

Executive Steering Committee Elections 2026

Nominee Name: Jennifer Alton

Current Position/Title: President

BioMaP-Consortium Member Organization: Pathway Policy Group

ESC Seat Applying for: Voice of Membership (i.e., Member-At-Large)

Please describe how your background, training, and experience would support your ability to serve in a governance role on the Executive Steering Committee.

My professional experience spans the biotechnology industry, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including leadership roles supporting ASPR, BARDA, and HHS budget and legislative affairs offices. This combination of public- and private-sector experience has given me a well-rounded understanding of the scientific, policy, funding, and operational environments in which public-private partnerships operate.

Throughout my 25-year career in Washington, D.C., I have served as a trusted convener and public policy leader, bringing together stakeholders with diverse priorities to identify common ground and advance shared objectives. These experiences have strengthened my ability to listen to stakeholder concerns, facilitate constructive dialogue, and build consensus among government, industry, and nonprofit partners. These skills will enable me to serve as a liaison between consortium members, ATI, and U.S. government stakeholders.

As the founder and president of a small business, I also understand the practical realities of organizational governance, strategic planning, financial stewardship, and managing personnel. This experience provides an appreciation for the operational challenges faced by organizations of different sizes and enables me to represent member perspectives with both strategic and practical insight.

Finally, my longstanding relationships across the health security, biotechnology, and federal policy communities provide an extensive professional network that can foster collaboration and support BioMaP's mission. I believe this combination of experience, leadership, and collaborative approach would enable me to make meaningful contributions as a member of the Executive Steering Committee.

Please describe the relevant experience, expertise, and perspective you would bring to the ESC seat you selected.

Jenn Alton is a recognized leader in policy design and public health advocacy, bringing more than two decades of experience across senior corporate and federal government roles. She is widely respected in the federal government and across the biomedical community for her strategic insight, commitment to ethical leadership, and deep subject-matter expertise. She is currently President of Pathway Policy Group, boutique public policy, strategic advisory and advocacy firm in Washington, DC. Jenn also serves as a member of the CSIS Bipartisan Alliance for Global Health Security.

Jenn previously served on Capitol Hill as Public Health Policy Director on the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee for Senator Richard Burr. She led the development and negotiation of major public health legislation, including the bipartisan Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, which strengthened the nation's health security posture and created two cornerstone offices at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

In the biotechnology sector, Jenn led the establishment of the U.S. government affairs office for a multinational company developing vaccines for infectious diseases and cancer immunotherapies. As Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, she oversaw federal policy strategy, political advocacy, public affairs, alliance development, and trade association engagement for eight years.

Her federal government experience also includes serving at HHS as a senior advisor to the former Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. As a Presidential Management Fellow at HHS, she focused on budget formulation and legislative affairs, earning the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. Jenn earned her Master of Public Policy degree from the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.