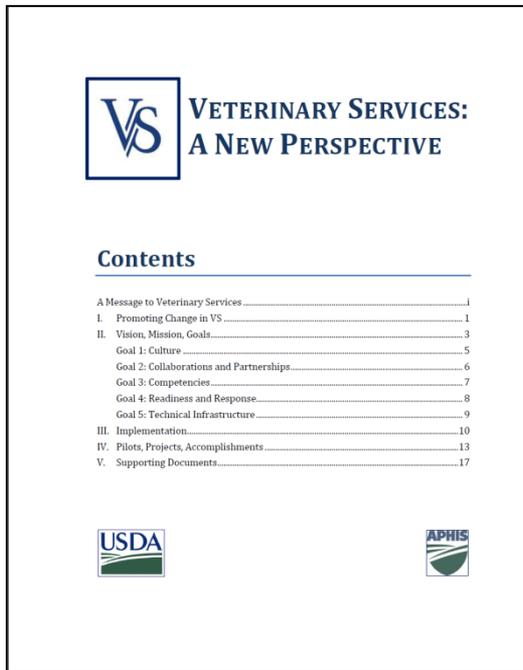


The Future of Veterinary Services



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VS Strategic Planning



VS described long-term goals as part of VS 2015, now “VS: Vision and Science.”

Forces Driving Change

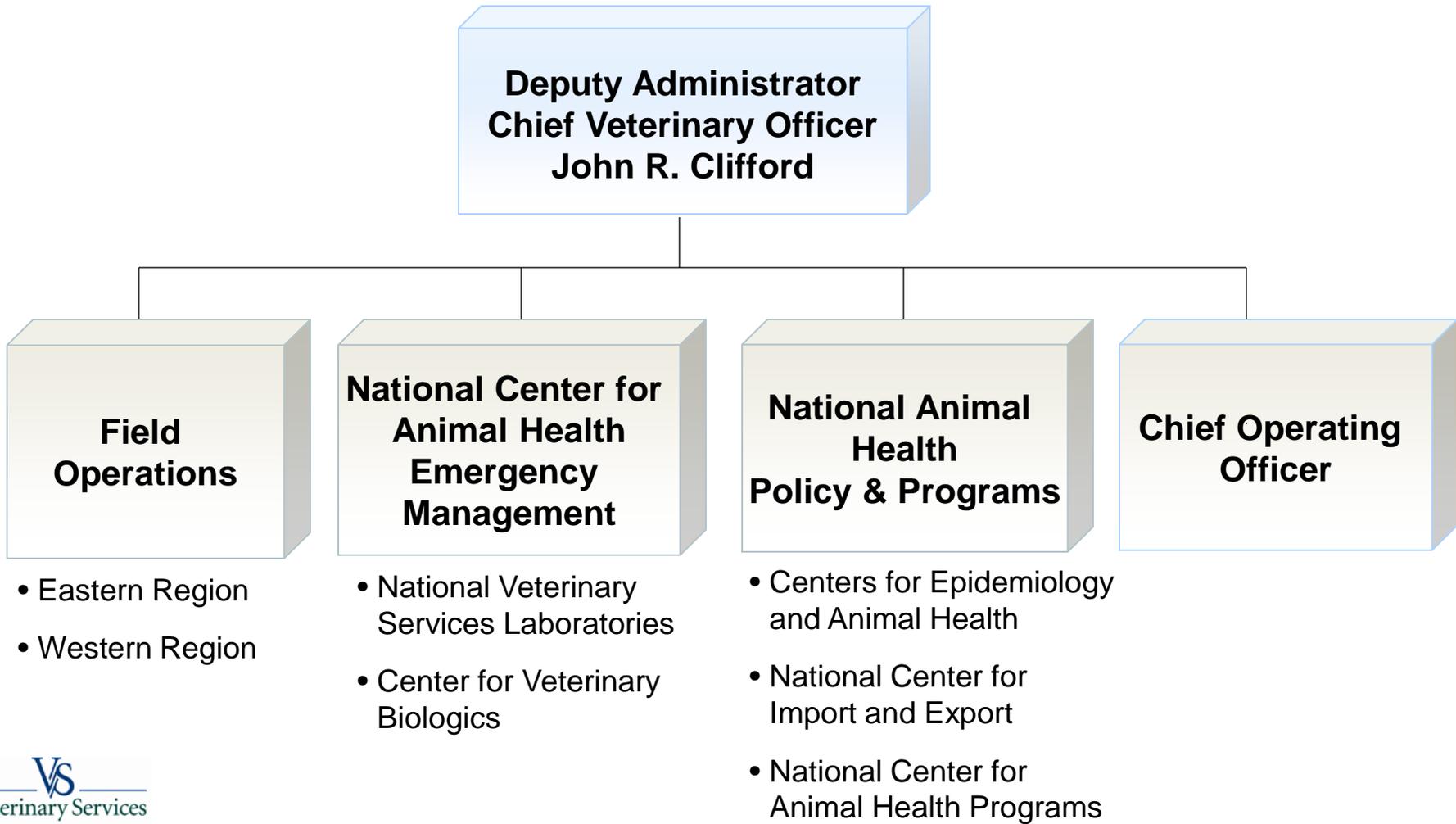
- Evolution of animal agriculture
- Expanding trade
- Global and emerging diseases



Forces Driving Change

- New technologies
- Emergencies, disasters, & agroterrorism
- Food safety concerns
- Flat or decreasing budgets

VS Current Structure



Meeting the Challenges

- Fewer line items: from 45 to 29
- VS budget:
 - 2012: \$321,000,000 (↓ 8.8%)
 - 2011: \$352,000,000 (↓ 7.7%)
- Staff reduced by 180
- Changes to cooperative agreements

VS Restructure

John Clifford, Deputy Administrator

Movement &
Marketability
(M&M)

Surveillance,
Preparedness
& Response
(SPR)

Science,
Technology &
Analysis
(STA)

Program
Support
Services
(PSS)

Benefits of Restructuring

- Consolidates like functions into 4 units
 - Enhances customer service
 - Leverages employee expertise
 - Provides for employee specialization
- Integrates policy and operations
 - Flattens and streamlines VS
 - Allows decisionmaking at lowest possible level

Regulatory Streamlining

- Moving details to program standards
- Examples completed or in progress
- Will maintain force of law
- Changed through notice and comment

How Agencies Seek Public Input

Secretary's Advisory Committee

- Officially recognized
- Can reach consensus
- Receive Federal support

Stakeholder groups

- Not officially recognized
- Cannot reach consensus
- Independently administered and financed

Status of GCC

- Unique membership: Elected, not appointed
- Charter renewed every two years
- Several aspects for approval: ethics, outreach, diversity, industry balance

Possibilities for GCC

- Continue as SAC
 - Option 1: Change membership process
 - Option 2: Operate under SACAH
- Do not continue as SAC
 - Option 1: Hold public meetings without voting
 - Option 2: Become an independent body
 - Option 3: Conduct negotiated rulemaking

Other ideas?

Questions or Comments?

