

REPORT OF THE USAHA COMMITTEE ON PHARMACEUTICAL ISSUES

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The Committee met on October 18, 2016 at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There were eight members and 18 guests present. General introductions of people in attendance were given at the beginning, with additional people joining as the meeting progressed.

Presentations and Reports

FSIS Update on Residue Testing

Louis Bluhm, FSIS

A summary of the testing procedures and results for Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) sampling for meat, poultry, and catfish that are under their purview.

The complete PPT presentation can be found on the Committee page at usaha.org.

Complying with California's SB-27 Law on Antibiotic Use in Food Animals

Annette Jones, California Department of Food and Agriculture

A summary of actions by the state of California in relation to the SB-27 law and associated challenges was presented.

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Antimicrobial Use and Resistance Initiatives of the National Animal Health Monitoring System, USDA

Kathe Bjork, USDA-CEAH

An overview of USDA, Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health (CEAH) activities related to; USDA, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Action Plan Center for Advanced Research in Biotechnology (CARB), traditional data collection, proposed data initiatives and relationship with FDA guidance and VFD was given.

Discussion on limitations of funding and ability to collect the proposed surveys was also included.

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Update from FDA on VFD Implementation and Pilot

Mike Murphy, FDA

A presentation on activities related to the "Field Project" or the 2016 VFD field inspection activities was given. Discussion on the educational inspection activities and common questions/challenges was included. The complete PPT presentation can be found on the Committee page at usaha.org.

U.N. Resolution and Codex AMR Update

Liz Wagstrom, NPPC

An update on international discussion that occurred on September 21, 2016 at the United Nations was provided. A summary of the resulting resolution, how it was developed, and how it will proceed was given.

A brief proposed update of Codex AMR and related Risk Assessment of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

Committee Business:

Discussion on the streamlining of USAHA committees and the best fit for the Committee on Pharmaceutical Issues in the future was led by Barbara Determan from the Board of Directors and Liz Wagstrom (committee chair).

- Documents summarizing this was presented at Board of Directors meeting last evening, accepting comments for 30 days.
- Examples that were brought up / discussed include:
 - Potential for combining Pharmaceutical Issues and the Committee on Biologics and Biotechnology.
 - Potential future use of this committee was brought up. It can be a useful group to bring together to address ongoing activities and issues related to monitoring antibiotic (AB) use and potential ‘stewardship’ related activities, specifically related to data management around this topic.
 - Another potential idea was a “One Health” committee that would include this committee.

There were no resolutions proposed or discussed.