

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Animal Health

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Animal Health

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

1258

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

09/02/2016

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

09/02/2018

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretary's Memorandum 1781/DR  
1043-31

### 13. Effective Date

06/06/1972

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this  
Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$15,242.00	\$35,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$31,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$1,757.45	\$2,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other (rents, user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
18d. Total	\$16,999.45	\$70,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.33

### **20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

This committee provides the Secretary of Agriculture with valuable information on actions necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to animal health issues of critical importance to USDA and to the industry. The purpose is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on means to prevent, conduct surveillance, monitor, control, or eradicate animal diseases of national importance. The Committee will approach animal health from a one-health perspective, including natural resources, public health, livestock economies, emerging and other diseases, comprehensive surveillance, traceability, import/export strategies, and other related aspects of agriculture.

### **20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Membership will be composed of persons, from a variety of geographic localities, representing a broad spectrum of farmers, scientists, trade association representatives, the university community, and representatives from other groups with related interests. Members shall include but not be limited to representatives from the following groups: (1) cattle producers / cattle producer groups;(2) poultry producers /poultry producer groups;(3) swine producers / swine producer groups;(4) sheep and goat producers / sheep and goat producer organizations;(5) aquaculture producers / aquaculture producer groups;(6) animal welfare organizations;(7) wildlife/zoo biologists or veterinarians (8) veterinarians / veterinary professional organizations;(9) organic producers / organic producer groups;(10) Tribal and State animal health officials;(11) livestock marketing and processing groups. Minor changes were made to the committee balance in the 2016-18 Charter. These changes will be implemented in the 2017-2019 member terms.(1) Cattle producers/cattle producer groups (3);(2) Poultry producers/poultry producer groups (2);(3) Swine producers/swine producer groups (2);(4) Sheep and goat producers/sheep and goat producer organizations (1)(5) Aquaculture producers/aquaculture producer groups (1);(6) Veterinary public health or animal welfare (1);(7) Wildlife/zoo biologists or veterinarians (1);(8) Veterinarians/veterinary professional organizations (2);(9) Agricultural research/academia/scientists (SGE);(10) Veterinary Medical Officer (RGE);(11) Organic producers/organic producer groups (1);(12) Tribal (1);(13) State animal health officials (2); and(14) Livestock marketing and processing groups (1).

### **20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee meets once per fiscal year or more frequently if determined to be in the interest of USDA and as fiscal imperatives allow. This advisory committee will advise the USDA on many critical issues which include matters such as antimicrobial resistance which presents significant ongoing challenges; and foreign animal disease outbreaks (e.g., FMD, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, vaccine readiness, and emergency

response). The Committee conducts a public advisory meeting at least once each year and convenes administratively to prepare for public meetings and produce reports up to six times each year. The Committee may also conduct virtual public meetings via media forums, e.g., AdobeConnect webinars as necessary.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The committee comprised of industry, academia, and state government officials considered issues affecting animal health, including threats and the impacts on the agricultural industry. The current membership has two broad-based SGE experts. The remaining 18 members are versed in matters affecting animal health generally and all bring diverse perspectives together as representatives in order to adequately represent the issues and challenges faced by their constituencies and consumers. This Committee remains relevant to tackling emerging and standing animal health issues.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public and no portion of those meetings are ever closed.

**21. Remarks**

No meetings were held in FY 2018 due to the leadership transition following the election. All of the terms for the previous committee members have expired and new committee member recommendations have been submitted, vetted, and approved. The entire nomination package to seat new committee members was submitted in August 2018. Appointment letters are expected to go out to committee members in early FY 2019. Costs associated with this committee were for DFO travel to DC for FACA training, etc. The Charter was submitted to re-establish the committee in September 2018. The charter is expected to be signed in early FY 2019.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Tyler H McAlpin DFO

**Narrative Description**

The Committee will consider current and future issues in animal agriculture and provide the Secretary with another source of dialogue and advice with which to address them. This committee provides valuable information on actions necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to animal health and One Health issues of critical important to USDA and to the industry.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

No additional comments.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

The Committee's contributions are qualitatively impactful. The recommendations they advance may very well become quantitative factors as the Agency's fulfills its mission, ultimately having a positive impact on costs of implementing objectives.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

75

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

There were no recommendations in FY2018. Recommendations on the topics discussed

at the September 2016 meeting resulted in an additional 20 recommendations for 2017. In 2016 there were 29 recommendations. Note: the number of recommendations from FY 2015 was changed from 15 to 26 to reflect the number in the final report.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

24%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

19 of 75 recommendations have been fully implemented. The Committee produced 20 recommendations in FY 2017. Four have been implemented and two have been partially implemented. Three of the 29 recommendations from FY 2016 have been fully implemented. Twelve of the 26 recommendations from FY 2015 have been implemented. The Agency is taking the remaining recommendations under consideration in conjunction with other stakeholder input. APHIS expects that many, if not all, of the recommendations advanced by the Committee will be incorporated into continuing dialogue pertaining to APHIS VS programs between stakeholders and APHIS personnel. The recommendations will be considered for inclusion in Agency program objectives based on their merit and consideration of available resources as plans are drafted.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

28%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Twenty one of the recommendations have been partially implement.. The Agency is continuing its work in these areas.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The agency provides feedback to the committee on recommendations that are part of ongoing topics before the committee. The agency shared feedback on multiple recommendations from the preceding year during the September 2016 meeting.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**Action Comments**

APHIS approved continuation of one cooperative agreement and completed review of a program as recommended by the committee in FY 2016. APHIS is continuing to consider other recommendations made by the committee.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

None. Not applicable.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**

Not applicable.