August 27, 2014

NFAHW Council teleconference notes

Council has met six times by teleconference since the beginning of 2014. The working groups have been actively working and briefed the Council on the teleconferences.

Work Areas
Teleconference August 14, 2014

Emerging Issues

The Council received a report from the Emerging Issues WG which identified the need to understand the impact of current initiatives on our emerging issues preparedness. With that in mind, the Council will request presentations from the CFIA CZED-IIR project and the CFIA Prioritization Tool. The WG will also develop a scoping document with consideration of an assessment of authority for emerging issues across Canada.

Renewal of the NFAHW Strategy

The Council was updated on presentations made to stakeholders on renewal of the NFAHW Strategy. Recent updates included the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Canadian Bison Association. A questionnaire will be used to follow up with organizations which have received the presentation. Work has begun on scoping the requirements for an on-line data collection tool.

Presentations are scheduled into the fall to engage stakeholders in the renewal of the strategy and revised strategic outcomes and priorities. Council is asking stakeholders to consider the strategic outcomes in their annual workplan and to contribute to annual reporting on progress on the strategic outcomes.

Council is prepared to make presentations to any national or provincial organization or government with an interest. Please contact Ed Empringham at ed@ahwcouncil.ca to plan your meeting or teleconference.

Animal Welfare Research Capacity Project

This project is jointly led by AAFC and the Council. The project committee presented revised recommendations which were developed following the in depth discussion of proposed recommendations included in a report to the June 2014 Council meeting.

The final report will be presented to Council at the September Council meeting for approval of the Council.

Antimicrobial Use/Antimicrobial Resistance

The AMU/AMR WG presented revised presentations following in depth discussion of proposed recommendations at the June 2014 Council meeting. The final report will presented to Council at the September Council meeting for approval of Council.

Governance of Surveillance Workshop
The Council was updated and provided comments on a workshop on the governance of surveillance planned for September 23-24, 2014 in Ottawa. The Governance WG had a meeting with the planning committee on August 8, 2014 to review the planning to date and provide input.

The workshop objectives are:
1)   To identify important components of, and options for, the governance of an effective and sustainable system of animal health surveillance, that provides value to stakeholders.
2)   To encourage networking and collaboration among key people involved in health surveillance and its governance.

A deliverable from the workshop will be a written report to the NFAHWC, identifying important components of, plus options and recommendations for, the governance of animal health surveillance in Canada.

Vaccine Strategy
The Public Health Agency of Canada is developing a vaccine strategy for Canada. While the focus is on public health, the strategy also involves the animal health sector. The strategy will include identification of priority vaccines and vaccine production methods.

The consultation with Council will take place at the September Council meeting. The Council will receive information from the consultation team prior to the September meeting of Council. Council members were asked to consult with their constituents on which vaccines are important, any new vaccines that might be required and vaccine production methods of interest.

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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