

Task Force on Antimicrobial Use Data Collection in Animal Agriculture

Charge

To identify and evaluate methods for the collection of data on antimicrobial use in animal agriculture; provide scientific rationale, considering advantages and disadvantages, for data collection; and ascertain the potential role of the veterinary community.

Membership

The Task Force will consist of seven to nine members.

Four to six members will be AVMA subject matter experts (appointed by the Appointing Body as described below)

- Active AVMA membership.
- Familiarity with practical aspects of antimicrobial use in food animal production.
- Good interpersonal communication skills.
- Knowledge of antimicrobial policy and regulation.
- Balanced perspective and views of public health and animal agriculture;

An advanced degree in a relevant discipline (eg, public health, epidemiology, pharmacology, or microbiology) is recommended. Experience in or knowledge of antibiotic use data collection protocols is preferred.

The assembled team will be critical thinkers able to participate in strategic discussions, ask thought-provoking questions, and challenge assumptions to discuss possible frameworks for collection of data on antimicrobial use.

As a topic of extreme importance to practitioners, animal health and public health, which crosses multiple agencies and organizations, in addition to the 4-6 subject matter experts selected from the AVMA membership, the following organizations will be invited to select a subject matter expert: the American Association of Avian Pathologists, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians.

Other organizations may also be invited to select and send a participant at the organizations' expense and the task force's invitation.

Representatives from the US FDA, USDA Agricultural Research Service, and National Animal Health Monitoring System will be invited to provide agency perspectives and information on current initiatives.

Appointing Body

Will be composed of the following individuals (see below), who will appoint the Task Force:

- Board of Directors Chair – Chair of the Appointing Body
- President
- President-Elect
- Executive Vice President
- Food Safety Advisory Committee Chair
- Task Force Chair* (see Task Force Chair section)

Nominations will be solicited from the general membership and reviewed by the Appointing Body. The Appointing Body itself is not expected to recruit for the nominations, with the exception of the Task Force Chair. The Board of Directors and the House of Delegates may assist in encouraging nominations. The Appointing Body will be authorized to hold conference calls as needed.

***Task Force Chair**

The Appointing Body will consider nominations and appoint one individual to be the Task Force Chair. The Task Force chair would immediately join the Appointing Body to participate in the evaluation, interviews, and appointments of remaining members of the Task Force.

Meetings

The Task Force is authorized to hold two 2-day, 1 night meetings and an unlimited number of electronic meetings as needed.

Funding

Travel expenses are authorized in accordance with the AVMA Travel Policy for seven to nine task force members. Further expenses for completing its charge must be requested in advance and approved by the Board of Directors

Reports

After its first meeting, the Task Force will provide an initial report to the Board of Directors on its progress and/or plan. The Task Force may submit a recommendation for additional operational expenses needed to accomplish its charge. Upon completion of its charge, the Task Force will submit a final summary report, no later than 12 months following the date of its first meeting to the Board of Directors.

Life Expectancy

The Task Force will be sunset following receipt of its summary report and recommendations by the Board of Directors.