OHA Key Role: Medical Readiness

Leads and sustains a comprehensive, integrated, and collaborative framework that protects the health security of the Nation

- 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-NORAD to improve coordination of medical requirements and actions in support of ESF-8
- Radiological/Neurological Incident Response Recovery Planning
  - Leads actions as defined by the Secretary's Supplemental Bill
  - Assures long-term needs within DHS

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

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 biologically common operating picture and facilitate early detection of adverse events and trends
- BioShield
  - Provides a bio-armed environmental monitoring system to our Nation’s largest cities for early detection of biological attack
- 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

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