

Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of NC-1027, “An Integrated Approach To Control Of Bovine Respiratory Diseases”

Wednesday August 18, 2010

Albuquerque, NM

Stations attending: Georgia (Woolums), Iowa (Rosenbusch), Kansas (Renter and White, for Mosier), Michigan (Grooms), Oklahoma (Fulton), Nebraska (Jones), South Dakota (Chase), Wisconsin (Czuprynski)

Stations submitting reports: Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Agenda:

8:30 AM: Welcome

8:40-10:00 AM: AFRI / NRI Presentations: Clinton Jones, Chris Chase, Waithaka Mwangi

10-10:30: Break

10:30-12:00 PM: AFRI / NRI Presentations: Dave Renter, Indra Sandal

12:00-1:00 lunch, sponsored by Pfizer; interested parties from industry and academia were invited to join the group.

1:00 – 2:00: AFRI/NRI Presentations: Chuck Czuprynski, Jeff Lakritz, Kay Choi

2:00 – 3:00: Updates from USDA-Agricultural Research Service(ARS) & USDA- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) (Peter Johnson and Gary Sherman, NIFA; Eileen Thacker, ARS could not attend due to flight cancellation but sent presentation given by P. Johnson).

Highlights of presentations: Eileen’s presentation reminded us that BRD Project at NADC has been reactivated and they will be interested in collaborating. Peter and Gary discussed the reorganization at USDA which has led to AFRI. Much organization is still in process. A FAQ sheet was distributed (contact Peter or Gary if you would like a copy). Some points of particular interest:

1. USDA received much feedback regarding the highly focused nature of the RFA for investigator initiated proposals to AFRI this year. The RFA was set up this way because the staff had been instructed to encourage very focused research with a high likelihood of impact in a 5 year window. However, they are hearing loudly and clearly the concerns re this strategy. Peter said they got the picture that investigators would rather have an opportunity to compete, even if they know the odds of funding are not high. The many comments received will be taken into consideration as much as possible in the next RFA. The FY2011 RFA is expected to be released December 1, 2010.
2. The total AFRI appropriation for this FY was up \$60 million to a total of \$262 million. This is divided among 7 RFAs including 5 challenge areas, 1 Foundational Program RFA, and 1 Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowship RFA. This year the highest funding went to Climate Change.
3. AFRI will be using a “forward funding” strategy, meaning that more money will be available for projects up front, but that if funding is cut in subsequent years then funds for a project that were originally committed may not be available. This has been the case at NIH for some time but is a

4. new development at USDA (please confirm this information with Peter Johnson if you are concerned; I may not have facts exactly correct. AW)
5. NIFA requests comments re the AFRI RFAs from any interested parties: email RFP-OEP@nifa.usda.gov

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15PM: Business Meeting was brought to order by President Chris Chase. We first discussed whether the joint meeting between NC-1027 and AFRI/NRI awardees was considered to be fruitful. The consensus was quite positive and the plan is that AFRI/NRI awardees will again be asked to present their work in conjunction with the NC-1027 Technical Committee Meeting next year, which will be held in conjunction with the AABP Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO (**tentative meeting date Wed. Sept 21, 2011; watch AABP website [www.aabp.org] for hotel information**).

The subject of changing NC-1027 from a multistate research project to an NCERA (North Central Education/Extension and Research Activities) when the project needs to be renewed next year was discussed next. See attached handout from Chris Chase's presentation for details. The consensus was that this would be more appropriate for the group, since there is really no money for much research for NC-1027. Also, the mix of education, extension, and research aligns more closely with the group's current activities. Moreover, less paperwork is involved with annual reporting for an NCERA. There was also discussion that the NCERA may be allowed to choose their Administrative Advisor (AA). Since NC-1027's current AA is reported to be retiring, other candidates were discussed. Two people mentioned for consideration included John Baker at Michigan State and Deb Hamernik at Nebraska.

The group was asked for motion to proceed with changing from an NC project to an NCERA project. Dr. Fulton made the motion, and Dr. Czuprinski seconded. The vote of those in attendance was unanimous in favor. Dr. Rosenbusch suggested we get the format for annual NCERA reports so stations can be asked to format their annual reports accordingly, making it easier for the individual reports to be collated into the annual report.

It was suggested that, in order to increase interaction between researchers and practitioners attending AABP, that the joint AFRI/NRI – NC1027 meeting be offered next year as a Pre-Conference Seminar. Veterinarians attending AABP could attend and listen to the presentations. This would be advertised in the program. It was suggested that it could be billed as "Cutting Edge Science Related to BRD", with a short descriptor indicating that the presentations would give attendees an idea of what scientific developments were coming in the future of BRD prevention and control. Also, AFRI and NC1027 presenters would be asked to give a short 1-2 sentence summary at the beginning or end of their presentations clearly stating how the research described would eventually be translated into field application. It was thought likely that no more than a few people would attend, but even a few would improve interaction between people in the lab and people in the field. Dr. Grooms will talk to the conference organizers about this.

Election of officers for the next year was next. Dr. Chase and Dr. Woolums have been serving as President and Secretary, respectively, for the past 2 years. They asked if anyone else was willing to serve

as President and/or Secretary, and no one else volunteered or was suggested. Dr. Czuprinski moved that Dr. Chase be elected President for the next year, Dr. Renter seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of Dr. Chase serving as President for the next year. Dr. Czuprinski moved that Dr. Woolums be elected Secretary for the next year, and Dr. Chase seconded; the vote was unanimous in favor of Dr. Woolums serving as Secretary for the next year.

Given the late hour, the group decided to forgo oral station reports, since written reports were distributed prior to the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Thursday August 19, 2010: 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Members of NC-1027 attended the meeting of the AABP BRDC committee. This was open to all Convention attendees, with the purpose of discussing “The Future of Bovine Respiratory Disease Research- What Direction Should We Take-More Prevention or More Treatment?”. Unfortunately attendance was not strong and all in attendance (except the committee chair) were from academia, government, or industry. It was agreed that Dr. Woolums would ask the conference organizers if a flyer could be included with the materials given to attendees inviting them to the BRD Committee meeting, to try to get more practitioners in attendance in 2011.

Minutes respectfully submitted by A.Woolums.