

DAILY BRIEFING BOOK
for
HHS SECRETARY
XAVIER BECERRA



Monday
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Monday, August 2, 2021

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Secretary Xavier Becerra – Daily Schedule

Monday, August 2nd, 2021

6:00am ET DEPART HOME EN ROUTE TO DCA

7:05am ET WHEELS UP DCA TO ATL

9:00am ET APPROX. ARRIVAL TO ATL

9:30am ET APPROX. DEPART ATL TO REGIONAL OFFICE #4

Location: 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 5B95, Atlanta, GA

10:00am – 10:15am ET MEET AND GREET WITH REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

Location: 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 5B95, Atlanta, GA

Participants: Natalia Cales (Acting HHS Region 4 Director), Deric Gilliard (Public Affairs Specialist), Captain Thomas Bowman (Regional Administrator, ASPR), Carlis Williams (Regional Administrator, ACF), Sherard McKie (Regional Administrator, CMS), Marcia Pryce (Special Assistant, CMS), Lisa Mariani (Regional Administrator, HRSA), John Gilford (Regional Health Administrator, OASH), Adeoye John Oguntomilade (Region Four PACE Program Director, OASH), Captain Christye Brown (Regional Commander, Ready Reserve, OASH), Sharon C. Rhynes (Deputy Regional Commander, Ready Reserve, OASH), Barbara Stampul (Acting Regional Manager and Deputy Regional Manager, OCR), Dana Petti (Chief Counsel, OGC), Derrick Jackson (Special Agent in Charge, OIG Investigations), Lori Pilcher (Regional Inspector, OIG General Audit), Flora Dennis (Regional Administrative Manager, PSC), Michael King (Regional Administrator, SAMHSA)

Staff: Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning) and Ben Scott (Advance Representative)

10:15am ET

DEPART REGIONAL OFFICE EN ROUTE TO SOUTHSIDE MEDICAL CENTER

Location: 1046 Ridge Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA

10:30am – 11:30am ET

HEALTH CARE ACCESS ROUNDTABLE EVENT

Location: 1046 Ridge Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA

Participants: Senator Raphael Warnock, Representative Lucy McBath, Representative Carolyn Bourdeaux, Natalia Cales (Acting Director, HHS Region 4), Deric Gilliard (Public Affairs Specialist, HHS Region 4), Dr. David M. Williams (CEO, Southside Medical Center), Cathy Bowden (Information Management Coordinator, Georgia Association for Primary Health Care, Inc.), Dr. Carolyn Aidman (Associate Director, Urban Health Initiative, Emory School of Medicine), Dr. Eduardo Montana (Hispanic Health Coalition), Terri Denison (Georgia District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration), Joe Binns (State Director, Protect Our Care Georgia), Amanda Ptashkin (Community Catalyst), Knetta Adkins (Organizing Manager, Georgians for a Healthy Future), and Lisa Mariani (Regional Administrator, HRSA)

Staff: Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning) and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

11:30am ET

DEPART SOUTHSIDE MEDICAL CENTER EN ROUTE TO THE CENTER FOR BLACK WOMEN WELLNESS

Location: 477 Windsor Street, SW, Suite 309, Atlanta, GA

12:00pm – 1:00pm ET

THE CENTER FOR BLACK WOMEN WELLNESS ROUNDTABLE AND PRESS AVAILABILITY

Location: 477 Windsor Street, SW, Suite 309, Atlanta, GA

Participants: Representative Nikema Williams, Representative Lucy McBath, Jemea Dorsey (CEO, Center for Black Women Wellness), Dr. Lynn Paxton (Director, Fulton County Board of

Health), Dr. Theresa Jacobs (Clinical Consultant, Georgia Primary Care Association), Dr. Michael W. Brooks (Family Health Centers of Georgia, Inc.), Dr. Jane E. Ellis (Co-Chair, Georgia Perinatal Quality Collaborative/Maternal Mortality Review Committee), Dr. Allan Levey (Director, Emory Brain Health Center, PEACE for Moms Program), Arica Washington (Program Manager, PEACE for Moms, Women's Mental Health Program, Emory University School of Medicine), Monica Simpson (Executive Director, SisterSong), Dr. Elizabeth Mosley, (Postdoctoral Research Associate, Georgia State University), Kyesha Lindberg (Executive Director, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies GA), Kim Roberts (Maternal Health Program Coordinator, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies GA), and Rose L. Horton (Executive Director, Women and Infant Services, Emory Decatur Hospital)

Staff: Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning) and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

1:00pm ET

**DEPART THE CENTER FOR BLACK WOMEN
WELLNESS EN ROUTE TO LUNCH**

1:30pm – 2:00pm ET

WEEKLY COVID-19 SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Dr. Anthony Fauci (NIAID Director and Chief Medical Officer), Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Janet Woodcock (Acting FDA Commissioner), Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith (Chair of the Equity Task Force), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Dr. Vivek Murthy (U.S. Surgeon General), Tom Inglesby (Senior Advisor, COVID Response), Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, COVID), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), and Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary)

2:00pm ET

**DEPART LUNCH EN ROUTE TO THE CENTER FOR PAN
ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Location: 6185 Buford Highway Bldg A-1 Norcross, GA

2:00pm – 2:30pm ET	DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)
3:00pm – 3:15pm ET	TOUR OF CENTER FOR PAN ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES
	Location: 6185 Buford Highway Bldg A-1 Norcross, GA
	Participants: Representative Carolyn Bourdeaux, Dr. Jung Ha Kim (CEO/President), Chaiwon Kim (CEO, Cosmo Community Health Center), and Victoria Huynh (Senior Vice President), and others
	Staff: Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning) and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)
3:15pm ET	DEPART THE PAN ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER EN ROUTE TO THE NORCROSS CULTURAL ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTER
	Location: 10 College St. Norcross GA
3:20pm – 4:00pm ET	EQUITY ROUNDTABLE AT THE NORCROSS CULTURAL ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTER
	Location: 10 College St. Norcross GA
	Participants: Representative Carolyn Bourdeaux, Natalia Cales (Acting Director, HHS Region 4), Deric Gilliard (Public Affairs Specialist, HHS Region 4), Victoria Huynh (Senior Vice President, CPACS), Dr. Amitha Sampath (Associate Medical Director, CPACS Community Health Center), Cappel N. Sookdeo (Chief Financial Officer, CPACS), Dr. Audrey Arona (District Health Director and CEO of Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale Health Departments), Chanelle Avila, Director (Georgia Department of Public Health), Dr. Theresa Jacobs (Clinical Consultant, Georgia Primary Care Association), Santiago Marquez (CEO, Latin American Association 47), John Gilford (Regional Health Administrator, OASH), Lisa Mariani (Regional Administrator, HRSA), and Natalie Brevard Perry (Regional Administrator, HRSA)

Staff: Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning) and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

4:00pm ET

DEPART NORCROSS CULTURAL ARTS AND COMMUNITY CENTER EN ROUTE TO RON

Location: Emory Conference Center
1615 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA

4:30pm – 5:00pm ET

RETURN TO WORK UPDATE BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Cheryl Campbell (Assistant Secretary for Administration), Julie Murphy (Senior Advisor, ASA), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Claire Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), and Thomas Berry (Special Assistant, ASA)

5:00pm – 5:30pm ET

UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF)

5:30pm ET

APPROX. ARRIVAL TO RON

Location: Emory Conference Center
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Secretary Xavier Becerra – Daily Schedule

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021

8:45am ET

DEPART RON EN ROUTE TO THE CDC ROYBAL CAMPUS

Location: 1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329

9:00am – 9:10am ET

GREETING WITH CDC LEADERSHIP

Location: Royal Campus

1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director)

Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), and Ben Scott (Advance Representative)

9:10am – 9:15am ET

DROP-BY MEETING WITH CDC EOC RESPONDERS

Location: Royal Campus

1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Margaret “Peggy” Honein (EOC Incident Manager), additional EOC staff will be present on the floor (not presenting), and bridge line for all EOC response staff

Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), and Ben Scott (Advance Representative)

