

# 2003 Current Fiscal Year Report: Emergency Public Information and Communications Advisory Committee

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Health and Human Services		2003	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Emergency Public Information and Communications Advisory Committee		16573	
<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
Yes	03/26/2003		06/12/2003
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	Public Law 107-188 section 104 (a)		06/12/2003
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>		<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	No		
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Public Law 107-188 section 104 (a)	06/12/2002	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Other Committee			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b> 1			
<b>16b. Report Date</b>		<b>Report Title</b>	
06/12/2003		Final Report	
<b>Number of Committee Reports Listed:</b> 1			
<b>17a. Open</b>	<b>17b. Closed</b> 0	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b> 0	<b>Other Activities</b> 0 <b>17d. Total</b> 3
<b>Meetings and Dates</b>			

Purpose	Start	End
Establish committee, swear in members and conduct briefings and discussions on appropriate ways to communicate public health information regarding bioterrorism and other public health emergencies to the nation.	06/02/2003	06/03/2003
Review and discuss first draft of committee report to the HHS Secretary.	06/06/2003	06/06/2003
Complete final review of committee report to the HHS Secretary.	06/10/2003	06/10/2003

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$16.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$3,009.00	\$3,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$90.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$1,558.00	\$1,558.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$4,567.00	\$4,864.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	116.20

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

EPIC Committee will make recommendations in the form of a report to the Secretary of Health and

Human Services on appropriate ways to communicate public health information regarding bioterrorism and other public health emergencies to the public.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The EPIC Committee is made up of: 5 males, 3 females, and includes 2 minority members

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

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 3  
Estimated Total Meetings - 3

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

The Committee is required as part of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, Public Law 107-188 section 104 (a) dated June 12, 2002.

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

The EPIC Meetings are to open

**21. Remarks**

EPIC Committee sent a report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services dated June 12, 2003.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Shellie Abramson Program Analyst

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bowens, Jacqueline	06/12/2003	06/12/2003	Vice president of Government and Public Affairs at Children's National Med. Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Moriarty, Thomas	06/12/2002	06/12/2003	Director of Health and Emergency Services at Shippensburg University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mullin, Sandra	06/12/2003	06/12/2003	Associate Commissioner and director of Office of Communications at NY City Dept.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rosenberg, Jeffrey	06/12/2002	06/12/2003	President and Owner of Rosenberg Communications, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schreiber, Merritt	06/12/2002	06/12/2003	Prpgram Manager fir the Terrorism Disaster Branch at UCLA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Mark	06/12/2002	06/12/2003	Chair Dept. of Emergency Medicine At Washington Hospital Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Steib, Paula	06/12/2002	06/12/2003	Director of Communications for ASTHO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Truscott, John	06/12/2002	06/12/2003	President of the John Truscott Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

## Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

### Narrative Description

One of the stated HHS Goals in the department's strategic plan is to enhance the ability of the Nation's health care system to effectively respond to bioterrorism and other public health challenges. The Emergency Public Information and Communications Advisory Committee clearly supports this goal in making recommendations to the Secretary on appropriate ways to communicate public health information regarding bioterrorism and other public health emergencies to the public. During its chartered period of activity, the EPIC Committee assessed current practices within the public health community for communicating with the public regarding the threats posed by bioterrorism and other public

health emergencies; identified those particular practices that warrant broad use within public health community and how such use might best be encouraged; and determined where new or improved communication strategies and methods are needed and how they might best be developed.

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

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

NA

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

27

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

NA

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

80%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

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

20%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Although the EPIC Advisory Committee charter has terminated, an e-mail list of committee members is maintained and periodic updates on departmental activity related to their recommendations are sent out.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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### **Action Comments**

The Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs is currently in the process of awarding several FY 2003 contracts that will implement a number of the EPIC Advisory Committee recommendations.

### **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

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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### **Access Comments**

NA