

May 15, 2014

## **NFAHW Council update notes**

Council met by teleconference on May 8, 2014. Reports were received from the working groups in preparation for fulsome discussions at the Council meeting June 19-20, 2014 in Toronto. Dr. Harpreet Kochhar attended the teleconference in his role as ex-officio member of Council.

### **Work Areas**

#### **Strategy Renewal**

The Council was updated on the stakeholder outreach that has begun on the renewal of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy.

Webinars were held on April 16 to update the participants in Forum 2013 on how the input from Forum 2013 was used to modify the Strategic Outcomes and Priorities. The presentation also discussed the process for demonstrating the collective action of stakeholders on the strategic outcomes. Two webinars were provided, one in English and one in French, both with translation to the other language. Over 60 people participated in the two webinars.

The working group is scheduling meetings with national stakeholder organizations with an objective of reaching as many as possible by teleconference or meeting by fall 2014. Meetings will be with boards or committees, depending on the needs of the specific organization. Provincial stakeholder meetings are also being scheduled.

Renewal of the NFAHW Strategy to provide strategic direction to 2020 is an important part of the Council work plan for this year. A budget of \$25000 has been approved for completion of this initiative.

Stakeholder organizations are invited to contact the Council secretariat to request a presentation. The value of the renewed Strategy will come from broad engagement and reporting of progress.

#### **Governance**

The working group reported on plans for developing a governance model for animal health surveillance in Canada. Council will consider more detailed planning and budget at the June Council meeting. The report of the Institute on Governance from Forum 2013 has been posted on the Council website under Forum 2013.

#### **AMU/AMR (Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance)**

The working group is considering draft recommendations to be reviewed by the Council at their June meeting.

### **Emerging Issues**

The Emerging Issues working group has been reactivated but had not met prior to the teleconference. The working group will be meeting prior to the June Council meeting when the topic will be on the agenda.

### **Animal Welfare Research Review**

This project, led by AAFC and the Council, will report at the June Council meeting. As a result of surveys of animal welfare researchers and animal agriculture stakeholders, some draft recommendations are being developed for consideration by Council.

### **Reporting**

Council reports to the FPT Regulatory ADMs of Agriculture Committee and all other stakeholders. On a recent FPT Regulatory ADM teleconference, Rob McNabb reported on year end results of the Council activities included in the work plan which meet the priorities of the Regulatory ADM Committee.

### **Forum 2014**

Forum 2014 will be held Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25, in Ottawa. Further updates will be provided as details are confirmed.



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