9:15am – 9:40am ET	COVID-19 UPDATE IN THE EOC
	Location: Royal Campus
	1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Margaret “Peggy” Honein (EOC Incident Manager), additional EOC staff will be present on the floor (not presenting), and bridge line for all EOC response staff
	Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), and Ben Scott (Advance Representative)
9:40am – 9:50am ET	BREAK
9:50am – 11:00am ET	HOT TOPIC BRIEFINGS
	Location: Royal Campus
	1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Deb Houry (Acting Principal Deputy Director), Ms. Sherri Berger (Chief of Staff), Dr. Denise Cardo (Acting Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases), and Dr. Mitch Wolfe (Chief Medical Officer)
	Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)
11:00am – 11:15am ET	BREAK
11:15am – 12:10pm ET	LUNCH AND 2:1 WITH DR. ROCHELLE WALENSKY
	Location: Royal Campus
	1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director)

12:10pm ET

DEPART ROYBAL CAMPUS TO CDC CHAMBLEE CAMPUS

Location: 4770 Buford Highway Atlanta, GA 30341

12:40pm – 1:30pm ET

HOT TOPIC BRIEFINGS

Location: Chamblee Campus

1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Deb Houry (Acting Principal Deputy Director), Ms. Sherri Berger (Chief of Staff), Dr. Patrick Breysse (Director of the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry), and Dr. Wanda Barfield (Director of the Division of Reproductive Health)

Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

1:30pm – 2:00pm ET

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LAB TOUR

Location: Chamblee Campus

1600 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Deb Houry (Acting Principal Deputy Director), Ms. Sherri Berger (Chief of Staff), Dr. Patrick Breysse (Director of the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry), and Dr. Jim Pirkle (Director of the Division of Laboratory Sciences)

Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

2:00pm ET APPROX. DEPART FROM CDC EN ROUTE TO ATL

6:20pm ET APPROX. ARRIVAL AT DCA

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Wednesday

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9:00am – 9:30am ET

CMMI VISION PRE-BRIEF

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), and Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor)

9:30am – 10:00am ET

BREAK

10:00am – 10:20am ET

WEEKLY CHECK-IN WITH AFP CABINET MEMBERS

Location: Zoom

Participants: Miguel Cardona (Secretary of Education), Cecilia Rouse (Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers), Tom Vilsack (Secretary of Agriculture), Janet Yellen (Secretary of the Treasury), Secretaries Chiefs of Staff, Susan Rice (Assistant, President for Domestic Policy), Brian Deese (Director, National Economic Council), Cedric Richmond (Director, White House Office of Public Engagement), Zach Butterworth (Director of Private Sector), Julie Chavez Rodriguez (Deputy Director, Office of Public Engagement), Emmy Ruiz (Director, White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach), Anita Dunn (Senior Advisor to the President), Evan Ryan (White House Cabinet Secretary), and Louisa Terrell (Director, White House Legislative Affairs)

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

10:30am – 11:00am ET

PREPARATION FOR ROUNDTABLE EVENT WITH CONGRESSMAN O'HALLERAN AND MEMBER CALLS

Location: Zoom

Participants: Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), JoAnn Martinez (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Leslie Zelenko (Senior Advisor and Congressional Liaison, ASL), Kelsey Mellette (Special Assistant, ASL), Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Counselors (TBD)

11:00am – 11:30am ET

UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR), and Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF)

11:30am – 12:00pm ET

BREAK

12:00pm – 1:00pm ET

LISTENING SESSION WITH DISABILITY GROUPS

Location: Zoom

Participants: Maria Town (President and CEO, American Association of People with Disabilities), Billy Altom (Executive Director, Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living), Laura Weidner (Board Chair, The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities), Curt Decker (Executive Director, National Disability Rights Network), Julia Bascom (Co-founder and Executive

Director, Autistic Self Advocacy Network), Jennifer Mathis (Policy Director, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law), Mia Ives Rublee (Director, Center for American Progress: Disability Justice Initiative), and Silvia Yee (Senior Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund)

Staff: Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Carrie Pugh (Director, External Affairs), Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), and Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary)

1:00pm – 1:15pm ET

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING DEBRIEF

Location: Conference call

Participants: Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Carrie Pugh (Director, External Affairs), Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), and Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary)

1:15 – 1:30pm ET

SIGNING: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR DISTRUBUTING FUNDS

Location: Office of the Secretary

Participants: Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary)

1:30pm – 2:00pm ET

BREAK

2:00pm – 2:30pm ET

DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom or In-Person (TBD)

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

2:30pm – 3:00pm ET	ARPA-H BRIEFING
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Barbara McGarey (Deputy General Counsel), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Francis Collins (Director, NIH), Dr. Eric Lander (President's Science Advisor and Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy), Dr. Tara Schwetz (Assistant Director for Biomedical Sciences, NIH Associate Deputy Director on detail to OSTP), and John Burklow (Acting NIH Chief of Staff)
3:00pm – 3:30pm ET	BREAK
3:30pm – 4:00pm ET	PREPARATION FOR WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), and Devin Delrow (Associate Director for Tribal Affairs, IEA)
4:00pm – 4:30pm ET	PREPARATION FOR MEETING WITH GUATEMALA MINISTER OF HEALTH
	Location: Conference call
	Participants: Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), and Nelson Arboleda (Director for Americas, OGA)
4:30pm – 5:00pm ET	BREAK
5:00pm – 5:30pm ET	WEEKLY COUNSELORS CHECK-IN
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the

Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Stephen Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Andres Arguello (Policy Advisor), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Sarah Lovenheim (ASPA), and Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA)

5:30pm – 5:45pm ET **BREAK**

5:45pm – 6:00pm ET **CALL WITH SENATOR BOB CASEY**
Location: Conference call
Participants: Senator Bob Casey and staff
Staff: Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation) and Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation)

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8:00am ET DEPART HOME EN ROUTE TO THE WHITE HOUSE MEDICAL UNIT

8:15am – 8:30am ET COVID-19 TESTING

Location: White House Medical Unit

8:30am ET APPROX. DEPART WHITE HOUSE EN ROUTE TO HHS

8:30am – 9:00am ET PREPARATION FOR WHITE HOUSE MEETING ON IMMIGRATION

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), JooYeun Chang (Acting Assistant Secretary, ACF), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Sarah Esty (Supervisory Program, ACF), Stephanie Koeshall (ACF), Jeff Hild (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Dr. Vivek Murthy (U.S. Surgeon General), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources)

9:00am – 9:30am ET	BREAK
9:30am – 10:00am ET	MEETING WITH GUATEMALA'S MINISTER OF HEALTH
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: María Amelia Flores González (Minister of Health of Guatemala)
	Staff: Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), and Nelson Arboleda (Director for Americas, OGA)
10:00am – 10:30am ET	BREAK
10:30am – 11:00am ET	WEEKLY COVID-19 SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Dr. Anthony Fauci (NIAID Director and Chief Medical Officer), Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Dr. Janet Woodcock (Acting FDA Commissioner), Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith (Chair of the Equity Task Force), Dr. Vivek Murthy (U.S. Surgeon General), Tom Inglesby (Senior Advisor, COVID Response), Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, COVID), and Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs)
11:00am – 11:15am ET	CALL WITH SENATOR PATTY MURRAY
	Location: Conference line
	Participants: Senator Patty Murry and HELP Committee Staff
	Staff: Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation) and Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation)

11:15am – 11:30am ET	MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN ADRIANO ESPAILLAT
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Congressman Adriano Espaillat and staff
	Staff: Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation) and Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation)
11:30am – 12:00pm ET	BREAK
12:00p – 12:45pm ET	MEETING WITH THE WHITE HOUSE GENDER POLICY COUNCIL (GPC)
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Jennifer Klein (Executive Director, GPC) and Julissa Reynoso (Chief of Staff, Office of the First Lady)
	Staff: Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary)
12:45pm – 1:00pm ET	SIGNING: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR DISTRUBUTING FUNDS
	Location: Office of the Secretary
	Participants: Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary)
1:00pm – 1:30pm ET	BREAK
1:30pm – 2:00pm ET	DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

2:00pm – 3:00pm ET

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE WITH CONGRESSMAN TOM O'HALLERAN

Location: Zoom

Participants: Congressman Tom O'Halleran, Representative from Canyonlands Healthcare, Representative from Tuba City Regional Health Care Center, Representative from San Carlos Apache Health Care, Representative from North Country HealthCare, and Representative from Sun Life Family Health Center

Staff: Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), and Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs)

3:00pm – 3:30pm ET

BREAK

3:30pm – 4:00pm ET

CMMI VISION BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (CMS Administrator), Jon Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator, CMS), Dan Tsai (Principal Deputy Director, CMS), Liz Fowler (Director, CMS), Meena Seshamani (CMS Deputy Administrator and Director for Center for Medicare), Erin Richardson (Chief of Staff, CMS), Dora Hughes (Senior Advisor, CMMI), Arielle Woronoff (Director of Legislation, CMS), and Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary)

