



**Summary Minutes of the  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health**

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<b>Date and Time</b>	May 2, 2016 11:00a.m. EST – 1:30p.m. EST	
<b>Location</b>	<i>Public Teleconference</i>	
<b>Purpose</b>	Consider, deliberate, and finalize recommendations on various animal health matters (topics 1 – 4) discussed during the February meeting and review 2015 Program responses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. One Health<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. USDA Antimicrobial Resistance Action Plan</li><li>b. Zoonotic Disease</li></ol></li><li>2. Chronic Wasting Disease</li><li>3. Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine</li><li>4. Scrapie Program</li><li>5. SACAH Review of Agency Response to Recommendations (2015)</li></ol>	
<b>USDA</b>	Dr. Joseph Anelli, Director One Health Coordination responded to specific follow-on and clarifying questions for One Health.	

**Teleconference Summary**

RJ Cabrera, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health (Committee) called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. EST. After a few brief administrative remarks and review of the logistics for the September meeting in Washington, DC, roll call followed. All members were present for the call.

Dr. Elizabeth Wagstrom presiding Chair, led with an overview of the purpose for the teleconference. Dr. Wagstrom then called for any final deliberations followed by motions to



accept recommendations for each of four topics from the February 2016 meeting in Dallas. Those topics were:

1. Foot and Mouth Disease (Vaccine Readiness)
2. Chronic Wasting Disease
3. Scrapie
4. One Health – Outreach Traditional and Nontraditional Stakeholders

The language of several of the recommendations was edited by the members to clarify the committee's intent. The recommendations were approved by the committee for submission.

Three other topics were discussed:

1. One Health U.S. Department of Agriculture Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Action Plan
2. One Health Zoonotic Diseases
3. Review Agency Response to SACAH Recommendations (April 2015)

Background and Questions for the Committee continued from the February Meeting:

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is recognized as one of the most serious threats to the health of animals and humans worldwide. Controlling the development and spread of AMR is a top national security and public health priority. The failure to fund the USDA AMR action plan severely limits resources for USDA to fully purchase the national plan. It is impossible for USDA to fulfill its responsibilities and meet National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria (CARB) objectives with existing resources. The importance of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) and AMR, but the lack of specific funding to USDA, raise the following questions that we would like the Committee to address:

1. What are SACAH's priorities for USDA/APHIS/VS involvement/action in GHSA and AMR ?
2. What are SACAH's suggestions for obtaining resources to implement USDA AMR Action Plan and GHSA Action Packages?
3. What regulatory or non-regulatory approaches to animal health monitoring for AMR should USDA consider? For monitoring responsible use of the VFD as part of veterinary accreditation?

Zoonotic Disease - the USDA Requests that the Committee:

1. Help identify zoonotic diseases of concern to each animal industry group for integration into the National List of Reportable Animal Diseases (NLRAD), surveillance, preparedness, and response planning.



2. Provide a list of zoonotic diseases recommended for inclusion in the NLRAD, surveillance, preparedness and response planning and a justification for including each.
3. Recommend a process for receiving input from various stakeholders, both traditional (such as animal industry groups) and nontraditional, to revise the NLRAD.

The committee deliberated on the draft responses from the February meeting on AMR and had further deliberations before approving final recommendations on AMR for submission.

The committee discussed Zoonotic Disease and agreed to continue the deliberations at the September meeting.

The committee also discussed past USDA responses to SACAH recommendations.

The committee concluded with a reminder about the planned June 2016 call on emerging animal diseases and comprehensive and integrated surveillance and that committee members would receive documentation from today's call.

For the specifics of these deliberations please refer to the transcript and recording of the call and the committee recommendations approved during the call. These are posted on the SACAH website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/sacah>

The meeting was adjourned by approximately 1:30 p.m. EST

Respectfully submitted:

**DIANE SUTTON**

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Diane Sutton  
Designated Federal Officer

I certify these summary minutes of the May 2, 2016, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health meeting are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Elizabeth Wagstrom  
SACAH Chair

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