



**Summary Minutes of the
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Advisory Committee on Animal Health
Public Conference
January 20 – 21, 2011**

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Mr. Charles R. Rogers, Dr. Philip A. Stayer, Mr. Gilles Stockton,
Mr. Brian Thomas, Dr. Elizabeth Wagstrom, Dr. Cindy Wolf

Date and Time January 20 – 21, 2011

Location U.S. Department of Agriculture
Jamie L. Whitten Building
Jefferson Drive, Room 104-A and 107-A
Washington, DC 20250

Purpose Presentations and discussions on Traceability: Framework (Dr. John Clifford and Mr. Neil Hammerschmidt); Laboratory Preparedness (NAHLN) (Drs. Elizabeth Lautner and Barbara Martin); Aquaculture (Dr. Jill Rolland); Veterinary Services 2015 Strategic Overview (Dr. Roxanne Mullaney); One Health (Dr. Thomas Gomez); Comprehensive Surveillance System (Dr. Larry Granger); Emergency Preparedness and Response (Dr. José Diez)

USDA John Ferrell (Deputy Under Secretary USDA); Gregory Parham (Associate Administrator APHIS); John Clifford (Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services); Thomas J. Myers (Chief Policy Officer, Associate Deputy Administrator) Michael Doerrer (DFO); R. Jeanese Cabrera (Deputy DFO); Kim Ogle (Facilitator I); Janette Grimes (Facilitator II)

Public Presenter(s) Lloret Machado, Rural Coalition (brief presentation on behalf of small Hispanic, Native American and African American producers/farmers/ranchers)

Day 1 Meeting Summary (January 20, 2010)

The discussion followed the issues and general timing as presented in the meeting agenda (Attachment A).

Opening of Public Meeting

Michael Doerr, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health (Committee) opened the meeting. Mr. Doerr announced that Dr. Donald Hoenig and Ms. Judith McGeary would be Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively.

Ms. Kim Ogle, facilitator, began with introductions of all Committee members and others present. VS Deputy Administrator Dr. John Clifford offered opening remarks, followed by USDA Deputy Under Secretary John Ferrell and APHIS Associate Administrator Gregory Parham. Ms. Ogle reviewed the agenda and schedule for both days.

Dr. Clifford began his presentation on animal disease and reviewed the specifics of the proposed rule and the new regulatory framework for the rule. Mr. Hammerschmidt, staff officer and member of the VS Traceability team, followed with a presentation which reviewed the past year's efforts at gaining feedback on the plan with industry and other stakeholders. The interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI) criteria document was reviewed as were the performance measures by which the States would be assessed. There was confirmation that current international requirements for movement would remain the same. The challenges of the official identification requirement to be phased in and exemptions were covered at length.

The Committee heard from Dr. Elizabeth Lautner, Director National Veterinary Services Laboratory and Dr. Barbara Martin, National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) Coordinator, on laboratory preparedness and the NAHLN Coordinating Council.

Both presentations yielded a significant amount of dialogue during the question and answer period. The Agency is seeking additional input from the Committee who will reach out to their constituencies for feedback on the animal disease framework before the proposed rule is published in April. The Committee planned an administrative meeting for the following week to plan the outreach efforts and visit Committee management to discuss administrative details.

Day 2 Meeting Summary (January 21, 2010)

The meeting was called to order by DFO, Mr. Michael Doerr. Ms. Kim Ogle, the Facilitator, reviewed the agenda for the day and invited the Chairs to speak. Dr. Hoenig, Committee Chair, offered that the Committee should expect to advance recommendations on Traceability and described his experiences with the last Committee on which he served. Ms. Janette Grimes, a second Facilitator, reviewed the notes from the prior day's meeting.

The first presentation was given by Dr. Jill Rolland, Director, VS Aquaculture Swine Equine & Poultry, on aquaculture, which is the farming of aquatic animals and plants. Much of the presentation centered on the National Aquatic Animal Health Plan (NAAHP) and the National Aquatic Diagnostic Laboratory Network (NADLN). The NADLN is a system designed to meet international requirements for purposes of trade. The NAAHP will spell out the steps required to implement this laboratory network and prioritize programs for certain pathogens. Dr. Rolland announced that the Agency would be forming an aquatic animal health subcommittee which would be initially tasked with moving the NAAHP forward.

The second presentation was given by Dr. Roxanne Mullaney, VS 2015 Coordinator, describing Veterinary Services' (VS) strategic and operational planning efforts. VS 2015 is a strategic transformation and describes how VS will meet the challenges of the 21st century as a leader in animal health.