4:00pm – 5:15pm ET

BREAK

5:15pm ET

DEPART HHS EN ROUTE TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Staff: Joo Chang (Acting Assistant Secretary, ACF)

5:45pm – 6:30pm ET

**MEETING WITH PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND
PRINCIPALS ON IMMIGRATION**

Location: The White House

Participants: President Joe Biden, Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary Antony Blinken, Acting Director Shalanda Young (OMB), Ambassador Susan Rice (Director, Domestic Policy Council), Dana Remus (General Counsel to the President), Jake Sullivan (National Security Advisor), additional staff, and White House Senior Leadership

Staff: Joo Chang (Acting Assistant Secretary, ACF)

6:45pm ET

APPROX. DEPART WHITE HOUSE EN ROUTE HOME

DAILY BRIEFING BOOK
for
HHS SECRETARY
XAVIER BECERRA



Friday
8/6/21

Prepared by: Lizeth Zardeneta

Friday, August 6, 2021

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Friday, August 6th, 2021

8:45am ET

DEPART HOME EN ROUTE TO HHS

9:00am – 9:30am ET

MEETING WITH THE ECUADOR AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

Location: Zoom

Participants: Ambassador Ivonne A-Baki (Ambassador to the United States, Ecuador) and staff

Staff: Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), and Nelson Arboleda (Director for Americas, OGA)

9:30am – 10:30am ET

FISCAL YEAR 2023 DECISION MEETING ON THE DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

Location: Secretary's Conference Room (Zoom for remote participants)

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Stephen Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Resource), Stephen Clapham (Budget Analyst, ASFR), Mark Brown (Director, ASFR), Paul Kalinowski (Budget Director, ASFR), Cheryl McMillen (Division Director, ASFR), Mark Elder (Branch Chief, ASFR), Miriam

Cabezas (Branch Chief, ASFR), Erin Mueller (Branch Chief, ASFR), and Michael Bernier (Branch Chief for Budget and Performance Policy, ASFR)

10:30am – 11:00am ET

PREPARATION FOR PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE ON EVICTION

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), and Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary)

11:00am – 11:30am ET

BREAK

11:30am – 12:30pm ET

PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE ON EVICTION

Location: Zoom

Participants: Ambassador Susan Rice (Domestic Policy Council), Secretary Marcia Fudge, Secretary Janet Yellen, Secretary Tom Vilsack, Acting Director Shalanda Young (Office of Management and Budget), Attorney General Merrick Garland, and White House Senior Staff

Staff: Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary)

12:30pm – 12:45pm ET

BRIEF AHEAD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) CHECK-IN

Location: Conference call

Participants: Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary)

Optional Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

12:45pm – 2:00pm ET	BREAK
2:00pm – 2:30pm ET	DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM Location: Zoom Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)
2:30pm – 3:30pm ET	WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS Location: Zoom Participants: Ambassador Susan Rice (Domestic Policy Council), Deb Haaland (Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Chair of WHCNA), additional Cabinet Members Staff: Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary) and Devin Delrow (Associate Director for Tribal Affairs)
3:30pm – 4:00pm ET	BREAK
4:00pm – 4:30pm ET	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) CHECK-IN Location: Zoom Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Miriam Delphin-Rittmon (Assistant Secretary, SAMHSA), and Sonia Chessen (Chief of Staff, SAMHSA)
4:30pm – 5:00pm ET	DEPART HHS EN ROUTE TO BWI
5:00pm – 5:30pm ET	DAILY UC CORE MEETING Location: Zoom in vehicle

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR), and Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF)

7:30pm – 2:45am ET [8/7] WHEELS UP BWI EN ROUTE TO SMF

4:30pm – 11:45pm PT Note: Stop in Denver, CO

No flight change

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for

HHS SECRETARY

XAVIER BECERRA



Monday
8/16/21

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Monday, August 16, 2021

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7:30am ET DEPART HOME EN ROUTE TO DCA

8:45am ET WHEELS UP DCA TO EWR (NEWARK, NEW JERSEY)

Note: Direct flight

10:00am ET APPROX. ARRIVAL AT EWR

10:30am ET APPROX. DEPART EWR EN ROUTE TO BUS TOUR EVENT

10:30am – 11:00am ET PREPARATION FOR PRESS

Location: Conference call

Participants: Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), and Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, COVID Response)

11:00am – 11:45am ET “LOWER COST, BETTER CARE” BUS TOUR EVENT

Location: Buccleuch Park, 321 Easton Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Participants: Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., Brad Woodhouse (President of Protect our Care), Maura Collinsgru (Health Policy Advocate), Lisa Ann Wetzel-Trainer (Patient Storyteller), Laura Packard (Patient Storyteller), and Judith Persichilli (New Jersey Health Commissioner)

Staff: Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

11:45am ET

DEPART BUCCLEUCH PARK EN ROUTE TO ERIC B. CHANDLER HEALTH CENTER

Location: 277 George Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901

12:00pm – 1:00pm ET

ERIC B. CHANDLER TOUR AND ROUNDTABLE

Location: 277 George Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Participants: Lt. Governor Shelia Oliver, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., Dr. Steven Levin (Director, Chandler Health Center), Christopher Rinn (CEO, Visiting Nurse Association Community Health Center), Marta Silverberg (CEO, Monmouth Family Health Center), Jack O'Leary (CEO, Jewish Renaissance Medical Center), Grace Co-Ortega (Interim CEO, Jewish Renaissance Foundation [not confirmed]), Jonathan Holloway (Rutgers University President), and Judith Persichilli (New Jersey Health Commissioner)

Staff: Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

1:00pm ET

DEPART ERIC B. CHANDLER MEDICAL CENTER EN ROUTE TO LUNCH

2:00pm – 2:15pm ET

MEDICARE COVERAGE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES (MCIT) RULE BRIEFING

Location: Conference call

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor [TBD]), and Kashif Syed (Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary [TBD])

2:15pm ET

DEPART LUNCH EN ROUTE TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Location: 140 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ

2:15pm – 2:45pm ET

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff [Invited]), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary [Invited]), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor [Invited]), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Josh Peck (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Public Education Campaigns), Iam Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, COVID Response), Kristina Schake (Senior Counselor to the Secretary, Public Education Campaign), Tericka Lambert (Digital Engagement Director), Marvin Figueroa (Director, Intergovernmental and External Affairs), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), and AJ Pearlman (Chief of Staff for COVID Response)

3:00pm – 3:30pm ET

DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom (in hold room at the vaccination site)

140 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

3:30pm – 4:30pm ET

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL VACCINATION SITE VISIT

Location: 140 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ

Participants: Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Donald Payne, Jr, Judith Persichilli (New Jersey Health Commissioner), and Dr. Shereef Elnahal (University Hospital, CEO),

Staff: Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Alia Schechter

(Special Assistant to the Secretary), and Laurence Wilson (Advance Representative)

4:30pm ET

APPROX. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL EN ROUTE TO EWR

4:40pm – 5:10pm ET

UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

6:30pm ET

WHEELS UP EWR TO BOS (BOSTON, MA)

Note: Direct flight

7:45pm ET

APPROX. ARRIVAL TO BOS

8:00pm ET

APPROX. DEPART BOS EN ROUTE TO DINNER AND RON

Location: DoubleTree Suites Boston-Cambridge

400 Soldiers Field Rd, Boston, MA 02134

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HHS SECRETARY
XAVIER BECERRA



Tuesday
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Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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Tuesday, August 17th, 2021

8:30am ET

**DEPART RON EN ROUTE TO GREATER LAWRENCE
FAMILY HEALTH CENTER**

Location: 34 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01841

9:00am – 9:30am ET

PREPARATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS VISITS

Location: Conference call

Participants: Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Ben Scott (Advance Representative), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA), and Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation),

