



Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
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National Biodefense Science Board  
Washington, D.C. 20201

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The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Leavitt:

I want to clarify the nature of recommendations I submitted to you previously on April 1, 2008, on the draft charter for the Federal Education and Training Interagency Group (FETIG).

The recommendations that I submitted to you were deliberated and discussed on March 26, 2008 in a public meeting of the Board. Following discussion of the members and a public comment period, the Board adopted the recommendations of the Disaster Medicine Working Group of the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) on the draft charter for the FETIG. Therefore, the recommendations we submitted to you were the recommendations of the NBSB, not the Disaster Medicine Working Group.

I apologize for any confusion created when I forwarded the recommendations without clarifying the process we used to discuss publicly and decide on the information presented to the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Quinisk MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patricia Quinisk, M.D., M.P.H.  
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