



THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

November 17, 2014

To: Energy and Commerce Committee Members

From: Majority Staff

Re: Hearing entitled “Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic”

On Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled “Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic.”

I. WITNESSES

- Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health;
- Dr. Luciano Borio, Director, Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Food and Drug Administration;
- Rear Admiral Stephen Redd, MD, Senior Advisor for Ebola Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,
- Dr. Robin Robinson, Director, BARDA.

II. BACKGROUND

Congress has made a substantial investment in public health emergency preparedness by funding programs to protect Americans and those around the world during public health emergencies. The Ebola epidemic in West Africa has elevated public health concerns around the world, and it also has raised important questions about our nation’s preparedness for all health threats.

There are many aspects to preparedness for a health epidemic, such as surveillance, hospital preparedness, communications, and medical product development. In the case of Ebola, one of the critical issues is the development and availability of medical products for diagnosis, prevention, and treatment.

Several Federal agencies have authority over medical products, including the Food and Drug Administration, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and

Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. The hearing will focus on medical product development, including treatments, vaccines and diagnostics, relating to the Ebola epidemic.

III. STAFF CONTACTS

Should you have any questions regarding the hearing please contact Brenda Destro, Carly McWilliams, or Katie Novaria at (202) 225-2927.