

NACCD to evaluate issues and programs and provide findings, advice, and recommendations to the HHS Secretary and ASPR to support and enhance all-hazards public health and medical preparedness, response, and recovery aimed at meeting the unique needs of children and their families across the entire spectrum of their wellbeing. The HHS Secretary has formally delegated authority to operate the NACCD to ASPR.

Procedures for Public Participation: Members of the public may attend the meeting via a toll-free phone number or Zoom teleconference, which requires pre-registration. The meeting link to pre-register will be posted on the NACCD meeting website. Members of the public may provide written comments or submit questions for consideration to the NACCD at any time via email to NACCD@hhs.gov. Members of the public are also encouraged to provide comments after the meeting. The NACCD invites those who are involved in or represent a relevant industry, academia, health profession, health care consumer organization, or state, tribal, territorial, or local government to request up to four minutes to address the committee live via Zoom. Requests to provide remarks to the NACCD during the public meeting must be sent to NACCD@hhs.gov at least 10 days prior to the meeting along with a brief description of the topic. We would specifically like to request inputs from the public on the future of pediatric disaster care networks and any barriers to success as well as other challenges, opportunities, and strategic priorities for national public health and medical preparedness, response, and recovery specific to the needs of children and their families in disasters.

The Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response of ASPR, Dawn O'Connell, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Adam DeVore, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Adam DeVore,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response

National Advisory Committee on Individuals With Disabilities and Disasters, National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters, and the National Biodefense Science Board; Call for Member Nominees

AGENCY: Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: ASPR, in HHS, is currently seeking applications from qualified individuals for memberships on the following national advisory committees (vacancies): The National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters (NACIDD) (7 vacancies); the National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters (NACSD) (7 vacancies); and the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) (7 vacancies). The HHS Secretary will appoint new voting members.

DATES: *Nomination Period:* The rolling application period is from November 12, 2024–January 11, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. eastern standard time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia Sosa, Designated Federal Official, NACIDD, ASPR, HHS, NACIDD@hhs.gov, Office: 202-843-3876; Dr. Maxine Kellman, Designated Federal Official, NACSD, ASPR, HHS, NACSD@hhs.gov, Office: 202-260-0447; LCDR Clifford Smith, Designated Federal Official, NBSB, ASPR, HHS, NBSB@hhs.gov, Office: (202) 868-9352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Committees (NAC) program includes a group of Federal advisory committees authorized to provide advice and recommendations to the HHS Secretary. The committees are managed by ASPR, with an additional delegation of authority that allows the Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (the ASPR) to request and receive recommendations on behalf of the Secretary.

The nationally renowned subject matter experts appointed to the HHS national advisory committees advise the HHS Secretary and the ASPR by holding working groups and public meetings throughout the year to address high priority issues and develop recommendations. These committees bring timely analysis, crucial

perspectives, and new ideas to ASPR's strategies and programs.

The committees listed below enhance public health emergency preparedness and response by coordinating federal efforts for the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery from public health emergencies or medical disasters. They advise on strategic planning and provide expert guidance to lawmakers, the HHS Secretary, and other decision-makers. The ASPR NAC includes: The NACIDD, the NACSD, and the NBSB.

Voting members shall not be full-time or permanent part-time federal employees but shall be appointed by the HHS Secretary as Special Government Employees (5 U.S.C. 3109) in an unpaid position. A voting member of the committees shall serve for a term of three years; the HHS Secretary may also adjust the terms of appointees. A voting member may serve not more than three terms on the committees, and not more than two of such terms may be served consecutively. A member may serve after the expiration of his/her term until a successor has been appointed. Applicants to those positions may be nominated by a relevant organization or may nominate themselves based on their expertise within the following stakeholder groups: Industry, academia, health care consumer organizations, and organizations representing other appropriate stakeholders. Please visit the ASPR's website at: <https://aspr.hhs.gov/AboutASPR/WorkingwithASPR/BoardsandCommittees/Pages/default.aspx> for all application submission information, additional information regarding the qualifications expected for applicants, and application instructions.

NACIDD

Authority: The NACIDD is required by section 2811C of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-10d), as amended by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act (PAHPAIA), Public Law 116-22.

