

December 5, 2007



Florida SART Advisory Board Meeting Notes

The SART Advisory Board (also referred to as The Board) was called to order at 10:04, in the Florida Farm Bureau Conference Room, Gainesville, Florida. Attendance was light but several important items were discussed:

Present: Joan Dusky, Associate Dean, Extension UF/IFAS
 John Haven, Director, College of Veterinary Medicine, UF
 Jiannong Xin, UF/IFAS
 Laura Bevan, SE Director, Humane Society of the US
 Tim Manning, USDA/FSA
 Joe Kight, Dept. of Agriculture/Consumer Services
 David Perry, Dept. of Agriculture/Consumer Services
 Rick Sapp, SART Sentinel

Old Business

Minutes of September 12, 2007 meeting were read and accepted.

New Business

1. Possible Two Positions
 - a. There is a possibility that funding may develop for two positions either through IFAS or FDACS: one would be in Food Safety and the second would be as statewide SART Coordinator. Funding and reporting issues may be clarified in the near future.
2. 2009 Conference Preparation
 - a. Because there will be no 2008 Florida SART Conference, committees are being formed to prepare for a 2009 Conference. (Note: Florida now requires that the conference be held at a “green” hotel/resort complex.)
 - b. Volunteers are requested for such Conference matters as site selection, speakers, food and beverage, exhibit area, parking and so on. If interested, please contact Joe Kight (850-410-0920 kightj@doacs.state.fl.us), Tim Manning (352-379-4511 tim.manning@fl.usda.gov) or Joan Dusky (352-392-1761 jadu@ufl.edu).
 - c. Laura Bevan (850-386-3435 lbevan@hsus.org) agreed to chair the Agenda Committee.

3. Veterinary Reserve Corps
 - a. John Haven (havenj@vetmed.ufl.edu) reported on the growth of the Florida Veterinary Reserve Corps and the disaster training courses that the College of Veterinary Medicine has sponsored and supported including Hazardous Materials Training.
4. March Advisory Board Meeting
 - a. This meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday March 5th at the 41-acre Marion County 4-H Farm, 5151 SE 58th Ave., Ocala, FL 34480-7459 (352) 671-8400. The meeting will begin immediately following a 48-hour live training event held as a "planned response to a local disaster." The event will test equipment, coordination and procedures across several of the SART disaster response partners.
 - b. The initial meeting for the formation of NASAAEP (National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs) was held January 22-23 at the Gaylord Hotel in Orlando in conjunction with the 2008 North American Veterinary Conference. March board meeting participants can expect an update on this national association.
5. Press Releases
 - a. Some discussion revolved around the need to develop a set of pre-approved press releases to facilitate communication by emergency responders during and immediately after an emergency situation.
6. The meeting adjourned at 11: 45 a.m.