NAHLN Program Organization and Administration

Under the network structure illustrated below, two USDA agencies oversee and administer the NAHLN program. APHIS oversees the administration of the operational activities; the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) supports infrastructure and personnel enhancements at State and university laboratories through a cooperative agreement funding mechanism. Both agencies measure and report NAHLN activities to USDA, provide both capacity-building for laboratory infrastructure and personnel at State laboratories and participate in the Executive Committee.

NAHLN Programmatic Structure

APHIS Operational Structure

WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP
- NAHLN Laboratory technical experts
- NAHLN Program Office Staff
- NVSL Reference Laboratory Staff

COORDINATING COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
- APHIS-VS D & B ADA
- APHIS-VS NVSL Director
- APHIS-VS NAHLN Coordinator
- APHIS-VS NAHLN Associate Coordinators
- NIFA Animal Systems Director
- NIFA NPL, Veterinary Science
- NIFA NPL, Animal Biosecurity
- NAHLN Laboratory Directors (9)
- State Veterinarians (4)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
- APHIS-VS D & B ADA
- APHIS-VS NVSL Director
- APHIS-VS NAHLN Coordinator
- NIFA Animal Systems Director
- NIFA NPL, Animal Biosecurity

NAHLN Program Office Functions
- Manage APHIS funding for NAHLN activities in state labs
- Conduct QA audits
- Administer NAHLN laboratory membership
- Manage NAHLN Portal
- Coordinate and provide training to NAHLN labs for quality management systems, NAHLN Portal use and disease assays
- Provide standardized testing protocols to approved NAHLN labs
- Assist NAHLN laboratories with maintaining shipping permits

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