9:30am – 10:30am ET

**GREATER LAWRENCE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER
(GLFHC)**

Location: 34 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01841

Participants: Congresswoman Lori Trahan, Mayor Kendrys Vasquez, State Senator Barry Finegold, State Representative Frank Moran, State Representative Marcos Devers, State Representative Christina Minicucci, Martha Velez (Director of Human Services, City of Lawrence), Mike Arman (Director of the Board of Health, City of Lawrence), Guy Fish (GLFHC President and CEO), Dr. Zandra Kelley (Senior Vice President, Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer), Rich Napolitano (GLFHC, Senior Vice President

of External Affairs, Chief Strategy Officer), Diane Martin (Senior Vice President, Chief Pharmacy Officer, GLHFC), Sandra Silva, (Vice President for Operations and Community Support Services, GLFHC), Delia Duran Clark (GLFHC, Patient/Consumer Board Member), Dr. Lance Braye (GLFHC, 4th Year Resident), Dr. Omer Moin (Chief of Emergency Medicine, Lawrence General Hospital), and Ellen Murphy Meehan (President, Murphy Meehan Strategies)

Staff: Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), and Ben Scott (Advance Representative)

10:30am ET

**DEPART GREATER LAWRENCE FAMILY HEALTH
TO LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Location: 295 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854

11:15am – 12:15pm ET

LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL

Location: 295 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854

Participants: Congresswoman Lori Trahan, Eileen Donoghue (City Manager, City of Lowell), Jody White (President and CEO, Circle Health and Lowell General Hospital), Amy Hoey (Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Circle Health and Lowell General Hospital), Michael Dandorf (CEO, Wellforce), Dr. Raymond Lewis (Family Practice / Labor and Delivery), Susan West Levine (CEO, Lowell Community Health Center), Mercy Anampiu (Senior Director of Community Engagement, Lowell Community Health Center), Kerrie D'Entremont (Executive Director, Greater Lowell Health Alliance), Yun-Ju Choi (Executive Director, Coalition for a Better Acre), Vichtcha Kong (Interim Executive Director, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association), and Ellen Murphy Meehan (President, Murphy Meehan Strategies)

Staff: Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), and Ben Scott (Advance Representative)

12:15pm ET

DEPART LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL TO LUNCH

1:30pm ET

DEPART LUNCH EN ROUTE TO UTEC

Location: 35 Warren Street Lowell, MA 01852

1:30pm – 2:00pm ET

DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom (in hold room at the vaccination site)

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

2:00pm – 3:00pm ET

UTEC, BREAKING BARRIERS TO YOUTH SUCCESS

Location: 35 Warren Street Lowell, MA 01852

Participants: Congresswoman Lori Trahan, Mayor John Leahy (City of Lowell), Eileen Donoghue (City Manager, City of Lowell), State Senator Ed Kennedy, State Representative Tom Golden, State Representative Rady Mom, State Representative Vanna Howard, Gregg Croteau (CEO, UTEC), Sako Long (Senior Director of Outreach and Reentry, UTEC), Karen Frederick (President and CEO, Community Teamwork Inc), Chief Kelly Richardson (Lowell Police Department or a Department representative), District Attorney Marian Ryan (Middlesex County), and Sheriff Peter Koutoujian (Middlesex County)

Staff: Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), and Ben Scott (Advance Representative)

3:00pm ET

DEPART UTEC EN ROUTE TO BOS

3:00pm – 3:30pm ET

SEC FOLLOW-UP BRIEFING

Location: Conference line

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary), Sarah Boateng (Chief of Staff, OASH), Elisabeth Handley (Director, Office of Research Integrity, OASH), Wanda Jones (Deputy Director, Office of Research Integrity, OASH), John Howard (NIOSH Director, CDC), Jenny Naylor (Senior Attorney,

CDC), Kelley Durst (NIOSH, Deputy Director for Management, CDC), Grady Calhoun (DCAS Director, CDC), and Jeffrey Reczek (Washington Director, CDC)

5:30pm ET

WHEELS UP BOS TO DCA

Note: Direct flight

7:25pm ET

APPROX. ARRIVAL TO DCA

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XAVIER BECERRA



Wednesday

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9:00am – 9:30am ET

MEETING WITH KENYA MINISTER OF HEALTH

Location: Zoom

Participants: Mutahi Kagwe (Cabinet Secretary for Health, Republic of Kenya), Dr. Rashid Aman (Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Health), Dr. Joseph Lenai (Acting Director, Health Sector Coordination and Intergovernmental Relations, Ministry of Health), Dr. Willis Akhwale (Senior Advisor and Chairperson, National Vaccine Deployment Task Force, Ministry of Health), Dr. Mary Wangai (Head of Department, International Health Relations, Ministry of Health), Esther Magiti (Assistant Director, Americas Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and Charles Kinini (Second Secretary, Americas Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Staff: Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Dr. Douglas Shaffer (Health Attaché, Embassy Nairobi), and Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary)

Note: Steve Cha, Counselor to the Secretary, may cover this meeting in Sarah's place.

9:30am – 9:45am ET

BREAK

9:45am – 10:00am ET

PREPARATION FOR OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH INFORMATION (ONC) CHECK-IN

Location: Conference call

Participants: Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary)

Note: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff) are added as optional on the calendar invitation.

10:00am – 10:30am ET

BREAK

10:30am – 11:00am ET

WEEKLY COVID-19 SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary [*Invited*]), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff) Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Anthony Fauci (NIAID Director and Chief Medical Officer), Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Janet Woodcock (Acting FDA Commissioner), Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith (Chair of the Equity Task Force), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Dr. Vivek Murthy (U.S. Surgeon General), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Tom Inglesby (Senior Advisor, COVID Response), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, COVID)

11:00am – 11:30am ET

JOINT AFP/BBB/BID CABINET MEMBER CALL

Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Miguel Cardona, Secretary Tom Vilsack, Secretary Janet Yellen, Secretary Gina Raimondo, Secretary Marty Walsh, Secretary Marcia Fudge, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Brian Deese (Director of the National Economic Council), Ambassador Susan Rice (Director of the Domestic Policy Council), Evan Ryan (White House Cabinet Secretary), Louisa Terrell (White House Director of Legislative Affairs), Kate Bedingfield (White House Communications Director), Kate Berner (White House Deputy Communications Director), Pili Tobar (White House Deputy Communications Director), Cecilia Rouse (Chair of the Council of Economic

Advisers), Cedric Richmond (Director, White House Office of Public Engagement), Zach Butterworth (Director of Private Sector), Julie Rodriguez (Deputy Director, Office of Public Engagement), and Emmy Ruiz (Director, White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach)

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

11:30am – 12:00pm ET DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

12:00pm – 12:30pm ET BREAK

12:30pm – 12:45pm ET AFGHANISTAN BRIEFING

Location: SCIF

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), and Les Hollie (Acting National Security Advisor to the Secretary)

12:45pm – 1:30pm ET AHI TS/SCI BRIEFING

Location: SCIF

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), and Les Hollie (Acting National Security Advisor to the Secretary)

1:30pm – 2:00pm ET BREAK

2:00pm – 2:30pm ET

UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

2:30pm – 3:00pm ET

CALL WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL (OGC)

Location: Conference call

Participants: Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Cynthia Palafox (Director of Scheduling and Advance), and Randy Hall (Attorney Advisor, OGC)

3:00pm – 4:00pm ET

PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Location: Zoom

Participants: Cabinet Secretaries and Biden-Harris Administration Leadership

Staff: UC Core Team

4:00pm – 4:30pm ET

NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH INFORMATION (ONC) CHECK-IN

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Micky Tripathi (National Coordinator for Health IT, ONC), and Steve Posnack (Deputy National Coordinator for Health IT, ONC)

4:30pm – 5:00pm ET

DRUG PRICING BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Laina Bush (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Ben Sommers (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Nancy Delew (Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Sharon Arnold (Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Erin Rubens (Division Director; Supervisory Social Science Analyst, ASPE), Kenneth Finegold (Social Science Analyst, ASPE), and Sonal Parasrampuria (Social Science Analyst, ASPE)

5:00pm – 5:30pm ET

1:1 CALL WITH DNI AVRIL HAINES

Location: SCIF

Participants: DNI Avril Haines

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HHS SECRETARY

XAVIER BECERRA



Thursday
8/19/21

Prepared by: Lizeth Zardeneta

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Thursday, August 19th, 2021

9:00am – 9:30am ET MEETING WITH THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO HEALTH MINISTER

Location: Zoom

Participants: Dr. Jean Jacques Mbungani (Minister of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention, DRC) and staff

Staff: Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Colin McIff (Deputy Director, OGA), Samuel Adeniyi-Jones (Africa Director, OGA), and Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary)

9:30am – 10:30am ET RECORD REMARKS FOR HHS DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS AND LULAC VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Location: HHS Studio

