



**Summary Minutes of the  
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health  
Public Conference  
June 18 – 19, 2014**

<b>Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stacey Evans (Day 1)</li><li>• John R. Fischer</li><li>• Wayne Freese</li><li>• Adam Hater (conference)</li><li>• Donald Hoenig</li><li>• Annette Jones (conference)</li><li>• Karen Jordan</li><li>• Mary Ann Kniebel</li><li>• Judity McGeary (conference)</li><li>• David Meeker</li><li>• Edmund Orok-Edem</li><li>• Boyd H. Parr</li><li>• Willie Reed</li><li>• G. Donald Ritter</li><li>• David Smith</li><li>• Gilles Stockton</li><li>• R. Scott Stuart</li><li>• Brian Thomas (absent)</li><li>• Elizabeth Wagstrom</li><li>• Dr. Cindy Wolf</li></ul>
<b>Date and Time</b>	June 18 – 19, 2014
<b>Location</b>	U.S. Access Board Conference Room 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20004 Public access and listen-only conference line
<b>Purpose</b>	Consider, deliberate and propose recommendations on various animal health matters. Topics included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Animal Disease Traceability for Livestock Moving Interstate</li><li>2. Emergency Management and Foot-and-Mouth Disease</li><li>3. Antimicrobial Resistance</li><li>4. Canadian FAD Zoning Initiative</li><li>5. Nonregulatory Approaches.</li></ol>
<b>USDA</b>	John R. Clifford, Deputy Administrator Veterinary Services Jack A. Shere, Associate Deputy Administrator Veterinary Services Thomas J. Myers, Associate Deputy Administrator Surveillance, Preparedness, and Response Service (SPRS) Mark L. Davidson, Associate Deputy Administrator National Import Expert Services (NIES) Elizabeth A. Lautner, Associate Deputy Administrator Science, Technology, and Analysis Services (STAS)

- USDA (*continued*)** Neil E. Hammerschmidt, APHIS Veterinary Services (SPRS)  
Jonathan T. Zack, APHIS Veterinary Services (SPRS)  
David A. Dargatz, APHIS Veterinary Services (STAS) (conference call)  
Alecia L. Naugle, APHIS Veterinary Services (SPRS)  
Bruce A. Wagner, APHIS Veterinary Services (STAS) (conference call)  
Kelly Rhodes, APHIS Veterinary Services (NIES)
- Guest Presenter(s)** James A. Roth, Iowa State University (Guest)  
William T. Flynn, Food and Drug Administration (Guest)

### **Day 1 Meeting Summary (June 18, 2014)**

RJ Cabrera, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health (Committee) called the meeting to order. Ms. Anne Dunigan was introduced as facilitator for the meeting. Committee members were asked to introduce themselves and talk about their representative groups and expectations on outcomes of the meeting. This also served as the official roll call (three members joined via conference line; one absent as noted above). Member introductions were followed by remarks from Donald Hoenig, the SACAH Chairperson. Jack Shere continued with welcome remarks on behalf of John Clifford, who joined later in the day. Drs. Myers, Davidson, and Lautner followed with remarks and talked about the new units (SPRS, STAS, NIER) since the APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) reorganization in fall of 2013.

Neil Hammerschmidt, of APHIS Veterinary Services SPRS, began with a presentation on the current status Animal Disease Traceability (ADT). At this time APHIS believes that tracing capabilities must be improved to not only address current concerns, but also to respond to new or foreign animal diseases in the future. APHIS VS posed the following questions to the Committee:

- Are there specific areas of the ADT (overall framework and regulations) that industry finds problematic that USDA could work to improve?
- Are there aspects of traceability that USDA should consider in the future for certain species?
- What aspects of our traceability system need to be evaluated to ensure U.S. meet the future demands of trading partners?

Jonathan T. Zack, also with SPRS, follows with a presentation on several aspects of Emergency Preparedness: Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Vaccine and Continuity of Business. The FMD vaccine subject was approached from the perspective that stamping-out is no longer a viable

option as an exclusive response strategy for anything beyond a very small, focal outbreak for many reasons—including public acceptance, depopulation capacities, and disposal capabilities and that vaccination is an important aspect of response. James Roth, of Iowa State University, also delivered a presentation that underscored the significance of moving towards a broader FMD response strategy. APHIS VS posed the following questions to the Committee:

- How should APHIS and its stakeholders modernize FMD vaccine capabilities?
- What should be the minimum quantities of vaccine available, and minimum time to delivery, to provide effective response?
- Can there be cost sharing or public private partnerships to modernize FMD vaccine capabilities?

Regarding the topic of continuity of business during an outbreak, Jon Zack emphasized how managed movement (i.e., quarantine and movement control) is essential to stopping the spread of any animal disease despite the likelihood that these activities would adversely impact typical business operations involving intrastate and interstate (and international) movement. APHIS VS, with industry and academia, have developed Secure Food Supply Plans—many of which offer specific guidance on permitting, but with no clear path to implementation or ensuring that these plans could be executed in a disease outbreak. On the topic, the following questions were explored by the Committee:

- How should these plans be evaluated before an outbreak?
- How should these plans be “accepted” or adopted by States before an outbreak?
- Should plans be implemented by Memorandums of Understanding between States? Through rulemaking? Or should other processes be used?

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. Members of the public were invited to comment; several signed up but were not present to do so.

### **Day 2 Meeting Summary (June 19, 2014)**

RJ Cabrera called the second day of the meeting of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Animal Health to order. Ms. Dunigan review the prior day’s meeting and the agenda for Day 2. Dr. Hoenig began the day’s proceedings with a discussion revisiting the FMD and vaccine discussion. Dr. Elizabeth A. Lautner, APHIS VS Associate Deputy Administrator for Science, Technology, and Analysis Services (STAS) was present and addressed questions and supplied clarifying information to the Committee on the subject.

The first presentation of the day was on Antimicrobial Resistance, presented by Drs. Dargatz, Naugle, and Wagner, APHIS Veterinary Services (STAS), joined by William T. Flynn, from the Food and Drug Administration who offered insight on Guidance 213 as it relates to animal health and antimicrobial resistance.

Dr. Kelly Rhodes, APHIS Veterinary Services (NIES), gave a presentation on the topic of United States—Canada Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Zoning Initiative and review of the framework which is the outcome of discussions between Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Canadian Food Inspection Service (CFIA) on zoning for control of FAD outbreaks in either country and the potential for trade to continue or resume quickly from disease-free zones. APHIS VS requests that the Committee:

1. Provide feedback on the strengths, weaknesses, value, and feasibility;
2. Identify potential issues or points of controversy among their constituent industries and advise on how to address;
3. Recommend actions USDA could take to promote acceptance and support among State and industry stakeholders; and
4. Recommend projects and priorities under the Framework for 2014-2015, focusing on tie-ins with existing venues and planned events.

And finally, Dr. Jack A. Shere, Associate Deputy Administrator, led a discussion with the Committee on nonregulatory approaches to managing the country's animal health mission.

The Committee discussed each topic and drafted recommendations on each topic (except nonregulatory approaches). Members were appointed to four workgroups which will work on finalizing the recommendations via the FoodSHIELD medium and ultimately submitted to the USDA Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



R. Jeanese Cabrera  
Designated Federal Officer

I certify these summary minutes of the June 18-19, 2014, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health meeting are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Donald E. Hoenig  
Chair

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