Several Committee members raised the question of whether matters of USDA and VS budget could be an ad hoc topic of discussion. The DFO explained that all agendas are noticed in advance of each meeting and the Agency is not at liberty to add topics to the agenda. The DFO offered that it would be useful for the Committee to have additional data and information about the fiscal projections before deliberating the matter for the next public meeting. The Committee concurred and agreed that additional topics might also be considered for future meetings.

Dr. Thomas Gómez, USDA, APHIS, VS Liaison to Center for Disease Control, gave the next presentation on the One Health initiative where animal health, public health, and environmental health intersect. The topic provided an appropriate segue to the next presentation on the past, present, and future of the Comprehensive Integrated National Animal Health Surveillance System. Dr. Larry Granger, Director for the Center of Epidemiology and Animal Health gave the presentation in place of Dr. Aaron Scott, Center Director, National Surveillance Unit. Dr. Granger presented a historical perspective on surveillance planning and its correlation with safeguarding animal health.

The final presentation was an overview on Emergency Response and Preparedness given by Dr. José Diez, VS Associate Deputy Administrator, Emergency Management and Diagnostics. Dr. Diez began with a description of several VS units and how they interrelate e.g., Center for Veterinary Biologics, NVSL, National Center for Animal Health and Emergency Management (NCAHEM), and the national veterinary stockpile. Dr. Diez's presentation covered a broad range of topics including managing mobilization and response, vaccination planning, national and regional exercises, emerging technologies (euthanasia), and disposal.

An administrative call was tentatively scheduled for the following Thursday to be confirmed through email communications.

DFO adjourned meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

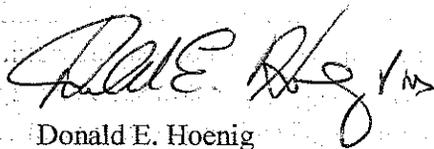
Respectfully submitted:

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Michael Doerrer

Designated Federal Officer

I hereby certify these summary minutes of the January 20 – 21, 2011 Advisory Committee on Animal Health meeting are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Donald E. Hoenic
Chairperson

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**Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health
 January 20 – 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 104-A, Washington. D.C.**

(Day 1)

Topics	Presenters	Times
Call to order & introductions	DFO Michael Doerrer Facilitator	9:00 a.m.
Welcome and remarks (expectations)	Dr. John Clifford & other USDA officials	9:30 a.m.
Animal Disease Traceability: What it is and why it's important	Dr. John Clifford	9:45 a.m.
Break		10:15 a.m.
Animal Disease Traceability: Specifics of the proposed rule and new framework	Mr. Neil Hammerschmidt	10:45 a.m.
Lunch (Lincoln Dining Room)		12:15 p.m.
Animal Disease Traceability: Open discussion—Determination of how the Committee will proceed with its work on traceability (with Q&A)	Facilitated Discussion	1:45 p.m.
Break		2:45 p.m.
Laboratory Preparedness & National Animal Health Laboratory Network Coordinating Council Update (with Q&A)	Dr. Barbara Martin Dr. Elizabeth Lautner	3:00 p.m.
Public comments/questions for Committee	Public contributors	4:00 p.m.
Wrap-Up	Facilitator	4:45 p.m.
Adjourn	DFO	5:00 p.m.



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Call to order	DFO Michael Doerrer	9:00 a.m.
Recap of Day 1	Facilitator	9:15 a.m.
Aquaculture: National Aquatic Animal Health Plan & National Aquatic Animal Pathogen Testing Network (NAAPT) (with Q&A)	Dr. Jill Rolland	9:30 a.m.
Break		10:30 a.m.
VS 2015 & Beyond: Description of Veterinary Services' strategic and operational planning efforts	Dr. Roxanne Mullaney	10:45 a.m.
Lunch (Lincoln Dining Room)		11:45 a.m.
One Health (with Q&A): An overview of APHIS' activities at the intersection of animal health, public health, and environmental health	Dr. Thomas Gomez	1:15 p.m.
Comprehensive Integrated National Animal Health Surveillance System (CINAHSS): Past, Present, and Future	Dr. Aaron Scott	2:15 p.m.
Break		3:15 p.m.
Emergency Preparedness and Response: An Overview (with Q&A)	Dr. José Díez	3:30 p.m.
Public comments/questions for Committee	Public contributors	4:30 p.m.
Wrap-up	Facilitator	4:45 p.m.
Adjourn	DFO	5:00 p.m.