Staff: Jorge Silva, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs

10:30am – 12:30pm ET TRAVEL TRAINING

12:30pm – 1:15pm ET BREAK

1:15pm – 1:30pm ET PREPARATION FOR PHRMA CALL

Location: Conference line

Participants: Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), and Carrie Pugh (Director of External Affairs, IEA)

1:30pm – 2:00pm ET

WEEKLY COUNSELORS CHECK-IN

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Josie Villanueva (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Stephen Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), and Andres Arguello (Policy Advisor)

2:00pm – 2:30pm ET

DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

2:30pm – 3:00pm ET

BREAK

3:00pm – 3:30pm ET

MEETING WITH PHRMA

Location: Zoom

Participants: Stephen Ubl (President and CEO, PhRMA), Dave Ricks (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Eli Lilly and Company), Ramona Sequeira (President of Takeda's US Business Unit and Global Portfolio Commercialization), and Vasant Narasimhan (CEO, Novartis)

Staff: Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), and Carrie Pugh (Director of External Affairs, IEA)

3:30pm – 4:00pm ET

PREPARATION FOR CALL WITH SECRETARY JANET YELLEN

Location: Zoom

Participants: Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Colin McIff (Deputy Director, OGA), and Shuen Chen (Senior Advisor and Team Lead, OGA)

4:00pm – 4:45pm ET

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Colin McIff (Deputy Director, OGA), Emily Bleimund (Trade and Health Director, OGA), and Anne Snyder (International Health Analyst, OGA)

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XAVIER BECERRA



Friday
8/20/21

Prepared by: Lizeth Zardeneta

Friday, August 20, 2021

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**Secretary Xavier Becerra – Daily Schedule****Friday, August 20th, 2021**

10:00am – 10:30am ET PREPARATION FOR BRIEFING WITH SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS

Location: Zoom

Participants: Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASL), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary, ASL), and Kelsey Mellette (Special Assistant, ASL)

10:30am – 11:00am ET BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff [invited]), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), AJ Pearlman (Chief of Staff for COVID Response), Kathryn Alvarez (Deputy Chief of Staff for COVID Response), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Ian Sims (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs – COVID Response)

11:00am – 11:30am ET DRAFT OVERDOSE AND PREVENTION STRATEGY BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Marvin

Figueroa (Director, IEA), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Miriam Delphin Rittmon (Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use), Tom Coderre (Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Erin Bagalman (Associate Director, ASPE), Jessica White (Public Health Policy Analyst, ASPE), Barbara McGarey (Deputy General Counsel, OGC), Marta Sokolowska (CDER Associate Director, FDA), and Christopher Jones (DDNID Deputy Director, CDC)

11:30am – 12:00pm ET BREAK

12:00pm – 12:30pm ET MEETING WITH SECRETARY JANET YELLEN

Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Janet Yellen and Staff

Staff: Colin McIff (Deputy Director, OGA), Shuen Chen (Senior Advisor and Team Lead, OGA), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary [invited]), and Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary [invited])

12:30pm – 1:00pm ET BREAK

1:00pm – 2:00pm ET OVERDOSE POLICY BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Kamara Jones (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Planning), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Miriam Delphin Rittmon (Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use), Tom Coderre (Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use), Sonia Chessen (Chief of Staff, Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services Administration), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Tisa Sherry (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of Behavioral Health Disability Aging and Policy), Erin Bagalman (Director, ASPE), Daniel Schwartz (Public Health Policy Analyst, ASPE), and Barbara McGarey (Deputy General Counsel, OGC)

2:00pm – 2:30pm ET

DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

2:30pm – 3:00pm ET

UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

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Monday, August 23rd, 2021

9:35am – 10:00am ET

JOINT AFP/BBB/BID CABINET MEMBER CALL

Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Miguel Cardona, Secretary Tom Vilsack, Secretary Janet Yellen, Secretary Gina Raimondo, Secretary Marty Walsh, Secretary Marcia Fudge, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Brian Deese (Director of the National Economic Council), Ambassador Susan Rice (Director of the Domestic Policy Council), Evan Ryan (White House Cabinet Secretary), Louisa Terrell (White House Director of Legislative Affairs), Kate Bedingfield (White House Communications Director), Kate Berner (White House Deputy Communications Director), Pili Tobar (White House Deputy Communications Director), Cecilia Rouse (Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers), Cedric Richmond (Director, White House Office of Public Engagement), Zach Butterworth (Director of Private Sector), Julie Rodriguez (Deputy Director, Office of Public Engagement), and Emmy Ruiz (Director, White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach)

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

10:00am – 10:30am ET

PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL HUMAN SERVICES ASSEMBLY (NHSAS)

Location: Conference call

Participants: Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), Carrie Pugh (Director of External Affairs, IEA), and Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA)

10:30am – 11:00am ET

**PREPARATION FOR SENATOR SANDERS' BRIEFING
WITH CMS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Denis McDonough and Veterans Affairs staff

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Kelsey Mellette (Special Assistant, ASL), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Administrator, CMS), Jon Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, CMS), Meena Seshamani (CMS Deputy Administrator and Director for Center for Medicare), Arielle Woronoff (Office of Legislation Director, CMS), Maria Martino (Office of Legislation, CMS), Khalid Zunaira (Office of Legislation, CMS), and Jennifer Boulanger (Office of Legislation, CMS)

11:00am – 11:30am ET

BREAK

11:30am – 12:00pm ET

AFGHANISTAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISAS BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff [invited]), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), Angela Botticella (Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary), Joo Chang (Acting Assistant Secretary | Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, ACF), Larry Handerhan (Chief of Staff, ACF), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jenifer Smyers (Chief of Staff, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Natalie Grant (Director, Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response, ACF), Marvin Figueroa (Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation [covering for Jeff Hild]), and Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs)

12:00pm – 12:30pm ET	NATIONAL HUMAN SERVICES ASSEMBLY (NHSA)
	Participants: Victor Valentine, Executive Director (NHSA) and NHSA members
	Staff: Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), Carrie Pugh (Director of External Affairs, IEA), and Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA)
12:30pm – 1:00pm ET	BREAK
1:00pm – 1:30pm ET	WEEKLY STAFF AND OPERATING DIVISION LEADERSHIP CHECK-IN
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Counselors, and Heads of HHS Staff and Operating Divisions
1:30pm – 2:00pm ET	WEEKLY COVID-19 SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Dr. Anthony Fauci (NIAID Director and Chief Medical Officer), Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Dr. Janet Woodcock (Acting FDA Commissioner), Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith (Chair of the Equity Task Force), Dr. Vivek Murthy (U.S. Surgeon General), Tom Inglesby (Senior Advisor, COVID Response), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, COVID)
2:00pm – 2:30pm ET	MEETING WITH SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS AND SECRETARY DENIS McDONOUGH
	Location: Conference line
	Participants: Senator Bernie Sanders, Secretary Denis McDonough, Senate and Veterans Affairs staff

Staff: Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Administrator, CMS), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Lauren Jee (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), and Kelsey Mellette (Special Assistant, ASL)

2:30pm – 3:00pm ET

DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

3:00pm – 3:30pm ET

BREAK

3:30pm – 4:00pm ET

UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

4:00pm – 5:00pm ET

PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Location: Zoom

Participants: Cabinet Secretaries and Biden-Harris Administration Leadership

Staff: UC CORE Team

5:00pm – 5:15pm ET

**PREPARATION FOR ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES (ACF) CHECK-IN**

Location: Conference line

Participants: Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary)

Note: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff) are on the invitation for the call as optional.

