

*128th Annual Meeting of the United States Animal Health Association
67th American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Annual Meeting
Nashville, TN*

**Committee on Diagnostic Laboratory and Veterinary Workforce Development
AGENDA**

October 14, 2024

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Central Time

Tennessee Ballroom DE

Chair: Dr. Melanie Barham Vice Chair: Dr. Joseph Anelli

Acting Chair: Dr. Rachel Cezar-Martinez

Time	Topic/Title	Presenter(s)
1:00pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Dr. Rachel Cezar-Martinez
1:05pm	AAVLD Salary Survey Results	Dr. Bruce Akey
1:25pm	AAVLD Workforce Recruitment and Retention	Dr. Melissa Macias-Rioseco
1:45pm	USDA efforts to sustain adequate veterinary resources	Dr. Jack Shere – APHIS; Dr. Bob Smith – NIFA; Dr. Kathe Bjork – NIFA
2:15pm	FEDS Liability Protection for Local, State and Federal Veterinarians	Mr. Eric Impraim
2:35pm	NAFV issues concerning recruitment and retention of public practice veterinarians	Dr. Rachel Cezar-Martinez
2:50pm	Resolutions and Final Remarks	Dr. Rachel Cezar-Martinez
3:00pm	Adjourn	

The purpose of the Joint United States Animal Health Association’s (USAHA) Committee on Diagnostic Laboratory and Veterinary Workforce Development:

To serve as a forum for Canada, Mexico and the United States to exchange information with the intent to educate policy makers and influence North American’s policy on two issues:

- *The supply and demand of veterinarians and laboratory diagnosticians*
- *Animal health laboratory facility needs*

The committee should consider information about the capacity of the United States, Canadian and Mexican veterinary medical colleges to train veterinarians and provide post-graduate education in veterinary sciences. The committee should also consider information about the resources and sustained funding that are needed to provide adequate infrastructure and workforce in North America’s diagnostic and research animal health laboratories.

The committee shall annually present information in the form of a report to USAHA. The committee may seek to influence public policy with regard to veterinarian capacity and laboratory infrastructure and funding through appropriate recommendations and resolutions. Members of the committee are expected to further the goals and mission of this committee by education and/or urging support in their respective countries, governments, institutions and industries.