did not meet in FY05 or the beginning of FY06 before it terminated on 11/22/05.

Designated Federal Officer

Judy Blumenthal Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Benjamin, Georges	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cassell, Gail	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Vice President, Infectious Disease Research	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chin, James	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Clinical Professor of Epidemiology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cigarroa, Francisco	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	President, University of Texas Health Sciences Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Conway-Welch, Colleen	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Fellow, American Academy of Nursing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fisher, Donald	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	President and CEO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flaherty, Timothy	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Chairman	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gensheimer, Kathleen	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Epidemiologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gilchrist, Mary	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Director, University Hygienic Laboratory	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hamburg, Margaret	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Vice President for Biological Programs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Henderson, Donald	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Professor, School of Hygiene and Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maki, Dennis	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Ovid O. Meyer Professor of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Malson, Robert	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	President and Chief Executive Officer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Milne, Thomas	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Murphy, Frederick	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	Professor Virology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Roth, Paul	10/01/2003	10/22/2005	Dean, School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sorenson, Andrew	08/01/2002	10/22/2005	President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stocker, Michael	10/01/2003	10/22/2005	Chief Executive Officer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

Pursuant to Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, (Secretary) determined that a public health emergency existed as a consequence of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness (Council) advised the Secretary on appropriate actions to respond to this public health emergency and similar emergencies. The Council advised the Secretary regarding steps that the Department of Health and Human Services can take to (1) improve the public health and health care infrastructure to better enable Federal, State, and local governments to respond to a public health emergency and, specifically a bio-terrorism event; (2) ensure that there are comprehensive contingency plans in place at the Federal, State, and local levels to respond to a public health emergency and, specifically, a bio-terrorism event; and (3) improve public health preparedness at the Federal, State, and local levels.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety

- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

The council served as an invaluable resource in the ongoing effort to strengthen the nation's response to terrorist events. The mandate of the Council was to continue to focus on identifying initiatives, providing advice, and making recommendations to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Health Preparedness in support of the Department's efforts to prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism and other public health emergencies that affect the civilian population.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

The Council advised the Secretary, DHHS, as stated in the narrative description above. These accomplishments can often take years to unfold into improved public health and safety, established governmental responses to various public health emergencies, and established comprehensive contingency plans in the event of a public health emergency.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Section 9(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act states that unless otherwise specifically provided by statute or Presidential directive, advisory committees shall be utilized solely for advisory functions. Determinations of action to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to matters upon which an advisory committee reports or makes recommendations shall be made solely by the President or an officer of the Federal Government. NIH does not currently track this information.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Minutes, written reports, and oral presentations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



Reallocated resources



- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

This committee did not meet in FY05.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

This committee did not meet in FY05.