



PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT (PAR)

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL BIOSURVEILLANCE REGISTRY

The NWDP is participating in the development of The National Biosurveillance Registry for Human Health. This effort is being coordinated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and supports an important principle of the biosurveillance vision set forth in HSPD-21: the need to build on current capabilities. The Registry will strengthen understanding of how organizations collect, communicate, and use biosurveillance information. It will provide a picture of biosurveillance capacity in the United States by outlining what activities 1) support the National Biosurveillance Strategy and 2) currently exist within Federal, State, local, Tribal, and Territorial governments and within multiple knowledge domains that impact human health (e.g., human, domestic and wild animals, environment, and plant). The Registry will not assimilate surveillance data. Rather, it will capture infor-



mation on a range of efforts that support biosurveillance, including programs, collaborations, information technology systems, and tools. Metadata on these programs and tools such as the name of the system and its acronym,

contact information for persons primarily responsible for maintaining the system, the system's main purpose, and the diseases and conditions under surveillance will be entered into the Registry. This insight will reveal opportunities for integration and collaboration as well as help determine overlaps, inefficiencies, and gaps in capabilities. The Registry should aid in the determination of how much funding is required to maintain existing systems and to gauge the impact of funding cuts. The NWDP was identified as experts in wildlife disease surveillance systems. Consequently, we were asked to participate on the Federal Biosurveillance Work Group, which is developing the Registry.

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