

Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR)  
Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) Meeting  
Thursday, December 16, 2021  
Webinar

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BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC COUNSELORS (BSC) MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021  
WEBINAR**

## Roll Call and Call to Order

*Kimberly Lochner, ScD; Deputy Associate Director for Science, CPR and Designated Federal Official, CPR BSC*

The BSC meeting began with roll call to ensure that quorum was present. If quorum was lost at any point, a break would be taken, or the meeting would be adjourned until a quorum was resumed. Since this was a webinar, members were asked to keep their video on and to alert Dr. Lochner's staff should there be any technical difficulties. A roll call was conducted, and quorum was present. Dr. Lochner monitored attendance throughout the meeting to ensure quorum was upheld.

Dr. Lochner stated that the meeting would be led by the BSC Chair, Dr. Suzet McKinney. If voting was required only the Special Government Employee (SGE) Members and Ex Officio Members would vote. Discussions would be facilitated by the BSC Chair and should not be conducted through the Zoom chat feature.

All participants agreed to having their comments recorded and speakers were instructed to identify themselves before speaking to ensure an accurate record was created.

*Suzet McKinney, DrPH, MPH; Chair, CPR BSC*

Dr. McKinney called the CPR Webinar to order at 1:05 PM EST and welcomed those in attendance.

## Welcome Remarks

*Henry Walke, MD, MPH, Director, CPR, CDC*

Dr. Walke provided a brief update regarding activities that occurred since the November 2021 BSC meeting. He mentioned that the Division of Select Agents and Toxins (DSAT) was notified about smallpox vials in a freezer in a laboratory in Pennsylvania. DSAT arranged secure shipping of the samples to CDC for testing. Fortunately, it was found that the vials were mislabeled and only contained vaccinia, the virus used in smallpox vaccines and the vials were subsequently destroyed. The rapid identification and investigation, he felt, highlighted the importance of transparency and the value of preparedness within the federal interagency, the Centers Institute and Office (CIO) laboratory partners at CDC, as well as partners at state, tribal, local, and territorial levels.

The coronavirus 2019 (COVID/COVID-19) omicron variant has been found throughout the United States. Early reports suggest the growth rate seen in South Africa, Europe, and the UK is attributable to a combination of immune evasion and increase transmissibility. CDC continues to learn more about the virus daily.

The purpose of this meeting is to propose the establishment of a BSC workgroup to support a review of the Strategic Capacity Building and Innovation Program (SCIP) to provide input on strategy, goals, and priorities.

## Strategic Capacity Building and Innovation Program: Update

*Jana Austin, MPH, SCIP Lead, Office for Science and Public Health Practice, CPR*

*Joanne Andreadis, PhD; Associate Director for Science, CPR*

SCIP, formerly known as the Fiscal Allocation Process, was first instituted in 2002 after the anthrax attacks. This funding program is used to build CDC capacity and capability to respond to chemical, biological and radiological threats. Today, it supports core public health work in the areas of surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory sciences, and medical countermeasures.

SCIP funds long- and short-term activities which can last one to three years. Dedicated senior advisors and subject matter experts oversee priority setting, accountability, and objective reviews. Ms. Austin provided a list of programs and innovations supported by SCIP, which include The Children's Preparedness Unit, Laboratory Response Network, the System for Enteric Disease, Response, Investigation, and Coordination (SEDRIC), and the Data Collation and Integration for Public Health Events Response (DCIPHER).

With the changing landscape due to the COVID, CPR felt now was an appropriate time to conduct a portfolio analysis and review. The analysis will inform future direction and position CPR to have the greatest impact in CDC's readiness activities. With lessons learned from the COVID-19 response, CPR is in a unique position to make impactful changes to SCIP's goals and processes, which could include a modified logic model, operational practices and processes, and revised funding strategies. The workgroup's charge would include the following:

- Reviewing and providing input on SCIP's annual business process and current funding strategy
- Providing input on SCIP's goals and priorities and suggest improvements to the program
- Providing input on cross-agency collaboration to emphasize the importance of engagement
- Providing input as changes to processes are implemented

The working group will be co-chaired by two existing BSC members, Drs. David Fleming and David Lakey, and consist of no more than twelve members from varying areas of expertise. The request is to establish the workgroup in December 2021 with regular meetings beginning

in January 2022. At the spring 2022 BSC meeting, the working group will present its finding to the BSC for deliberation and consideration of formal recommendations to CPR. Today, CPR is seeking the BSC's recommendation to establish the Strategic Capacity Building and Innovation Program Review Working Group.

