



Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Preparedness & Response

National Biodefense Science Board
Washington, D.C. 20201

January 31, 2013

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

On December 20, 2011, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) charged the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) with reviewing and evaluating the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2012 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategy and Implementation Plan (SIP) during its development and at near completion. On February 2, 2012, the NBSB formally accepted the task of reviewing the draft 2012 HHS PHEMCE SIP at their public meeting held in Washington, DC. The NBSB held six sessions to provide input on both the PHEMCE Strategy and Implementation Plan, and the task was formally completed at their last session held on September 17, 2012.

The 2012 HHS PHEMCE SIP is just one of the many efforts led by ASPR that contribute towards our nation's resilience. The NBSB would like to commend HHS for its impressive work, and thank the ASPR for the opportunity to provide input on these important documents.

Sincerely,

/s/

John S. Parker, MD, Major General (Retired)
Chair, National Biodefense Science Board

Enclosures

February 2, 2012, NBSB Closed Session In-Person Meeting Summary Report
February 23, 2012, NBSB Closed Session Teleconference Summary Report
March 29, 2012, NBSB Closed Session Teleconference Summary Report
May 23, 2012, NBSB Closed Session Teleconference Summary Report
June 25, 2012, NBSB Closed Session In-Person Meeting Summary Report
September 17, 2012, NBSB Closed Session Teleconference Summary Report

cc: Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response