5:15pm – 5:30pm ET

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING WITH THE
HEALTH MINISTER OF SAUDI ARABIA**

Location: Conference line

Participants: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Colin McIff (Deputy Director, OGA), and Linda Hoffman (Director of the Middle East, OGA)

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Tuesday
8/24/21

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Tuesday, August 24th, 2021

**9:00am – 9:30am ET MEETING WITH SAUDI ARABIA MINISTER OF HEALTH
DR. TAWFIG AL RABIAH**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Dr. Tawfig Al Rabiah (Minister of Health, KSA), Hani bin Abdulalziz Jokhdar (Deputy Minister of Health, KSA, Abdullah M. Assiri), Abdullah M. Assiri (Saudi WHO Representative), and Dr. Fahad Mohammed Al-Shelbi (Executive Director of the National Company for the Unified Purchase of Medicines, Devices and Medical Supplies)

Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Colin McIff (Deputy Director, OGA), and Linda Hoffman (Director of the Middle East, OGA)

**9:30am – 10:00am ET ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CHECK-IN**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), Joo Chang (Acting Assistant Secretary, ACF), and Katie Hamm (Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, ACF)

10:00am – 10:30am ET BREAK

10:30am – 11:00am ET	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH) BRIEFING
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Josephine Nguyen (White House Fellow), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Ben Sommers (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Nancy Delew (Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Administrator, CMS), Dan Tsai (Deputy Administrator, CMS), LaShawn McIver (Office of Minority Health Director, CMS), Hannah Katch (Senior Advisor, CMS), and Dora Hughes (CMMI Senior Advisor, CMS)
11:00am – 11:30am ET	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY / MEDICAID BRIEFING
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Administrator, CMS), Jon Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officers, CMS), Dan Tsai (Deputy Administrator, CMS), Jeff Wu (Acting Deputy Administrator CCIIO, CMS), Ben Walker (CCIIO, CMS), Erin Richardson (Chief of Staff, CMS), and Perrie Briskin (Policy Advisor, CMS)
11:30am – 12:00pm ET	RE-RECORD LULAC REMARKS
	Location: HHS Studio
	Staff: TBD
12:00pm – 12:30pm ET	[HOLD] INTERVIEW
	Location: HHS Studio
	Staff: TBD

12:30pm – 1:00pm ET	BREAK
1:00pm – 1:30pm ET	WEEKLY COUNSELORS CHECK-IN Location: Zoom Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Stephen Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Andres Arguello (Policy Advisor), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA)
1:30pm – 1:45pm ET	BREAK
1:45pm – 2:00pm ET	PROTECTIVE OPERATIONS BUREAU (POB) REQUEST
2:00pm – 2:30pm ET	DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM Location: Zoom Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)
2:30pm – 4:00pm ET	BREAK
4:00pm – 4:30pm ET	PREPARATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Location: Zoom Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Legislation), Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Administrator, CMS), Paul Spitalnic (Actuary, CMS), Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources), Cheryl McMillen (Division Director, ASFR), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Ben Sommers (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Nancy Delew (Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), William Marton (ASPE), Nguyen Nguyen (ASPE), and Steven Sheingold (Division Director, ASPE)

4:30pm – 5:00pm ET

PREPARATION FOR IOWA AND LOUISIANA TRIP

Location: Zoom

Participants: Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Cynthia Palafox (Director of Scheduling and Advance), Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler), Esmeralda Orozco (Special Assistant for Scheduling), Ben Scott (Advance Representative), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Planning and Response), Kathryn Alvarez (Deputy Chief of Staff, ASPR), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Leslie Zenko (Senior Advisor and Congressional Liaison, ASL), Kristen Allen (Press Secretary), Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), and Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA)

5:00pm – 5:15pm ET

PREPARATION FOR OASH CHECK-IN

Staff: Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary)

Note: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff) are on the calendar invitation as optional.

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Wednesday

8/25/21

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**Secretary Xavier Becerra – Daily Schedule****Wednesday, August 25th, 2021****4:30am – 5:00am ET CDC SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE OPENING EVENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Vice President Kamala Harris, Rochelle Walensky (Director, CDC), Christopher Klein (Chargé d’Affaires, U.S. Embassy Hanoi), Melissa Brown (Chargé d’Affaires, U.S. Mission to Association of Southeast Asian Nations), John MacArthur (Southeast Asia Regional Director, CDC), Pham Binh Minh (Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) of Vietnam), Nguyễn Thành Long (Minister of Health of Vietnam), Budi Gunadi Sadikin (Minister of Health of Indonesia), Adham Baba (Minister of Health of Malaysia), Anutin Charnvirakul (Deputy Prime Minister of the Royal Thai Government), Dato Paduka (Minister of Health of Brunei Darussalam), Dr. Isham bin Haji Jaafar (Minister of Health of Brunei), Ong Ye Kung (Minister for Health of Singapore), Francisco Duque (Secretary of Health of the Philippines), Bounfeng Phoummalaysith (Minister of Health, Lao People’s Democratic Republic), MAM Bunheng (Minister of Health of Cambodia), and Jelta Wong (for Health and HIV/AIDS, Independent State of Papua New Guinea)

Staff: TBD

5:00am – 9:00am ET BREAK**9:00am – 9:30am ET SODIUM GUIDANCE BRIEFING**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Stephen Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Janet

Woodcock (Acting Commissioner, FDA), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary, OASH), Lauren Roth (Associate Commissioner, FDA), Julia Tierney (Chief of Staff, FDA), Susan Mayne (Center for Food Safety Director, FDA), Leslie Lux (Center for Food Safety Deputy Director, FDA), Janet Peckham (Economist, FDA), Megan Velez (Director, Office of Regulations and Policy), Claudine Kavanaugh (Director, Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling, FDA), Robin McKinnon (Senior Advisor for Nutrition Policy, FDA), Jen Dooren (Director, Communication and Public Engagement Staff), Laura Carroll (Senior Policy Advisor), Dennis Keefe (Director, Office of Food Additive Safety), Kasey Heintz (Interdisciplinary Scientist, Office of Food Additive Safety), Carie Jasperse (General Attorney), and Peter Beckerman (Deputy Associate Chief Counsel)

9:35am – 10:00am ET

JOINT AFP/BBB/BID CABINET MEMBER CALL

Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Miguel Cardona, Secretary Tom Vilsack, Secretary Janet Yellen, Secretary Gina Raimondo, Secretary Marty Walsh, Secretary Marcia Fudge, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Brian Deese (Director of the National Economic Council), Susan Rice (Director of the Domestic Policy Council), Evan Ryan (White House Cabinet Secretary), Louisa Terrell (White House Director of Legislative Affairs), Kate Bedingfield (White House Communications Director), Kate Berner (White House Deputy Communications Director), Pili Tobar (White House Deputy Communications Director), Cecilia Rouse (Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers), Cedric Richmond (Director, White House Office of Public Engagement), Zach Butterworth (Director of Private Sector), Julie Rodriguez (Deputy Director, Office of Public Engagement), and Emmy Ruiz (Director, White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach)

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

10:00am – 10:30am ET

BREAK

10:30am – 11:00am ET

DAILY UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

11:00am – 12:00pm ET

PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Location: Zoom

Participants: Cabinet Secretaries and Biden-Harris Administration Leadership

Staff: UC Core Team

12:00pm – 12:30pm ET

BREAK

12:30pm – 1:00pm ET

OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH EQUITY BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Staff: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm (Invited), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Sarah Boateng (Chief of Staff, OASH), Arsenio Mataka (Senior Policy Advisor for Health Equity and Climate, OASH), Lis Handley (Director, Office of Research Integrity, OASH), Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Bill Hall (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), and Rachel Weiss (Director of Communications, IEA)

1:00pm – 1:30pm ET	OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH (OASH) CHECK-IN
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), and Sarah Boateng (Chief of Staff, OASH)
1:30pm – 2:00pm ET	BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 BRIEFING
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), AJ Pearlman (Chief of Staff for COVID Response), Kathryn Alvarez (Deputy Chief of Staff for COVID Response), and Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs – COVID)
2:00pm ET	DEPART HOME EN ROUTE TO DCA
2:00pm – 2:30pm ET	DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM
	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)
3:15pm – 5:55pm ET	WHEELS UP DCA TO DSM (DES MOINES, IA)
2:15pm – 4:55pm CT	Note: Direct flight

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Thursday
8/26/21

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10:30am – 10:45am ET	[HOLD] PRINCIPAL CALL
9:30am – 9:45am CT	Location: Conference line Participants: Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Shalanda Young (Acting Director, OMB), and Ambassador Susan Rice (Director, DPC)
10:45am – 11:00am ET	BREAK
9:45am – 10:00am CT	
11:00am – 11:30am ET	DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM
10:00am – 10:30am CT	Location: Zoom Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)
11:30am – 12:00pm ET	PREPARATION FOR IOWA VISITS
10:30am – 11:00am CT	Location: Conference line Participants: Cynthia Palafox (Director of Scheduling and Advance [TBD]), Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler), Ben Scott (Advance Representative), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Kristen Allen (Press Secretary), Sean Higgins

(Press Secretary), Leslie Zenko (Senior Advisor and Congressional Liaison, ASL), and Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA)

