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Hudson Institute
1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20004

FITS AND STARTS: REACTIONARY BIODEFENSE

Objective

Provide the Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense with a better understanding of how far the Nation has come in addressing biological threats and how much work remains.

Schedule

10:00 – 10:15 am **Opening Remarks**

10:15 – 11:00 am **No Substitute for Personal Experience**

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle will discuss his experiences with the 2001 anthrax attacks and what he feels still needs to be done to address the biological threat.

The Honorable Thomas A. Daschle

Panel Member, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense; former Majority Leader, U.S. Senate.

11:00 – 12:00 pm **Panel One: Dealing with Anthrax**

Current and former government officials will briefly discuss their experiences with the anthrax events of 2001, related response efforts, how far the Nation has come since then, and where it still needs to go with national biodefense.

Scott R. Lillibridge, MD

Director, Center for Global Health and Innovation, AgriLife, and Chief Scientist, Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing, Texas A&M University; Director, Health Initiatives, Texas A&M System; former Special Assistant for National Security and Emergency Management, Department of Health and Human Services; founding Director, Bioterrorism Preparedness Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Randall S. Murch, PhD

Associate Director, Research Program Development, National Capital Region, and Professor of Practice, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech

Andrew C. Cannons, PhD

State Laboratory Director, Bureau of Public Health Laboratories – Tampa Division of Disease Control and Health Protection, Florida Department of Health

12:00 – 12:30 pm Lunch and Video – Bioterrorism, Pandemics, and Preparing for the Future

Video featuring the Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense discuss the growing biological threat and steps the U.S. government needs to take in order to keep America safe. Max Brooks (scholar and author of World War Z) moderates the discussion.

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Keynote – Hurricane Katrina as a Proxy

Renowned author/reporter will discuss the incredible lack of hospital preparedness for, and surge capacity during, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and whether the Nation is better prepared now, especially considering our continuing struggle to deal with emerging and reemerging infectious diseases, such as Ebola.

Sheri Fink, MD, PhD

Author, Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital and War Hospital: A True Story of Surgery and Survival; correspondent, New York Times

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Panel Two – Dealing with Dangerous Diseases

Hospital, academic, and federal experts will briefly discuss their experiences with dangerous, naturally occurring diseases, related response efforts, significant changes to national and SLTT policy, and where the public and private sectors still need to go with national biodefense.

Connie Savor Price, MD

Chief Medical Officer, Denver Health and Hospital; Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, School of Medicine, University of Colorado

Jay Rappaport, PhD

Director and Chief Academic Officer, Tulane National Primate Research Center, Tulane University

Rear Admiral Stephen C. Redd, MD (US Public Health Service)

Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2:15 pm – 2:25 pm Break

2:25 pm – 2:55 pm Endnote – Looking to the Future

Former political appointee will discuss intentionally introduced, accidentally released, and naturally occurring biological threats, the value of forecasting, and how the Nation needs to push science, technology, research, and development for present and future biodefense.

Tara O'Toole, MD, MPH

Executive Vice President, In-Q-Tel; former Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; former Assistant Secretary for Environmental Safety and Health, Department of Energy

2:55 pm – 3:00 pm Closing Remarks

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