## Strategic Capacity Building and Innovation Program Review Working Group

### *BSC Deliberation*

Ms. Austin and Dr. Andreadis answered a few clarifying questions from the BSC regarding SCIP, logistics of the working group, and work group participation prerequisites.

With no further questions, Dr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the development of the Strategic Capacity Building and Innovation Program Review Working Group. Dr. Jennifer Horney made the motion. It was seconded by Dr. David Fleming. The motion was unanimously approved by the BSC.

### Public Comment Period

Mr. Dwayne Riley asked about SCIP's funding source and if there are any innovation projects currently in the program. Dr. Andreadis responded that the SCIP funding comes from the CDC Capability and Capacity Funding Line, which is an appropriated line to support preparedness and response activities at CDC. Many projects are supported, small and large. The goal of the program is to continually examine the agency's processes and find ways to improve them. Since this is the beginning of the funding cycle, programs have not been fully awarded.

### Meeting Recap and Action Items

*Kimberly Lochner, ScD; Deputy Associate Director for Science, CPR and Designated Federal Official, CPR BSC*

Dr. Lochner thanked everyone for their participation. BSC members are welcomed to submit recommendations of individuals that should be considered for the working group.

Recommendations should be forwarded to Dr. Lochner or Ms. Austin.

The next BSC meeting will occur on March 24, 2022. Review of the Polio Containment Workgroup's new policies will be a part of the agenda. A longer two-day meeting is being planned for June 1-2, 2022. All meetings, at this point, will be virtual webinars.

### Meeting Adjourn

*Suzet McKinney, DrPH, MPH; Chair, CPR BSC*

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned 1:34 PM EST.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes of December 16, 2021, meeting of the Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) BSC are accurate and complete.

2/16/2022

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Suzet McKinney, Dr. P.H., M.P.H.

Chair, Board of Scientific Counselors, CPR

## APPENDIX A: CPR BSC Webinar Meeting Attendance Roster

### CPR BSC Webinar Meeting Attendance Roster December 16, 2021

NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENCE (11.02.21)
Suzet McKinney	Chair and SGE	Via Zoom
David Fleming	SGE	Via Zoom
Jennifer Horney	SGE	Via Zoom
David Lakey	SGE	Via Zoom
Brent Pawlecki	SGE	Via Zoom
Catherine Slemph	SGE	Via Zoom
Vish Viswanath	SGE	Via Zoom
Dawn Wooley	SGE	Via Zoom
Paula Bryant (NIH)	Ex Officio	Via Zoom
Kristin DeBord (HHS)	Ex Officio	Via Zoom
Michael Myers (FDA)	Ex Officio	Via Zoom
Michele Askenazi (NACCHO)	Liaison	Via Zoom
Benjamin Chan (CSTE)	Liaison	Via Zoom
Christina Egan (APHL)	Liaison	Via Zoom
Parham Jaber (ASTHO)	Liaison	Via Zoom
Rita Kelliher (ASPPH)	Liaison	Via Zoom
Jamie Ritchey (TEC)	Liaison	Via Zoom
A.J. Schall (NEMA)	Liaison	Via Zoom

## APPENDIX B: CPR BSC Membership Roster

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### CHAIR

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Term: 8/6/2018 – 9/30/2021

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## APPENDIX C: Acronyms

BSC	Board of Scientific Counselors
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CIO	Centers Institute and Offices
COVID	Coronavirus Disease
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPR	Center for Preparedness and Response (CDC)
DCIPHER	Data Collation and Integration for Public Health Events Response
DSAT	Division of Select Agents and Toxins (CDC)
HHS	US Department of Health and Human Services
LRN	Laboratory Response Network
LRN-R	Laboratory Response Network for Radiological
SCIP	Strategic Capacity Building and Innovation Program
SEDRIC	System for Enteric Disease, Response, Investigation, and Coordination
SGE	Special Government Employee