

Review and Next Steps

Tick-Borne Disease Working Group

Virtual Meeting
May 10, 2018

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Today's Meeting Represents Progress

- Subcommittee reports represent a major accomplishment
 - Brought together experts and stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and points of view
 - **Agreement on almost all potential actions and other report content**
 - Serve as important references for Working Group and the public
 - Some members have discussed working together to turn the reports into journal articles or other tools
 - Public can use them and refer to them as products of the subcommittee (suggested citation will be posted on the website)

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Next Steps

Between now and the next meeting on May 15-16, the Working Group will:



- Use information from subcommittee reports
 - Identify most important findings, challenges and gaps, and potential actions
- Review and consider public comments, emails, and other information not in the subcommittee reports
 - Final report will be informed by public comments
- Receive the Inventory of Federal Actions due May 11
 - Data entry and analysis will start immediately
 - Final report will reflect inventory findings

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Meeting 5: May 15 and 16



Hilton Crystal City Conference Center
Arlington, Virginia

May 15, 2018 (9:00 am to 7:45 pm)
May 16, 2018 (9:00 am to 5:30 pm)

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This meeting will be held in-person and
will be live-streamed online

Deadline to sign up for public comment is **TODAY**

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Meeting 5 Agenda

In-person meeting to focus on the Working Group's report due December 2018 to Congress and the HHS Secretary

- Review proposed report outline, design template, and layout
- Discuss key elements of report, the content and how it will be written
 - Major findings, challenges and gaps, and potential recommendations
 - Inventory of Federal Actions results
 - Public comment key themes and insights
 - Experiences and perspectives shared by patients, family members, and other key stakeholders

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Next Steps

- May 15–16, 2018: Meeting 5 (in person and on-line)
 - Working Group drafts content for the report
- June 2018: Meeting 6 (on-line only)
 - Working Group finalizes draft report
- August–September 2018: Draft report available for public and agency comments
- December 2018: Report submitted to Congress and the HHS Secretary
- January 2019: Working Group and subcommittees will evolve over time
 - HHS will issue a new public call for Working Group nominees
 - Planning begins for second report

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Timeline of Report to Congress

Report Process	Due Dates
Writing of report begins	May 21, 2018
Draft report with recommendations due	June 21, 2018
Review and revision of report due	July 6, 2018
Draft report released for public and agency comment	July 20, 2018
Public comment and agency review due	August 17, 2018
Review and summary of public comment into report due	September 17, 2018
Document revision due	October 1, 2018
Final agency 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

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We All Have Roles to Play



- There are many issues, perspectives, and challenges to continue to address
- We also have many strengths, resources, and opportunity
- People are the most important resource
 - Patients, family members, health care providers, researchers, advocates, government employees, and many others from all sectors
- If each of us does our part, collectively we can make our vision a reality

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Vision

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

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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.**