

Tick-Borne Disease Working Group

Meeting #7 | July 24th, 2018

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Welcome



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Recap of Meeting #6

- New public comments, followed by discussion of public comments
- Discussion of federal inventory
- Chapter-by-chapter recommendations: reviewed and voted
 - Revised recommendations
 - New recommendations
- Patient stories: reviewed and voted
- Images and infographics:
 - Table 1 in Prevention Chapter voted on and passed
 - Other ideas for images proposed and discussed
- Motion to create a transparency and Innovation (stakeholder engagement) was tabled until July 24th meeting

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Overview of Work since Meeting #6

- Copyedit recommendations, finalize report content, and set design
 - Finalize Transitions, Executive Summary, Looking Forward, Conclusion, Appendices
 - Finalize patient stories, images, and image captions
 - Edit to improve consistency and minimize duplication
 - Report length **twice** that was projected
- Working Group members reviewed and commented on final documents
 - Working Group comments addressed ad-hoc, one by one
 - Adjustments to report content minor
 - Copyediting done
- 2018 Report “locked down” a week ago
- 2018 Report “final” copyedits and 508 compliance, prior to meeting

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Review of Meeting #7 Agenda

1. Copyedited recommendations
 - All minor changes require re-vote
2. Chapter voting
 - Images
 - Patient stories
 - One chapter at a time, thumbs up or down
 - No changes can be made to content

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Summary of Public Comment

3 ways to engage:

- Verbal public comment at meetings
- Written public comment at meetings, available on website
- Email comments 24/7 to tickbornedisease@hhs.gov

Public comment key takeaways in June 2018

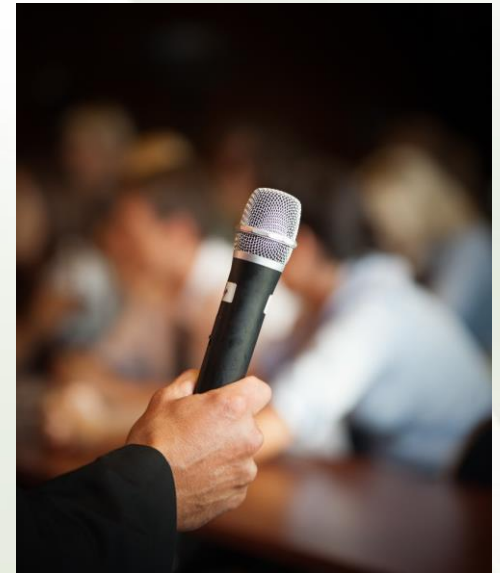
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Public Comment

○ **Order of Public Comment is:**

- 30 minutes of public speaking today
- 10 speakers
- 3 minutes each
- Written comments may be sent to:
tickbornedisease@hhs.gov



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LUNCH BREAK 12:20 P.M. EDT

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BREAK 3:00 P.M. EDT

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Proposed Motion

Establish a Public Comment Subcommittee that will review tickbornedisease@hhs.gov and synthesize public feedback to help the Working Group to deliver on our mission.

RATIONALE:

The Working Group has responsibilities, per its charter, including a “Description of Duties” to:

- (C) Solicit input from States, localities, and non-governmental entities, including organizations representing patients, health care providers, researchers, and industry regarding scientific advances, research questions, surveillance activities, and emerging strains in species of pathogenic organisms.

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Recap of Meeting #7

- New public comments
- Chapter-by-chapter with copyedited recommendations – final approved
- Patient stories – final approved
- Images and infographics – final approved
- Appendices – final approved
- Table of Contents and layout/design – final approved
- Public Comment Subcommittee

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Timeline and Next Steps

Report Process	Due Dates
Minor copyedits, convert from design program to Word	July 25-30, 2018
Final Report released for HHS agencies, DoD, and VA for comment	July 30, 2018
HHS agencies, DoD, and VA review due	August 30, 2018
Document revision due	September 30, 2018
Final HHS agencies, DoD, and VA clearance complete	November 1, 2018
Revision and final desktop publishing complete	November 14, 2018
Final review for typographical errors plus 508 compliance complete	November 21, 2018
Submit final report to Congress	December 18, 2018
Final report posted on the TBDWG webpage for public comment	December 18 2018

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What Happens After Report is Submitted?

- TBDWG has no budgetary authority
- Report is submitted to Congress / HHS Secretary for further action
- TBDWG does not have programmatic status to implement changes
- Second phase of Working Group will pick up unfinished business and move forward with new analysis and new recommendations

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Before We Adjourn . . .

Thank You!

**to everyone who worked to make
this meeting possible, and
to everyone who has provided input and suggestions,
and to those of you who have joined us today.**

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Shared Vision

A nation free of tick-borne diseases
where new infections are prevented and
patients have access
to affordable care that restores health