

The National Preparedness and Response Science Board

The National Preparedness and Response Science Board (NPRSB) is a federal advisory committee that provides advice and guidance to Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and to the HHS Secretary on preventing, preparing for, and responding to adverse health effects of emergencies. The committee was originally known as the National Biodefense Science Board. The new title more accurately reflects the board's work, expertise, and contributions to the HHS and to the nation's health resilience.

Members are 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.

From national health security to biosurveillance to medical countermeasures, the board examines a wide range of complex topics along the national preparedness and response continuum. The NPRSB develops recommendations which may inform federal decision making on issues including medical countermeasures, biosurveillance, situational awareness, behavioral health and more. The board may also evaluate federal strategies and plans. Recent report titles include:

ASPR Future Strategies Report

Community Health Resilience Report from the National Biodefense Science Board

Public Health Emergency Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategic Preparedness Goals (SPG) Report from the National Biodefense Science Board

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