

## **NFAHW Council update – April 2017**

### **Teleconference April 13, 2017**

Working Groups updated the Council on recent activities

### **Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 (FAHW2020)**

The project being managed by Dr. Jeffrey Spooner to continue the development of a national report on activities which influence the strategic outcomes and priorities of FAHW2020 has received a good response from groups invited to participate. Those groups include national organizations that are supporters of the Council but not involved in the pilot study done in 2016; some provincial commodity organizations; and specialty veterinary groups with an interest in farmed animals. The project is to be completed in September with a report at Forum 2017.

### **Emerging Issues WG**

The Emerging Issues WG had to cancel a recently scheduled meeting due to last minute conflicts for several members of the working group. The meeting will be rescheduled and coordinated with participation of some involved in the LMIS study on slaughter capacity.

### **AMU/AMR WG**

The AMU/AMR WG presented a draft plan for proceeding with work in the farmed animal sector in relation to the pan-Canadian AMR Framework being presented to the WHO in May 2017. Much of the Council work will come in the development and implementation of the pan-Canadian AMR Action Plan which will build on the pan-Canadian AMR Framework. Council provided some input to the working group on the plan.

### **One Welfare WG**

The One Welfare WG has gathered considerable information on programs which address the mental health of producers. A workplan is evolving to work toward the development of a program and two pilot studies. A report on this important topic which was the focus of the International One Welfare Conference in September 2016 and introduced at Forum 2016 in the opening address will be presented at Forum 2017.

### **Transport of Cull Dairy Cows**

A project is being developed in British Columbia which will involve participation of auction markets to study the handling and movement of cull dairy cows.

## **Administrative**

Council will be a silver sponsor of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences 2017 Forum entitled “Strategies to Control the Antimicrobial Resistance Tsunami: Is Canada doing its part?” to be held in Ottawa on September 14, 2017. The agenda includes topics which recognize both the human and animal use of antimicrobials.

## **FPT Regulatory ADMs of Agriculture**

The Council reports regularly to the FPT Regulatory ADM of Agriculture Committee. Rob McNabb attended a meeting of the Regulatory ADMs in Ottawa on April 11, 2017. His presentation included a report of the work of Council in the past year and the planned workplan with particular reference to the alignment with and impact on the priorities of the Regulatory ADM committee. The Regulatory ADM committee has been undergoing a strategic review with a focus on increasing effectiveness. The Council has been actively involved in this process.

## **Upcoming meetings**

- June council meeting –Toronto – June 15-16, 2017
- AGM of the Council corporation – June 16, 2017
- Forum 2017 – November 28 & 29, Ottawa

## **Council website – [www.ahwcouncil.ca](http://www.ahwcouncil.ca)**

- The Council meeting schedule is posted under *meetings*.
- Public documents are posted under *documents*

## **Would your board like an update from the Council?**

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