

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

## Areas of interest for SHEA – Executive Branch

The White House



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**Department of Health and  
Human Services**  
Secretary



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**Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Preparedness and Response**  
Assistant Secretary



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**Food & Drug  
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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

# 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

# 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**



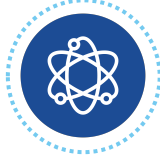
**Creation of quality indicators for prevention, patient, and pediatric settings**

# 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**