PPTA Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Activities

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Overview

**Purpose:** Inform FDA of PPTA influenza pandemic preparedness efforts

**Objective:** For FDA to recognize

- Industry is engaged and working to be prepared
Agenda

• Background
  – Provide context

• PPTA Pandemic Preparedness Efforts
  – Formation of Task Force
  – Activities
  – Creation of Website

• Summary
Background

- Influenza pandemic is a global outbreak, where everyone is at risk

- An influenza pandemic requires:
  - new human influenza A subtype
  - causes serious illness
  - spreads easily from human-to-human
Background

• Three influenza pandemics in 20th Century
  – Spanish Flu (1918-1919), 20-40 million deaths worldwide, 500,000 in U.S.
  – Asian Flu (1957-1958), 1-2 million deaths worldwide, 70,000 in U.S.
  – Hong Kong Flu (1968-1969), 750,000 deaths worldwide, 34,000 in U.S.

• Outbreaks of H5N1 renewed possibility of an influenza pandemic in the 21st century
• Pandemic Preparedness Task Force (PPTF)
  – Thomas Kreil, Baxter Bioscience
  – Bob Booker, Grifols
  – Dominque Pifat, Talecris
  – Gordon Naylor, ZLB Plasma
• Task Force established objectives
  – PPTA to assist companies in obtaining priority status in federal and local pandemic preparedness plans
  – PPTA to facilitate and gather the most up to date information regarding pandemic influenza
Pandemic Preparedness Activities

- Statement to HHS Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA) (January 2006)
  - Advocated the need for the plasma protein industry to be recognized as a key element of the critical infrastructure, including vaccine prioritization, under the HHS plan
  - ACBSA issued recommendations stating HHS should establish the plasma protein industry as a key element of the critical infrastructure

- Pandemic Preparedness Panel at Plasma Protein Forum (June 2006)
  - Dr. Jerry Holmberg, HHS
  - Dr. Martin Meltzer, CDC
  - Dr. Thomas Kreil, Baxter Bioscience
Pandemic Preparedness Activities

• **Letter to State Health Officials (August 2006)**
  - Requested states recognize the plasma protein industry as a key element of the critical infrastructure, including vaccine prioritization, under state pandemic preparedness plans
  - AL AR CA CO DE FL GA IA ID IL IN KS KY LA ME MI MN MO MS MT NC ND NE NM NV NY OH OK OR PA SC TN TX UT VA WA WI WV WY

• **PPTA Source Business Forum (October 2006)**
  - Business continuity
  - **Speakers**
    - Dr. Louis Katz, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center
    - Gordon Naylor, ZLB Plasma Services
    - Dr. Chuck Heldebrandt, NGI
• PPTA Pandemic Preparedness Website:  
  www.pptapandemicinfo.org

• Unveiled May 2006

• Evolving Project
  - Members Only Section
  - Other features
    - real-time tracking
    - email alerts
Summary

• **PPTA members have initiated pandemic preparedness planning efforts**
  – Due to uncertainties and many variables
  – Planning extremely difficult
• **PPTA will continue**
  – To further task force objectives
  – Assist members in their efforts
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