Key Areas of Interest for SHEA within the Executive Branch and their Relevant Functions
Areas of interest for SHEA – Executive Branch

The White House

Alex Azar
Department of Health and Human Services
Secretary

Robert Kadlec
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
Assistant Secretary

Norman Sharpless
Food & Drug Administration
Acting FDA Commissioner

Robert Redfield
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC Director

Seema Verma
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CMS Administrator

Gopal Khana
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AHRQ Director

Francis Collins
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
NIH Director

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Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

The FDA is an enforcement agency and regulates certain products, including drugs, biologics, medical devices, and others.

Ensures the safety, efficacy, and security of medical devices

Provides recommendations for medication dosage

Oversees the safety, efficacy, and security of medications and their regulation

As an enforcement agency, the FDA:
- Sends warning letters
- Seizes products
- Seeks injunctions
- Recommends criminal prosecution

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC works around the clock to protect public health, safety, and security.

- Conducts critical scientific research and provides public health information that protects our nation against expensive and dangerous health threats.
- Researches in the spread and epidemiology of infectious diseases.
- Provide avenues for public health data collection and exchange.
- Responds to public health crisis and outbreaks.
- Recommends and researches best practices for healthcare workers and everyday citizens.
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

CMS administers federal healthcare programs for qualified individuals and sets healthcare quality and portability standards

- Oversees the implementation of Medicare and Medicaid
- Determines coverage and conditions of participation
- Certifies entities to participate in programs
- Creates a fee schedule (fee maximums) used by Medicare to pay doctors or other providers/suppliers
- Implements quality initiatives to assure quality health care for Medicare Beneficiaries through accountability and public disclosure
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

AHRQ conducts research to ensure the best care is delivered throughout the US

- Research in determining best practices in the healthcare field
- Provides healthcare personnel training
- Data collection on changes and improvements in healthcare delivery
- The mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable
- Creation of quality indicators for prevention, patient, and pediatric settings
National Institutes of Health (NIH)

NIH is the nation’s medical research agency making important discoveries that improve health and save lives

- Invests nearly $40 billion in medical research, treatment, and cures
- Develops, maintains, and renews scientific human and physical resources that will ensure the Nation's capability to prevent disease
- Researches the causes, diagnosis, prevention, and cure of human diseases
- Invests in new drug research
- Supports programs for the collection, dissemination, and exchange of information in medicine and health
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

ASPR’s mission is to save lives and protect Americans from 21st century health security threats

- Leads the nation’s medical and public health preparedness for, response to, and recovery from public health emergencies
- Collaborates with many entities to improve readiness and response capabilities
- Enhances disease situational awareness domestically and abroad, including detection, identification, and investigation
- Strengthens disease containment, including capabilities for isolation, quarantine, social distancing, and decontamination
- Leads policy formulation by coordinating policy initiatives and providing strategic direction on matters related to public health, medical preparedness, response