



**Summary Minutes of the
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health
Public Teleconference
July 22, 2011**

Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Maximiliano A. Fernandez• Dr. John R. Fischer (absent)• Dr. Andrew E. Goodwin• Ms. Vicki E. Hebb• Dr. Howard Hill• Dr. Donald Hoenig (late)• Mr. Morris Johnson• Mr. John C. Kalmey• Dr. Charles Massengill• Ms. Judith McGeary• Mr. David L. Meeker• Dr. Boyd H. Parr• Ms. S. Genell Pridgen• Dr. Willie Reed• Mr. Charles R. Rogers• Dr. Philip A. Stayer• Mr. Gilles Stockton• Mr. Brian Thomas• Dr. Elizabeth Wagstrom• Dr. Cindy Wolf
Date and Time	July 22, 2011, 12 noon to 5 p.m.
Location	Multisite teleconference. Accessed through public and Committee telephone numbers with separate passcodes.
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Aquatic Animal Health Subcommittee• Tuberculosis (TB): Disease status and the new TB/Brucellosis regulatory framework• Proposed rule on traceability for livestock moving interstate
USDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services (VS)• Mr. Michael Doerrer, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)• Ms. R. Jeanese Cabrera, Deputy DFO• Dr. Alecia Naugle, Program Manager Tuberculosis (NCAHP)• Dr. Darrel Styles, Emergency Preparedness & Incident (NCAHEM)• Dr. Elizabeth Lautner, Director (NVSL)• Dr. Barbara Martin, NAHLN Coordinator (NVSL)• Dr. Alan Huddleston, for Diane Sutton, Program Manager Scrapie (NCAHP)• Mr. John Picanso, Chief Information Officer (VS)• Dr. Aaron Scott, Director National Surveillance Unit (CEAH)• Mr. Rodney White, Director (NVS)
Public Presenter(s)	None. Public participation was limited to listen-only telephone access. All were invited to submit comments and questions to the Committee before the teleconference.

Opening of Public Teleconference

Mr. Michael Doerrer, the DFO for the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health (SACAH), called the meeting to order and invited Ms. Judith McGeary, Vice Chairperson, to make opening remarks in Dr. Donald Hoenig's absence (who had technical difficulties joining the call). Ms. Janet Grimes, Facilitator, completed the roll call, and Mr. Doerrer declared a quorum. Ms. Grimes reviewed the agenda and described briefly how the call would proceed.

Ms. Grimes introduced Dr. John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, who thanked the Committee for their continued support, commitment and service. Dr. Clifford reviewed the strategic roadmap for Veterinary Services working from the VS2015: A New Perspective document which describes the Program's core strengths and lays out VS' refocused vision and mission. Dr. Clifford continued with the five goals that will ensure VS' role as the nation's animal health leader and ended with a reaffirmation that stakeholders will play an integral part in helping VS address its priorities, particularly in those areas that affect stakeholders most.

Ms. McGeary led discussion regarding the Committee's next face-to-face meeting this fall and settled on the week of October 31, 2011. The Committee agreed that a final public teleconference call in September 2011 was in order with the Proposed Rule slated to be published soon. Mr. Doerrer suggested an administrative call prior to the next face-to-face meeting as well.

Ms. Grimes introduced Dr. Alecia Naugle who gave an update on the TB/Bruceellosis combined rule and discussed the working group's progress. A list of issues on which Dr. Naugle would like the Committee's input would be forwarded after the call. The topics included:

- Test and remove management plans for beef herds
- Options for marketing calves
- Quarantine feedlots
- Opportunities for producers to market or feed out intact heifers.

The Committee will canvass their respective stakeholders and report back during the next teleconference in September 2011.

Ms. Grimes introduced Dr. Darrel Styles who gave an update on emergency preparedness and response and vaccine challenges with regard to Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD). Dr. Styles reviewed FMD research undertaken at Plum Island by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the Department of Homeland Security's mitigation strategies. Dr. Styles also discussed a little about the North American FMD Vaccine Bank—a trilateral agreement among the United States, Canada, and Mexico and the primary considerations of a vaccination program: depopulate; vaccine to eradicate; vaccinate to slaughter; or vaccinate to live. Dr. Styles reported that absolute numbers on resources, quantified needs, genometrics, etc., are unavailable at this time. Dr. Styles also alluded to inadequacy of funding for research but committed to updating the Committee on projected need for quantities of vaccine at the next meeting.

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Dr. Hoenic introduced Drs. Elizabeth Lautner and Barbara Martin who gave an update on the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and described several projects currently underway. The Committee may consider advancing its support by a formal affirmation that the NAHLN is crucial and to advise the Secretary that continued funding is vital as far as animal health matters go.

Dr. Hoenic next introduced Dr. Alan Huddleston to give a brief update on the Scrapie program. Dr. Huddleston reviewed the statistics in the handout distributed beforehand to the Committee. Discussion followed regarding testing, the prevalence of the disease relative to the international community and the possibility of the United States being able to declare Scrapie-free status.

Dr. Hoenic introduced Mr. Rodney White, Director of the National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) who gave an overview of the NVS, which is the logistics arm for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) during animal disease outbreaks and natural disasters.

Last, Dr. Hoenic introduced Mr. John Picanso, Chief Information Officer, VS, who updated the Committee on the Core 1 project which uses software for Surveillance Collaboration Services (SCS) to build a generic disease database for animal health information management accessible by States, Tribes, and federal agencies. Once certified and accredited, software installation sites would house animal identification data, outbreak data, documents. The system also interfaces with portable devices.

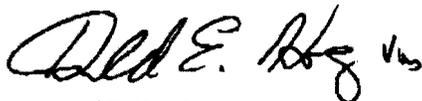
The Deputy DFO adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m. after revisiting logistics to prepare for the face-to-face meeting planned for the fall.

Respectfully submitted:



Michael Doerrer
Designated Federal Officer

I certify these summary minutes of the July 22, 2011, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health meeting are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Donald E. Hoenic
Chair

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