11:45am ET

DEPART RON EN ROUTE TO POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DRIVE THRU CLINIC

Location: 1907 Carpenter Ave, Des Moines, IA 50314

12:00pm – 12:50pm ET

VISIT POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DRIVE-THRU CLINIC

Location: 1907 Carpenter Ave, Des Moines, IA 50314

Participants: Scott Conner (Acting Regional Director, HHS Region 7), Nancy Rios (HRSA Regional Administrator), Helen Eddy (Director, Polk County Health Department), Angela Connolly (Polk County Board Chair), John Norris (County Administrator, Polk County Board of Supervisors), Nola Aigner Davis (Public Health Communications Officer, Polk County Health Department), Carmin Hutch (Clinic Supervisor and Vaccine Planning Group Supervisor), Susan Brooks (Childhood Immunization Coordinator and COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Coordinator), Kristina Cimaglia (COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Coordinator), Franny Medeiros (Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Medical Coordination Center Coordinator), Kim McMains (Public Health Planner – Pharmacy Coordination Center Coordinator), Juan Carlos Cadenillas (Public Health Planner – Special Populations), and Ana Co (Public Health Planner – Special Populations)

Staff: Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Ben Scott (Advance Representative), and Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary)

12:50pm ET

DEPART SITE EN ROUTE TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CLINIC

Location: 1200 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314

1:00pm – 1:50pm ET	TOUR OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CLINIC
12:00pm – 12:50pm CT	Location: 1200 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314
	Participants: Congresswoman Cindy Axne, Scott Conner (Acting Regional Director, HHS Region 7), Nancy Rios (HRSA Regional Administrator), Kelly Huntsman (Primary Health Care, CEO), Aaron Todd (Iowa Primary Care Association, CEO), and Marissa Conrad (Primary Healthcare, Director of Marketing and Communications)
	Staff: Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Ben Scott (Advance Representative), and Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary)
1:50pm ET	DEPART SITE EN ROUTE TO LUNCH
12:50pm CT	
2:45pm ET	DEPART LUNCH EN ROUTE TO THE POLK COUNTY
1:45pm CT	COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
	Location: Southside Senior Center, 100 Payton Avenue, Des Moines, IA
3:00pm – 4:15pm ET	ROUNDTABLE ON AGING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN
2:00pm – 3:15pm CT	CINDY AXNE
	Location: Southside Senior Center, 100 Payton Avenue, Des Moines, IA
	Participants: Congresswoman Cindy Axne, State Senator Janet Petersen, State Representative Ako Abdul Samad, Scott Conner (Acting Regional Director, HHS Region 7), Nancy Rios (HRSA Regional Administrator), Lacey Boven (ACF Regional Administrator), Joyce Webb (Polk County Senior Services), Joel Olah (Aging Resources of Central Iowa, Executive Director), Brad Anderson (AARP, Executive Director), Anthony Carroll (AARP), Linda Miller (Iowa Department of Aging, Director), David Swinton (Constituent – Representative Axne's District), and Carol Whitmore (Constituent – Representative Axne's District)

Staff: Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Ben Scott (Advance Representative), and Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary)

4:15pm ET

DEPART SITE EN ROUTE TO DSM

3:15pm CT

4:30pm – 4:45pm ET

BI-WEEKLY CALL WITH JEFF ZIENTS

3:30pm – 3:45pm CT

Location: Call

Participants: Jeff Zients (Coordinator and Assistant to the President, The White House COVID-19 Response)

5:25pm – 10:15pm ET

WHEELS UP DSM TO MSY (New Orleans, LA)

4:25pm – 9:15pm CT

Note: Direct flight

10:30pm ET

APPROX. DEPART MSY TO RON

9:30pm CT

Location: Hampton Inn. New Orleans St.

3626 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70115

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Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Miguel Cardona, Secretary Tom Vilsack, Secretary Janet Yellen, Secretary Gina Raimondo, Secretary Marty Walsh, Secretary Marcia Fudge, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Brian Deese (Director of the National Economic Council), Susan Rice (Director of the Domestic Policy Council), Evan Ryan (White House Cabinet Secretary), Louisa Terrell (White House Director of Legislative Affairs), Kate Bedingfield (White House Communications Director), Kate Berner (White House Deputy Communications Director), Pili Tobar (White House Deputy Communications Director), Cecilia Rouse (Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers), Cedric Richmond (Director, White House Office of Public Engagement), Zach Butterworth (Director of Private Sector), Julie Rodriguez (Deputy Director, Office of Public Engagement), and Emmy Ruiz (Director, White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach)

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

10:00am – 10:30am ET**PREPARATION FOR LOUISIANA VISITS****9:00am – 9:30am CT**

Location: Conference call

Participants: Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Kathryn Alvarez (Senior Advisor, ASPR), Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler), Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary), Kristen Allen (Press Secretary), Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Leslie Zenko

(Senior Advisor and Congressional Liaison, ASL), and Molly Doris-Pierce (Special Assistant, IEA)

10:30am ET

DEPART RON EN ROUTE TO THE CHILDREN'S

9:30am CT

HOSPITAL NEW ORLEANS

Location: Children's Hospital New Orleans LCMC Health

200 Henry Clay Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118

10:45am – 12:15pm ET

MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL DISASTER MEDICAL

9:45am – 11:15am CT

SYSTEM (NDMS) TEAM AND THE CHILDREN'S

HOSPITAL TOUR

Location: 200 Henry Clay Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118

Participants: Governor John Bel Edwards, Congressman Troy Carter, Dr. Courtney Phillips (Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health), Dr. Joseph Kanter (State Health Officer and Medical Director), Gregory Feirn (Chief Executive Officer, LCMC Health), John Nickens IV (Chief Executive Officer, Children's Hospital New Orleans), Dr. Leron Finger (Chief Quality Officer), Darrell Eberly (ASPR Regional Emergency Coordinator Region 6), Andrew Swartzell (RN, NDMS Team Leader, ASPR), Kathryn Alvarez (Senior Advisor, ASPR), National Disaster Medical Assistance Team Members, and Julia Lothrop (Acting Regional Director, IEA),

Staff: Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler), and Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary)

12:15pm ET

DEPART SITE EN ROUTE TO LUNCH

11:15am CT

1:30pm ET

DEPART LUNCH EN ROUTE TO DILLARD UNIVERSITY

12:30pm CT

Location: Dillard University, Student Union/Health and Wellness Center

2601 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70122

1:45pm – 3:15pm ET

12:45pm – 2:15pm CT

ROUNDTABLE ON VACCINE CONFIDENCE

Location: 2601 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70122

Participants: Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough (President, Dillard University), Dr. Reynold Verret (President, Xavier University of Louisiana), Nick Harris, (Director of Community and Church Relations, Dillard University), Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham (Executive and Medical Director, Metropolitan Health Services District), Rafael E. Saddy, (Cultural Diversity Coordinator, Office of the Mayor, City of Kenner), Laverne Toombs, (Chairman/Executive Director, New Orleans Black Chamber of Commerce), Mayra E. Pineda (President and CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana), Judy Reese Morse (President and CEO, Urban League of Louisiana), Dr. Marc Barnes (Vice President, Institutional Advancement, Dillard University), Dr. Mike Griffin (President/CEO, DePaul Community Health Centers), Dr. Cory Hebert (Chief Medical Editor, Black News Channel, Chief Med Editor, WDSU NBC-TV, Chief Medical Officer, Dillard University), Pastor Patricia Watson (Executive Director, Family Hope Center), Dr. Meg Vitter (Vice President of Population Health), Dr. John Heaton (Chief Medical Officer for LCMC), Reverend Dr. Joe Connelly (Pastor, Bethany United Methodist Church), Reverend Antoine M. Barrier (Pastor, Household of Faith Church), Dr. Jennifer Avegno (Director, New Orleans Health Department), Torrie T. Harris (Health and Equity Strategist, New Orleans Health Department), Dr. Daniel Sarpong (Director, Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education, Xavier University of Louisiana), Catherine Haywood (Executive Director, Louisiana Association of Community Health Outreach Network), Mariana Montero (Executive Director, Golden Change), and Dulymus “Deuce” McAllister (Retired NFL Player, Super Bowl Champion, New Orleans Saints)

Staff: Dawn O’Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler), and Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary)

3:15pm ET

DEPART DILLARD UNIVERSITY TO DEPAUL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

