



**TEXAS TASK FORCE  
ON INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

**Public Hearing**

Texas State Capitol Auditorium, Room E1.004

Thursday, October 23, 2014

9:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order** – Brett P. Giroir, M.D., Task Force Director
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Opening Comments** – Dr. Giroir
- IV. Medical and Public Health Preparedness and Response to Infectious Disease Threats**

*Invited Testimony – Panel 1 (Hospitals and Health Systems)*

**Alexander Eastman, M.D., M.P.H.** Interim Medical Director, UT Southwestern Medical Center Trauma Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital

**Robert Phillips, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.C.**, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Houston Methodist

**William Sutker, M.D.**, Chief of Infectious Disease, Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas

**Joseph B. McCormick, M.D., M.S.**, Regional Dean, UT Health School of Public Health, Brownsville Regional Campus

**Ron Cook, D.O.**, Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Public Health Authority, City of Lubbock

**Raymond S. Greenberg, M.D., Ph.D.**, Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, The University of Texas System

*Invited Testimony – Panel 2 (EMS / Health Authorities)*

**Thomas Schlenker, M.D., M.P.H.**, Director, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Texas Association of County and City Health Officers

**David E. Persse, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.**, City of Houston EMS Physician  
Director/Public Health Authority

**Eric Epley**, Executive Director, Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council,  
Texas Trauma System

*Invited Testimony – Panel 3 (Professional Associations)*

**Cindy Zolnierrek, Ph.D., R.N.**, Executive Director, Texas Nurses Association

**William “Chip” Riggins, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.**, Texas Medical Association

**Dave Pearson, M.P.A.**, Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals

**Ted Shaw**, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Hospital Association

**Ben Raimer, MD, MA, FAAP**, Texas Public Health Association

**Phillip Johnson, RPh**, Texas Pharmacy Association