

Animal Health Emergency Management Committee Report

2007 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2007



The Animal Health Emergency Management Committee met on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am PDT, during the NIAA 2007 Annual Meeting in Sacramento, California with 50 people present. Dr. Patrick Webb served as the Chair and Dr. Leah Dorman served as the Vice Chair.

The committee session focused on emergency preparedness activities. The following speakers presented relevant information:

- Dr. Jose R. Diez, USDA, APHIS, VS, EM&D - Overview of USDA-APHIS-VS Emergency Management and Diagnostics Activities and Direction
- Dr. Sebastian Heath, USDA, HSO - Tools for Capability Based Emergency Response Planning
- Dr. Rosemary Speers, The CNA Corporation- Synthesis of Lessons Learned from FAD Events and Exercises
- Mark E. Smith, USDA Office of Budget and Program Analysis - regretted that he could not attend due to illness. Dr. Patrick Webb reported in his stead, regarding USDA emergency funding processes for animal disease outbreaks. The take home message for states is that when requesting USDA emergency funding, a justification will need to be written and submitted to OMB. It is advised that states pre-plan this justification.

New Business:

No new resolutions were presented.

Existing Resolutions:

1. Classical Swine Fever (CSF)
 - Motion to reinstate made by Leah Dorman
 - 2nd by Eldon Uhlenhopp
 - Motion carried
2. National Animal Health emergency Management System (NAHEMS)
 - Motion to reinstate with updating to occur at a later time made by Patrick Webb
 - 2nd by Eldon Uhlenhopp
 - Motion carried
3. Funding for the National Centers for Animal Health
 - Motion to adopt amended resolution made by Eldon Uhlenhopp
 - 2nd by Leah Dorman
 - Motion carried by voice vote
4. Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)
 - Motion to reinstate made by Eldon Uhlenhopp
 - 2nd by Leah Dorman
 - Motion carried
5. Communication Plan for Foreign Animal Disease (FAD)
 - Motion to reaffirm made by Eldon Uhlenhopp
 - 2nd by Patrick Webb
 - Motion carried

Committee Session adjourned at 11:30 AM.