Description of Duties: The NACIDD evaluates issues and programs and provides findings, advice, and recommendations to the HHS Secretary and the ASPR, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), to support and enhance all-hazards public health and medical preparedness, response activities, and recovery, aimed at meeting the unique needs of individuals with disabilities across the entire spectrum of well-being. The NACIDD shall (1) provide advice and consultation with respect to activities carried out in regard to at-risk individuals pursuant to section 2814 of

the PHS Act, as applicable and appropriate; (2) evaluate and provide input with respect to the medical, public health, and accessibility needs of individuals with disabilities related to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all-hazards emergencies; and (3) provide advice and consultation with respect to State emergency preparedness and response activities, including related drills and exercises pursuant to the preparedness goals of the National Health Security Strategy authorized under section 2802(b) of the PHS Act. The NACIDD has several additional goals and activities listed in their charter, which can be found here: NACIDD Additional Goals and Activities.

Membership and Designation:

Members shall be appointed by the HHS Secretary from among the nation's preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts in areas consistent with the purpose and functions of the advisory committee. The HHS Secretary, in consultation with such other heads of federal agencies as may be appropriate, shall appoint a maximum of 17 members to the NACIDD, ensuring that the total membership is an odd number. The NACIDD shall consist of at least seven non-federal voting members, including a Chairperson, and:

A. At least two non-federal health care professionals with expertise in disability accessibility before, during, and after disasters, medical and mass care disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery;

B. At least two representatives from state, local, tribal, or territorial agencies with expertise in disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery for individuals with disabilities; and

C. At least two individuals with a disability with expertise in disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery for individuals with disabilities.

The NACIDD shall also have up to 10 federal, non-voting members (ex officio), listed here: NACIDD Federal Non-Voting (Ex Officio) Members.

NACSD

Authority: The NACSD is required by section 2811B of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-10c), as amended by PAHPAIA, Public Law 116-22.

Description of Duties: The NACSD evaluates issues and programs and provides findings, advice, and recommendations to the HHS Secretary and the ASPR, in accordance with FACA, to support and enhance all-hazards public health and medical preparedness, response activities, and recovery aimed at meeting the unique

needs of older adults. The NACSD: (1) provides advice and consultation with respect to the activities carried out regarding at-risk individuals pursuant to section 2814 of the PHS Act, as applicable and appropriate; (2) evaluates and provides input with respect to the medical and public health needs of older adults related to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all-hazards emergencies; and (3) provides advice and consultation with respect to State emergency preparedness and response activities relating to older adults, including related drills and exercises pursuant to the preparedness goals under the National Health Security Strategy authorized under section 2802(b) of the PHS Act. The NACSD may provide advice and recommendations to the HHS Secretary and the ASPR with respect to older adults and the medical and public health grants and cooperative agreements as applicable to preparedness and response activities under Title XXVIII and Title III of the PHS Act. The NACSD has several additional goals and activities outlined in their charter, which can be found here: NACSD Additional Goals and Activities.

Membership and Designation:

Members shall be appointed by the HHS Secretary from among the nation's preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts in areas consistent with the purpose and functions of the advisory committee. The HHS Secretary, in consultation with such other heads of federal agencies as may be appropriate, shall appoint a maximum of 17 members to the NACSD, ensuring that the total membership is an odd number.

The NACSD shall consist of at least seven non-federal voting members, including a Chairperson, and:

A. At least two non-federal health care professionals with expertise in gerontological and/or geriatric medical disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery; and

B. At least two representatives from state, local, tribal, or territorial agencies with expertise in geriatric disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery.

The NACSD shall also have up to 10 federal, non-voting members (ex officio), listed here: NACSD Federal and Non-Federal Non-Voting (Ex Officio) Members

NBSB

Authority: The NBSB is required under section 319M of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7g) section 404 of the

Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act (PAHPRA).

Description of Duties: The NBSB advises the HHS Secretary or the ASPR on current and future trends, challenges, and opportunities presented by advances in biological and life sciences, biotechnology, and genetic engineering with respect to threats posed by naturally occurring infectious diseases and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear agents, and reviews and considers any information and findings received from the working groups established under 42 U.S.C. 247d-7g(b). At the request of the HHS Secretary, the board also provides recommendations and findings for expanded, intensified, and coordinated biodefense research and development activities. The Board also provides any recommendation, finding, or report provided to the HHS Secretary or the ASPR on these matters to the appropriate committees of Congress.

