



**Houston Department of  
Health and Human Services**

**WHOLE COMMUNITY – PANDEMIC – ALL HAZARDS  
PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT**

## **The Day's Agenda**

**Emcee – Cynthia Cisneros, Vice President, Community Affairs, KTRK-TV Ch. 13**

### **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
Lobby and Grand Ballroom

### **General Morning Session**

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Grand Ballroom

**Stephen Williams, Director, Houston Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Raouf Arafat, MD, MPH, Assistant Director, Office of Surveillance and Public Health Preparedness**  
Opening Remarks

**Col. Theodore Cieslak, Chief Consultant to the Army Surgeon General and Chief, Clinical Services  
Division, U.S. Army**  
Topic: Bioterrorism in Today's World

**David E. Persse, MD**  
**Director, City of Houston Emergency Medical Services and Houston's Public Health Authority**  
Topic: News and Updates about Pandemic Influenza

### **Preparedness Panel**

Col. Ted Cieslak, Chief Consultant to the Army Surgeon General and Chief, Clinical Services Division,  
U.S. Army  
Suzanne Bernham, Department of State Health Services  
Sharon Nalls, Assistant Director, City of Houston Emergency Management Coordinator  
David E. Persse, MD, Houston's Public Health Authority  
Raouf Arafat, MD, MPH, Assistant Director, Houston Department of Health and Human Services

### **Questions and Answers**



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**Breakout Sessions**

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
San Jacinto Rooms 1 – 4

**Surviving and Providing for Those You Serve during an Emergency**

San Jacinto 1

**Rev. Phillip Cato**

Bioethicist; Pandemic and Disaster Planner

**Vaccines for Diseases of Poverty in Texas**

San Jacinto 2

**Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, FASTMH, FAAP**

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine

Professor, Pediatrics and Molecular and Virology and Microbiology

Head, Section of Pediatric Tropical Medicine

Baylor College of Medicine

*Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics*

*Director, Sabin Vaccine Institute Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development*

**How Social Media Impacts Disaster Response – Panel Session**

San Jacinto 3

- Michael Walter, MP/SA, Public Information Officer, Office of Emergency Management, City of Houston
- Francisco Sanchez, Harris County Homeland Security, Emergency Management
- Melanie Manville, Public Health Information Specialist, Fort Bend County Health and Human Services
- Charles X White, CEO, Charity Productions

**The Active Shooter: Identification, Prevention, Response, Recovery – Panel Session**

San Jacinto 4

- Richard Retz, Sr. Police Officer, Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, City of Houston
- Rebecca Hamlin PhD, Forensic Clinical Psychologist
- Courtney Fontenot, Coordinator, Victim Services Unit, Criminal Investigations Command, Houston Police Department
- Lisa Garmezy, PhD, Staff Psychologist, Houston Police Department, Psychological Services



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**Lunch**

Sam Houston Ballroom 2  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Viewing of Excerpts from Film, *Contagion***

**Luncheon Keynote Speaker**

**Laurie Garrett**



Laurie Garrett is one of America's leading commentators on global health issues. She is the only person to win the three P's of journalism: The Pulitzer Prize, the Peabody Award and the Polk Award.

She is a Senior Fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations, and is the bestselling author of *The Coming Plague* and *Betrayal of Trust*. She has written for *Foreign Affairs*, *Esquire*, and *The Washington Post*, and appears frequently on television shows, such as *Nightline*, *Charlie Rose* and *Oprah*.

Garrett also served as a script consultant to *Contagion*, the film directed by Steven Soderbergh and starring Matt Damon. Garrett is a former president and now a member of the National Association of Science Writers, and has been awarded three honorary PhDs. Garrett's long-awaited third book, now in stores, is called *I HEARD THE SIRENS SCREAM: How Americans Responded to the 9/11 and Anthrax Attacks*.

***Contagion***

In Steven Soderbergh's movie, *Contagion*, Beth Emhoff dies from a flu or some other type of infection soon after her return from a business trip to Hong Kong. Her young son dies later the same day. Her husband Mitch, however, seems immune. Thus begins the spread of a deadly infection. For doctors and administrators at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, several days pass before anyone realizes the extent or gravity of this new infection. They must first identify the type of virus in question and then find a means of combating it, a process that will likely take several months. As the contagion spreads to millions of people worldwide, societal order begins to break down as people panic. Experts have claimed that the likelihood of such a scenario happening is not a question of "if," but "when."



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**Second Breakout Session Series**

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
San Jacinto Rooms 1 - 4

**General Afternoon Session**

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Grand Ballroom

**Breakout Session Wrap-up and Discussion**

**Community Leaders Discuss Disaster Preparedness**

**Moderators:**

**Richard Farias, President and CEO,**  
American Latino Center for Research, Education and Justice  
**Theola Petteway, Executive Director**  
OST/Alameda Corridors Redevelopment Authority

**Panel:**

**Bolivar M. Fraga**  
Community Developer, Ripley House Neighborhood Center  
**Lex M. Frieden, M.A., LL.D. (honorary)**  
Professor, UT Houston; ILRU Director, TIRR Memorial Hermann  
**Captain Khallid Greene**  
Department of Inner-City Emergency Response  
**Jean Kegler,**  
Executive Director, ECHOS  
**Ben Mendez**  
President, Texas Assoc. of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce  
Founder, National Hispanic Professional Organization  
**Vu Thanh Thuy**  
Co-founder, Saigon Radio; Co-founder, Boat People SOS

**Program Wrap-up and Closing Remarks**  
**Dr. Raouf Arafat**

**Participants complete surveys**  
**Raffle is held**  
**Gift bags are distributed**