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Infectious Diseases & AMR expert panel meeting minutes
Monday 14 June 2021

Meeting opened: 10:01 am

Panel members present: Juliet Gerrard (co-Chair), Anneka Anderson, Kristen Dyet, Nigel French, Sharon Gardiner, Jack Heinemann, David Murdoch, Dianne Sika-Paotonu, Mark Thomas, Siouxsie Wiles

OPMCSA staff present: George Slim, Rachel Chiaroni-Clarke, Ellen Rykers

Apologies: Matire Harwood (co-Chair)

Project update
RCC provided a brief update on project outputs. Workshop summaries from the previous two workshops would be shared with attendees and further input would be sought. Feedback on draft workstreams and the workshop summaries welcome from the panel.

RCC updated the panel that her and ER had met with the Ministry of Health and ThinkPlace regarding rheumatic fever work.

MT suggested including vignettes of patients impacted by drug-resistant infections in the report. The panel discussed how this might best be achieved factoring in whether patients preferred confidentiality or were open to being associated. The panel agreed that anonymised stories would be included as a minimum and MT would follow up by drafting an example and then seeing whether specific patients would be interested in being involved. Another option of the patients meeting the decision-makers was suggested and JG agreed to follow this up.

Recommendations session 1
The panel gave verbal feedback on the early collation of ideas arising from panel and stakeholder suggestions and looking at the evidence base. The panel were happy with the overall direction and grouping and agreed to provide any specific detailed feedback to the team. A key issue raised was ensuring that communications are clear around quality and equity of prescribing and outcomes. The need to articulate alignment of recommendations to Te Tiriti was also noted.

Pre-workshop discussion: What do we want to gain from the workshops?

The panel discussed that they wanted to understand the use of antimicrobials in the animal sector, the opportunities for IPC approaches, and to think about the role of different organisations in driving changes in use e.g. supermarkets (driven by consumers). The panel also discussed the background information shared by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) for this project and agreed to a collective response and questions from the panel to MPI.

Workshop 3: Animal Health

Invited guests joined for a discussion on animal health aspects of infectious diseases and AMR in Aotearoa New Zealand.

- Eric Hillerton, Consultant
- Axel Heiser, AgResearch
- Helen Beattie, NZ Veterinary Association
- Mark Bryan, VetSouth
- Adrian Cookson, AgResearch

Notes in separate document.

Workshop 4: Environment

Invited guests joined for a discussion on environmental aspects of infectious diseases and AMR in Aotearoa New Zealand.

- Brent Gilpin, ESR
- Louise Weaver, ESR
- Sara Burgess, Massey

Notes in separate document.

SG left the meeting.

Post-workshop debrief

The panel discussed the findings from the workshops. The panel agreed that it would be helpful to follow up with experts regarding climate change and the impact it will have on animal infectious diseases and antimicrobial use.

Recommendations session 2

The panel discussed timeframes for the recommendations and agreed that it would be helpful to present early draft recommendations in the immediate, near and longer-term up to five years to see if this framing suits the recommendations.

Any other business

None

Actions arising

Action item	Responsibility
Provide detailed comments and tracked changes on drafts of workstream 1 and 4	Panel
Provide additions or comments on workshop summaries	Panel
Follow up how to proceed with patient vignettes	Mark
Query possibility of key decision-makers meeting AMR-affected patients	Juliet
Share questions for MPI based on their briefing document	Panel
OPMCSA team to collate the response and questions then share with MPI	Rachel/Ellen

Meeting closed: 3:00 pm