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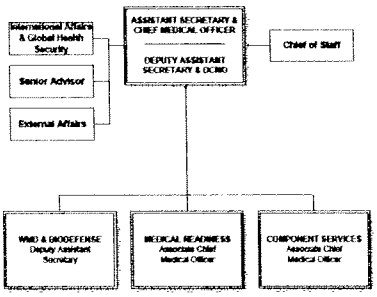

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- **Emergency Management and Medical Response Integration**
  - **Leads the development of collaborative enterprises at the regional, state, and local levels to promote community preparedness and resiliency and enhance the development of the National Biodefense Architecture**
- Contingency Planning
  - Leads and directs the framework to integrate and synchronize strategic planning and policy initiatives based on the National Planning Scenarios
- Grants Coordination
  - Leads interagency alignment of health preparedness grants
  - Identifies and addresses gaps in resources identified through the planning process

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- **Medical First Responder Coordination**
  - **Leads DHS role in addressing medical first responder requirements to prepare for and respond to catastrophic incidents**
  - **Serves as the principal DHS representative to the medical first responder community**
- **Incident Coordination**
  - **Lead health security operations for incident management supporting HSPD-5**
  - **Works with FEMA-NRCC to improve coordination of medical requirements and actions in support of ESF-8**
- Radiological/Nuclear Response Recovery Planning
  - Leads actions as defined by War Fighter Supplemental Bill
  - Answers long-term needs within DHS

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OHA Key Role: Component Services

Leads the Department's efforts in employee health and safety and provides medical oversight for health delivery throughout DHS

- **Protective and Operational Medical Services**
  - **Oversees all medical services provided by or on behalf of DHS**
  - **Supports components' actions and decision making for health or biological events**
- Occupational Health and Safety
  - Develops strategy, policy, requirements, and metrics for the medical aspects of a Department-wide occupational health and safety program
  - Ensures occupational medicine principles are incorporated into the traditional occupational safety, health, and wellness programs throughout DHS

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OHA Key Role: WMD and Biodefense

Leads the Department's biodefense activities in coordination with other Departments and agencies across the Federal government

- National Biosurveillance Integration Center (NBIC)
  - Integrates bio-monitoring activities of executive branch Departments to provide a biological common operating picture and facilitate earlier detection of adverse events and trends
- BioWatch
  - Provides a bio-aerosol environmental monitoring system to our Nation's largest cities for early detection of biological attacks
- Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary Defense
  - Leads the Department's veterinary and agro-defense activities covering animal and zoonotic diseases and agricultural security issues related to livestock, food, and water
- Threats and Countermeasures
  - Manages the Department's equities in Project BioShield

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OHA Key Role: International Affairs and Global Health Security

Oversees the Department's Global Health Security activities

- Serves as the subject matter expert on all aspects of Global Health Security, including Avian and Pandemic Influenza and other global health security threats (natural and intentional), international medical readiness, and all-hazards emergency public health planning
- Coordinates Departmental collaboration and sharing of global lessons learned with key multinational, multilateral, bilateral, academic and private sector Global Health Security related partners in the areas of biodefense and health preparedness

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