



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the National Preparedness and Response Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the National Preparedness and Response Science Board (NPRSB) will hold a public teleconference on December 7, 2017.

**DATES:** The NPRSB meeting is December 7, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** We encourage members of the public to attend the teleconference. To register, send an e-mail to [nprsb@hhs.gov](mailto:nprsb@hhs.gov) with "NPRSB Registration" in the subject line. Submit your comments to [nprsb@hhs.gov](mailto:nprsb@hhs.gov) or on the NPRSB Contact Form located at <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/nprsb/Pages/RFNBSBComments.aspx>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 319M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7f) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), HHS established the NPRSB. The Board shall provide expert advice and guidance to the HHS Secretary on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate. The NPRSB may also provide advice and guidance to the HHS Secretary and/or the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

Background: The NPRSB public meeting on December 7, 2017, is dedicated to the deliberation and vote on the Future of the NPRSB Work Group Draft Letter to the ASPR. We will post modifications to the agenda on the NPRSB December 7, 2017, meeting website, which is located at <https://www.phe.gov/nprsb>.

Availability of Materials: We will be post all meeting materials prior to the meeting on the NPRSB December 7, 2017, meeting website located at <https://www.phe.gov/nprsb>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Members of the public attend by teleconference via a toll-free call-in phone number, which is available on the NPRSB website at <https://www.phe.gov/nprsb>.

We encourage members of the public to provide written comments that are relevant to the NPRSB teleconference prior to December 7, 2017. Send written comments by e-mail to [nprsb@hhs.gov](mailto:nprsb@hhs.gov) with “NPRSB Public Comment” in the subject line. The NPRSB Chair will respond to all comments received by December 1, 2017, during the meeting.

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Date

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