



Association for the  
Advancement of  
Blood & Biotherapies

# **AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism**

## **National Whole Blood Summit**

July 15, 2025

# Background: AABB

**AABB** (Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies) is an international, not-for-profit Association representing individuals and institutions involved in the fields of transfusion medicine and biotherapies. The Association is committed to improving health through the development and delivery of standards, accreditation and educational programs that focus on optimizing patient and donor care and safety.

## AABB's Mission

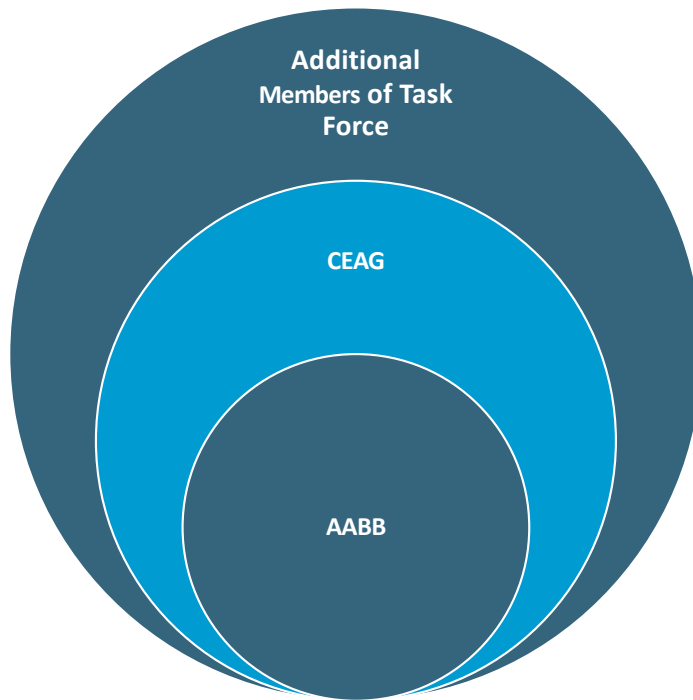
Improving lives by making transfusion medicine and biotherapies safe, available, and effective worldwide.



# Background: AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism (Disaster Task Force)

- Established in January 2002
- Purpose:
  - 1) Ensure that blood collection efforts resulting from domestic disasters and acts of terrorism are managed properly
  - 2) Deliver clear and consistent messages to the public regarding the status of America's blood supply
  - 3) Identify infrastructure challenges and coordinate transport of blood

# Composition of Task Force



- **AABB: Designated coordinating body for Task Force**
- **Critical Event Assessment Group (CEAG):**
  - America's Blood Centers
  - American Red Cross
  - Blood Centers of America
  - Liaison: Armed Services Blood Program
  - Liaison: HHS Office of Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)
- **Additional Members of Task Force:**
  - American Hospital Association
  - College of American Pathologists
  - AdvaMed
  - National Marrow Donor Program
  - Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association
  - Liaison: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Liaison: Food and Drug Administration.

# Emergency Chain of Events

- **AABB** immediately convenes a meeting of the **CEAG** to assess impact.
- **Local blood centers:**
  - Estimate blood needs.
  - Assess local area for risk and local blood supply
  - Identify any infrastructure-related issues.
  - Plan for any facility closure.
  - Communicate that information to the **Task Force**.

# Emergency Chain of Events, cont.

- **CEAG** determines activation need, strategy and coordinates efforts:
  - Monitor emergency information for radiation dispersal areas and evacuations.
  - Identify priorities and determine next steps.
  - Assist with transporting and coordinating needed blood products and supplies to the affected area.
  - Construct message to the blood community and donors.
  - Coordinate broad public message in conjunction with **HHS**.
- **AABB** communicates **CEAG** recommendations to other members of the **Task Force** and remains in an activated status until there are no unmet needs or current needs can be resolved through regular channels.

