

NFAHW Council update – May 2018

Teleconference May 10, 2018

The NFAHW Council met by teleconference on May 10, 2018. The purpose of the call was to receive and comment on working group reports.

Strategic Positioning WG

- **Executive Director** - The NFAHW Council Executive Director position has been posted. The posting will close on May 14, 2018.
- **Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS)** - A small group meeting of Council and CAHSS was held on May 2 to prepare for a one-day workshop on June 13, 2018 in Winnipeg involving Council and the CAHSS Directors to develop a plan for the transition of CAHSS to the Council umbrella. In the meantime, CFIA is finalizing a contract to facilitate the Council managing some CAHSS activities in the interim. The Council anticipates applying for Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) funding to facilitate the transition.
- **Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS)** – Council anticipates utilizing the CAP AgriRisk stream to develop a plan for how the Council could assume the coordination of implementation responsibilities as anticipated in PAHS.

Emerging Issues WG

The report, “The Identification of Issues Related to Access to Livestock Slaughter Facilities in Animal Disease Situations” prepared by Dr. Graham Clarke and completed in March 2018 in a Growing Forward 2 funded project managed by the Canadian Animal Health Coalition and supported by the NFAHW Council, Emerging Issues WG and the Livestock Market Interruption Strategy Steering Committee (LMISSC) was accepted.

Using on-site interviews this study identified key concerns and issues that senior management and/or owners of slaughterhouses would have if requested to participate:

- in the humane destruction and disposal of the entire animal, or
- with some parts retained for use and the balance discarded, or
- with retention of all normally retained animal parts for use.

The study also identified critical issues to be included in a proposed national survey of the slaughter industry, both provincially and federally inspected establishments, to be completed in 2018.

The study identifies some potential future activities that need to be coordinated with the LMISSC and Canadian Council of Chief Veterinary Officers.

The report will be posted on the Council website as an information document.

Animal Welfare WG

The paper describing the animal welfare legislation in Canadian provinces and territories has been published in the Canadian Veterinary Journal. The working group will use this report as the basis for recommendations they will bring to the Council.

The Council report “A National Farm Animal Welfare System for Canada” published in 2012 has been reviewed and revised and will be brought to the June meeting of Council.

The working group is considering a study involving auctions and assembly yards. Consultation could involve the Livestock Market Association of Canada and will involve animal welfare and biosecurity.

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 WG (FAHW2020)

The Council has contracted with Dr. Jeffrey Spooner and Dr. Melissa Moggy to deliver this next phase in the development of the anticipated FAHW2020 reporting of stakeholder activities in a national report. During 2018 and 2019, the reporting process will be finalized so that a national report on the strategic outcomes and priorities of FAHW2020 can be completed. A review of international use of infographics for animal health has been undertaken and best practices identified.

The Council website will be updated in the short term to provide a direct link to FAHW2020 high level information. We anticipate using an online collaboration tool to work with stakeholders and allow them to participate in development, review and enhancement of information and infographics.

One Welfare WG

An international One Welfare conference is planned for October 2019 at the University of Sydney, Australia. This is the first international One Welfare conference since the conference held in 2016 in Winnipeg. Dr. David Fraser has agreed to present at this conference.

The working group has expanded its leadership network to include the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and DoMoreAg, and has a teleconference planned with Crisis Services Canada on an initiative they have underway.

AMU/AMR WG

The AMU/AMR working group will meet soon to determine how best they assemble information on activities of stakeholders on antimicrobial stewardship.

Other

Council invoices for 2018-19 will be sent out in the next week to supporting members of the Council. Included with the invoices is a request for Forum 2018 sponsorship. Stakeholders are asked to consider being a Forum Sponsor at one of the sponsorship levels offered.

Upcoming meetings

- June 13 – Winnipeg – NFAHW Council /CAHSS workshop
- June 14 – NFAHW Council Corporation AGM
- June 14 – Winnipeg – NFAHW Council meeting
- September 27-28 – Ottawa – NFAHW Council meeting
- November 27 & 28 – Ottawa – Forum 2018
- November 29 – Ottawa - NFAHW Council meeting
- The NFAHW Council holds teleconferences in those months when there is not a face-to-face meeting.

Council website – 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?

Member organizations are invited to request a presentation from Council at board or committee meetings. These can be done in person or electronically. nfahwcouncil@animalhealth.ca