2:15pm CT

Location: 5630 Read Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127

3:15pm – 3:45pm ET	DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM
2:15pm – 2:45pm CT	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)
3:45pm – 4:30pm ET	DEPAUL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER VISIT
2:45pm – 3:30pm CT	Location: 5630 Read Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
	Participants: Congressman Troy Carter, Louisiana State Senator Joe Bouie, Dr. Mike Griffin (President and CEO, DePaul Community Health Centers), Brian Burton (CEO Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, Navigator), Gerrellda Davis (Executive Director, Louisiana Primary Care Association), NaKeisha Cleveland (Deputy Director, Louisiana Primary Care Association), Ronnie Burns (Chair, New Orleans East Hospital), and Dr. Takisha Davis (CEO, New Orleans East Hospital)
	Staff: Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Sean Higgins (Press Secretary), Billy Czerwinski (Scheduler), and Alia Schechter (Special Assistant to the Secretary)
4:45pm – 5:15pm ET	DAILY UC CORE MEETING
3:45pm – 4:15pm CT	Location: Zoom
	Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

6:10pm – 8:45pm ET

WHEELS UP MSY TO BWI

5:10pm – 7:45pm CT

Note: No layover

9:15pm ET

APPROX. DEPART BWI EN ROUTE TO HOME

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**Secretary Xavier Becerra – Daily Schedule****Monday, August 30th, 2021****9:00am – 9:30am ET****MEDICARE COVID-19 VACCINE BRIEFING**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Friedman (Counselor to the Secretary), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs [IEA]), Hannah Kim (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), AJ Pearlman (Chief of Staff, COVID Response), Barbara McGarey (Deputy General Counsel), Janice Hoffman (Associate General Counsel), Jonathan Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [CMS]), Erin Richardson (Chief of Staff, CMS), Lee Fleisher (Supervisory Physician, CMS), and Adam Richards (CMS)

9:35am – 10:00am ET**JOINT AFP/BBB/BID CABINET MEMBER CALL**

Location: Zoom

Participants: Secretary Miguel Cardona, Secretary Tom Vilsack, Secretary Janet Yellen, Secretary Gina Raimondo, Secretary Marty Walsh, Secretary Marcia Fudge, Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Brian Deese (Director of the National Economic Council), Susan Rice (Director of the Domestic Policy Council), Evan Ryan (White House Cabinet Secretary), Louisa Terrell (White House Director of Legislative Affairs), Kate Bedingfield (White House Communications Director), Kate Berner (White House Deputy Communications Director), Pili Tobar (White House Deputy Communications Director), Cecilia Rouse (Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers), Cedric Richmond (Director, White House Office of Public Engagement), Zach Butterworth (Director of Private

Sector), Julie Rodriguez (Deputy Director, Office of Public Engagement), and Emmy Ruiz (Director, White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach)

Staff: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

10:00am – 10:15am ET

PREPARATION FOR OASH OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH EQUITY PRESS CALL

Location: TBD

Participants: Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Arsenio Mataka (Senior Advisor for Health Equity and Climate, OASH), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Bill Hall (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs).

10:15am – 11:00am ET

OASH OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH EQUITY PRESS CALL

Location: HHS Auditorium

Participants: Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Press

11:00am – 11:45am ET

BRIEFING ON ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR ANTIBIOTICS

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Kimberly Espinosa (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Loyce Pace (Director, OGA), Lynn Filpi (Senior Global Health Officer, OGA), Natalie LaHood, (Senior Global Health Officer, OGA), Jon Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, CMS), Meena Seshamani (Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, CMS), Jason Bennett (Supervisory Health Insurance Specialist, CMS), Shari Ling (CMS), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Laina Bush (Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Science and Data Policy, ASPE), Sharon Arnold (Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Science and Data Policy, ASPE), Casey Sullivan (Social Science Analyst, ASPE), Allison Kolbe (Management and

Program Analyst, ASPE), Gary Disbrow (Acting Deputy Director, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority [BARDA], ASPR), Christopher Houchens (BARDA Health Scientist, ASPR), and Mark Albrecht (BARDA Health Scientist, ASPR)

11:45am – 12:30pm ET BREAK

12:30pm – 1:00pm ET PREPARATION FOR PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE ON OVERDOSE

Location: Zoom

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Rachel Pryor (Counselor to the Secretary), Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon (Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use), Rebecca Haffajee (Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation), Tom Coderre (Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use), and Alicia Swenson-O'Brien (Public Health Analyst, SAMHSA)

1:00pm – 1:30pm ET BREAK

1:30pm – 2:00pm ET WEEKLY COVID-19 SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary [*Invited*]), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff) Steve Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Dr. Anthony Fauci (NIAID Director and Chief Medical Officer), Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC Director), Dr. Janet Woodcock (Acting FDA Commissioner), Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith (Chair of the Equity Task Force), Dr. Rachel Levine (Assistant Secretary for Health), Dr. Vivek Murthy (U.S. Surgeon General), Dawn O'Connell (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Tom Inglesby (Senior Advisor, COVID Response), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Ian Sams (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, COVID)

2:00pm – 2:30pm ET DAILY CHECK-IN WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ANDREA PALM

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff)

2:30pm – 3:00pm ET TOBACCO BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Stephen Cha (Counselor to the Secretary), Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Karuna Seshasai (Executive Secretary), Dr. Janet Woodcock (Acting Commissioner, FDA), Lisa Barclay (Deputy General Counsel), Julie Tierney (Acting Chief of Staff, FDA), Bret Koplow (Senior Counselor to the Commissioner, FDA), Andi Fristedt (Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs, FDA), Mitch Zeller (Director at the Center for Tobacco Products, FDA), Michele Mital (Deputy Director at Center for Tobacco Products), Elizabeth Dickinson (Senior Deputy Associate General Counsel, FDA), David Mednick (Deputy Associate General Counsel, FDA), and Perham Gorji (Deputy Associate General Counsel)

3:00pm – 3:30pm ET BREAK

3:30pm – 4:30pm ET PREPARATION FOR HHS TOWNHALL

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Anne Reid (Deputy Chief of Staff), Cheryl Campbell (Assistant Secretary for Administration [ASA]), Julie Murphy (Senior Advisor to the ASA), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Carol Maloney (Executive Officer, ASPA)

4:30pm – 5:00pm ET VACCINE SURCHARGES BRIEFING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm, Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (CMS Administrator),

Melanie Fontes Rainer (Counselor to the Secretary), AJ Pearlman (Chief of Staff, COVID Response), Jon Blum (Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, CMS), Jeff Wu (Acting Deputy Administrator CCIIO, CMS), Rogelyn McLean (Health Insurance Specialist, CMS), and Jacob Ackerman (Senior Advisor, CMS)

5:00pm – 5:30pm ET

DAILY UC CORE MEETING

Location: Zoom

Participants: Andrea Palm (Deputy Secretary), Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Josie Villanueva Prescott (Counselor to the Secretary), John Monahan (Counselor to the Secretary [Immigration]), Clare Pierce-Wrobel (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrés Argüello (Policy Advisor), Jeff Hild (Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Paul Rodriguez (Deputy General Counsel), Cindy Huang (Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF), Jonathan Warsh (Senior Policy Advisor), Kate Wolff (Senior Advisor, ACF), Jose Garibay-Medrano (Special Assistant, ACF), Sarah Lovenheim (Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), Jorge Silva (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs), and Norris Cochran (Acting Assistant Secretary, ASFR)

5:30pm – 5:45pm ET

BREAK

5:45pm – 6:15pm ET

PREPARATION FOR STAC MEETING

Location: Conference line

Participants: Sean McCluskie (Chief of Staff), Steven Lopez (Counselor to the Secretary), Marvin Figueroa (Director, IEA), Stacey Ecoffey (Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs), and Devin Delrow (Associate Director for Tribal Affairs)

6:15pm – 7:30pm ET

BREAK

7:30pm – 8:00pm ET

MEETING WITH JAPAN'S MINISTER OF HEALTH

Location: Zoom

Participants: Norihisa Tamura (Minister of Health), Masaaki Iuchi, (Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health), Masaru Hiraiwa (Deputy Assistant Minister for International Affairs), Yoshitaka Kitamura (Secretariat), Yoshitaka Kitamura (Secretariat), Saki Nakamura (Deputy Director, International Affairs Division), and Interpreter

Staff: Sarah Despres (Counselor to the Secretary), Stephanie Psaki (Senior Advisor, OGA), and Michelle O'Connell (Director of Asia and the Pacific, OGA)