

DISCUSSION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Annual Meeting 2024

Agenda Item 4.1

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NSDIP PROGRAM EVALUATION**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee
 - NOTES that the NSDIP is due for program review by the end of June 2025
 - DISCUSSES the next steps for the development of an evaluation plan.

BACKGROUND

1. Under section 8 of the NSDIP Business Plan, the NSDIP will be evaluated by the end of current the Business Plan period (July 2022-June 2025). Program evaluation will be led by the Program Manager in consultation with the Advisory Committee. Following the NSDIP evaluation, the Program Manager will revise the Business Plan in consultation with the Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION

2. The NSDIP was reviewed by AHC in 2016, leading to updates in the Business Plan in 2019. This will be the first time that the program will be evaluated as per the updated Business Plan, and AHA is keen for NSDIP Advisory Committee members to have input into planning for the program evaluation.
3. The Business Plan stipulates that the NSDIP evaluation questions and sub-questions will include:
 1. How effective was AHA in delivering the outputs of the NSDIP?
 - 1.1. To what extent was the Program delivered and on-time? To what degree was this attributable to AHA?
 2. To what extent are NSDIP target outcomes achieved, and are they likely to be sustainable?
 - 2.1. Does the Program offer non-government veterinary practitioners adequate opportunity to gain knowledge and skills to investigate and report on disease events?
 - 2.2. Does the Program ensure ongoing investigation of significant disease events?
 - 2.3. Does the Program substantiate a portrayal of credible and robust national surveillance reports?
 3. To what degree was the NSDIP worthwhile in the context of national surveillance goals?
 - 3.1. Does the Program strengthen existing partnerships and/or develop new partnerships (between non-government veterinary practitioners and governments)?
 - 3.2. Does the Program address gaps and inconsistency in significant disease investigation?

4. The list of questions in the Business Plan is not exhaustive, so further evaluation questions could be added.
5. AHA proposes to create a survey using the evaluation questions, which at a minimum would be sent to the NSDIP Advisory Committee members. We are keen to hear from committee members as to whether such a survey should be sent to a wider audience.
6. In addition to these questions, jurisdictions are asked to assess the performance of the NSDIP each year in relation to the following statements:
 - My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.
 - The NSDIP has provided opportunities to private veterinarians for gaining the necessary knowledge and skills to investigate and report on disease events.
 - The NSDIP has helped to improve the level of notifiable disease investigations through effective engagement with private veterinarians and assisting in funding investigations that may not have progressed otherwise.
7. An analysis of the jurisdictional responses to these questions during the Business Plan period could be included in the program evaluation.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

8. AHA proposes that once the program evaluation is complete, a report on the evaluation be provided to AHC.