

Campus Alberta
Health Outcomes and Public Health



'Applying the Alberta One Health Network to Opportunities and Threats within Alberta'

Goals

- Build on the advances made through our previously successful program developing the Alberta One Health Network (AOHN)
 - Previously supported by Campus Alberta and other funders
- Focus on applied One Health in practice instead of emphasizing network formation and governance
 - Further develop two critical One Health programs of research currently ongoing within Alberta
- Enable additional networking between researchers and applied public health personnel from the various universities and governmental organizations

Logistics



- 2 Meetings
- Edmonton- March 17th
- Calgary- April 13th
- 42 attendees representing government, academia and private consultants
- Discussion Topics
 - Companion Animals and Intersectoral Collaboration
 - Well Water Safety
- Ongoing research explained, with time for break out groups to consider specific questions, followed by whole group discussion
- Thematic analysis of discussion topics

Summary of Discussions



- Data Sharing
 - Animals- risk, location, licensing
 - Water- baselines, contaminant sources, decommissioned wells
- A Need for Education
 - Animals- responsible pet ownership, zoonotic diseases
 - Water- public education programs, address stigma, educate on risks
- Intersectoral Collaboration
 - Animals- funding and research, coordination across departments, role of government (municipal, provincial)
 - Water- government regulations, connect water data to health

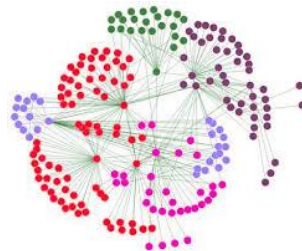


Summary of Discussion cont.

- Improved Communication
 - Animals- communicate risks and benefits, engagement and partnerships with organizations and industry
 - Water- explain test results, provide “next steps,” address privacy concerns, partner with communities
- Social Equity
 - Animals- subsidized programs, access to housing for pet owners, account for pets during crises
 - Water- improve convenience of testing (i.e. mobile testing lab, piggyback onto existing services, implement a school program where children bring home testing bottle, extend sample drop-off hours)

Overall Benefits

- Networking was key and will continue after the meeting
- Awareness increased about these and other related programs
- Information gained will be used in research development
- New ideas for AOHN to grow



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