Membership and Designation: The NBSB shall consist of 13 voting members, including the Chairperson; additionally, there may be non-voting ex officio members. Members and the Chairperson shall be appointed by the HHS Secretary from among the Nation's preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts, as follows:

A. Such federal officials as the HHS Secretary may determine are necessary to support the functions of the Board;

B. Four individuals representing the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and device industries;

C. Four individuals representing academia;

D. Five other members as determined appropriate by the HHS Secretary, of whom:

i. One such member shall be a practicing healthcare professional;

ii. One such member shall be an individual from an organization representing healthcare consumers;

iii. One such member shall be an individual with pediatric subject matter expertise; and

iv. One such member shall be a state, tribal, territorial, or local public health official.

Nothing in the membership requirements shall preclude a member of the Board from satisfying two or more of these requirements described in subparagraph (D).

Additional details on NBSB membership requirements can be found in their charter: NBSB Additional Membership Requirements

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document, authorizes Adam DeVore, who is the Federal Register liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response

National Advisory Committee on Individuals With Disabilities and Disasters Public Meeting

AGENCY: Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters (NACIDD) announces it will conduct a public meeting. Notice of the meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

DATES: The meeting will take place Tuesday, December 10, 2024 (1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. ET).

ADDRESSES: The pre-registration link and a more detailed agenda will be available on the NACIDD website at <https://aspr.hhs.gov/AboutASPR/WorkingwithASPR/BoardsandCommittees/Pages/NACIDD/NACIDD-Meetings.aspx>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sylvia Sosa; NACIDD Designated Federal Official, (202) 843–3876; nacidd@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NACIDD is required by section 2811B of the Public Health Service Act (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10d), as amended by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act (PAHPAIA), Public Law 116–22, and governed by the provisions of FACA. The NACIDD evaluates issues and programs and provides findings, advice, and recommendations to support and enhance all-hazards public health and medical preparedness, response activities, and recovery related to meeting the unique needs of people with disabilities. The NACIDD also advises the HHS Secretary on actions HHS can take before, during, and after

disasters and emergencies to meet the unique needs of people with disabilities.

Procedures for Public Participation: The public and expert stakeholders are invited to observe the meeting virtually, pre-registration is required. The pre-registration link and a more detailed agenda will be available on the NACIDD website. Anyone may submit questions and comments to the NACIDD by email (NACIDD@hhs.gov) before the meeting. American Sign Language translation and Communication Access Real-Time Translation will be provided. We would like to specifically seek input from the public on: (1) Data and monitoring resources to identify the needs of at-risk individuals in an emergency, and (2) Emergency Support Functions of the National Response Framework to identify gaps in equitable incident management and disaster response for people with disabilities. Representatives from industry, academia, health professions, health care consumer organizations, non-federal government agencies, or community-based organizations may request up to five minutes to speak directly to the Committee. Requests to speak to the Committee will be approved in consultation with the Committee Chair and based on time available during the meeting. Requests to speak to the NACIDD during the public meeting must be sent to NACIDD@hhs.gov by close of business on December 5, 2024. Please provide the full name, credentials, official position(s), and relevant affiliations for the speaker and a brief description of the intended topic. Presentations that contain material with a commercial bias, advertising, marketing, or solicitations will not be allowed. A meeting summary will be available on the NACIDD website after the meeting. The Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response of ASPR, Dawn O’Connell, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Adam DeVore, who is the Federal Register liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; December 2024 Virtual Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (Committee) will conduct a virtual meeting to discuss issues relating to personnel in the United States Merchant Marine including the training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness of mariners. The virtual meeting will be open to the public. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the individual noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

DATES:

Meetings: The National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Zone (EST). The virtual meeting may adjourn early if the Committee has completed its business.

Comments and supporting documentation: To ensure your comments are received by Committee members before the virtual meeting, submit your written comments no later than November 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To join the virtual meeting or to request special accommodations, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than 1 p.m. EST on November 27, 2024, to obtain the needed information. The number of virtual lines is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require reasonable accommodation due to a disability to fully participate, please email Mrs. Megan Johns Henry at megan.c.johns@uscg.mil or call at (202) 372–1255 as soon as possible.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the virtual meeting as time permits, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the virtual meeting, please submit your comments