

# **Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System COORDINATING COUNCIL**

***Goal: To assure the efficient and effective operations of PADLS by establishing a PADLS Coordinating Council***

## **1. COMPOSITION**

Secretary of Agriculture, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at the Pennsylvania State University and the Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Secretary will also designate Department of Agriculture staff to support the work of the Coordinating Council

## **2. ROLE**

The Coordinating Council works collaboratively to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of PADLS.

***Its responsibilities include:***

- a. To plan strategically for the operations of PADLS
- b. To assure a coordinated system-wide response to changing funding
- c. To assure a coordinated system-wide response to emergencies
- d. To regularly assess the operating effectiveness and efficiency of PADLS
- e. To develop recommendations for improving PADLS
- f. To reach agreements on implementation of these recommendations
- g. To report progress to the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission.
- h. To work in partnership with AHDC on agreed upon priorities and projects

## **3. INTENDED RESULTS AND BENEFITS**

- Optimal use of resources and funding
- Improved delivery of services
- Improved decision-making regarding system priorities and operations

## **4. AUTHORITY**

The Coordinating Council serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of Agriculture. The members work together to reach consensus and then, take responsibility for implementing those agreements in their respective areas of responsibility.

The Coordinating Council reports to the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission.

## **5. STRUCTURE**

The three members of the Coordinating Council will be supported by Department of Agriculture staff as designated by the Secretary.

## **6. FUNDING**

The Coordinating Council will be funded by the Department of Agriculture.

## **7. OPERATIONS**

The Coordinating Council will meet quarterly, with special meetings called as necessary.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Coordinating Council will communicate via telephone, email and other correspondence as coordinated by the Department of Agriculture.

The Coordinating Council will also provide written reports to the AHDC for their six regularly scheduled Commission meetings annually.

The Coordinating Council will also keep the Legislative designees informed of key issues and decisions.

Eventually, the Coordinating Council will communicate with key external stakeholders and industry groups, particularly to solicit input and feedback on issues and initiatives.