



Minutes of the 15th National Veterinary Medicines Committee (NVMC) Meeting

Date: 1st May 2026

Venue: NCAH Serbithang and members outside Thimphu attended virtually

A. Participants (in-person)

1. Dr. Kinley Dorji, Specialist Head, NVH, Motithang (Vice-chair)
2. Dr. Lungten, PD NCAH (Permanent member)
3. Dr. Tenzin Wangchuk, Sr. VO, NVH, Motithang (Co-opt member)
4. Dr. Jamtsho, VO, DVH, Thimphu (Co-opt member)
5. Ms. Menuka Rai, Head, BPU (Co-opt member)

Secretary

1. Dr. NK Thapa, Head, DVEU, Head DVEU (Secretary)
2. Mr. Namgay Dorji, Sr. LHS, DVEU (Secretary)

Other co-opt members attended virtually

The chair (Chief, AHD) could not attend due to other priority engagement hence, the vice chair (Head, NVH) convened the meeting. During the meeting, following resolutions were made:

B. Resolutions

1. NVMC Meeting Modality

The NVMC meeting is one of the important technical meetings and hence it is very difficult to discuss and resolve most of the issues. Therefore, as far as possible, provided the resources are available, henceforth the meeting be conducted in person, recognizing the technical importance. **(Action: NCAH)**

2. Distribution pattern of Medicines, Consumables, and Equipment

Currently the practice of the distribution of medicines, consumables and equipment are done on 70% first lot and 30% second lot for the same item. Since all the items are purchased in one lot, 100% of the items indented and whichever are received at LCS during the distribution time will be distributed in the first lot. The items received after the first distribution shall be distributed in the second lot. **(Action: NCAH/LCS)**

3. EVSS Supply Cycle

The existing EVSS supply cycle was reviewed and was proposed such that first distribution be made by January to February and second lot by April-May. The supply cycle shall be reviewed and compared with that of the Ministry of Health and revise/ adopt accordingly. **(Action: NCAH)**

4. Medicine indent for non-departmental agencies

Currently, the medicines, consumables and equipment are being distributed to the non-departmental agencies like CNR, BLDC, NCD without indent collection. This often leads to the





shortage in the regular distribution to animal health centers. Hence, the house recommended to collect indents from non-departmental organizations also and separate estimate shall be submitted for additional budget during annual budget proposal. **(Action: NCAH)**

5. Medicine Indent

In most of the cases, it has been found that there is significant mismatch of medicine indent verses distribution in some of the dzongkhags. Often the medicines were collected 4 to 5 times more than indented and in some, un-indented medicines were being collected which leads to shortage in other dzongkhags/centers. Hence, medicine indents shall be prepared realistically, based on actual requirements rather than assumptions as far as possible. **(Action: NVH, RLDC/ RVHs/ DVHs/ Central agencies)**

6. Vaccine Indent

Since vaccine indents has to be based on projections of the available/upcoming farms currently there is confusion as whether to follow FRS projection or VIS data. The house recommended that though both the database is going to be integrated and preferably, FRS projection could be used for vaccine indents shall be used as it will have records of the farms and the animals. **(Action: NVH, RLDC/RVHs/DVHs/Central agencies)**

7. Tender Evaluation Criteria

Difficulties are often encountered during the tender evaluation as the criteria set on Standard Bidding Document (SBD) are not very clear. Hence, before uploading the tender, the criteria/ requirements shall be properly set and uploaded in the Standard Bidding Document (SBD). **(Action: NCAH)**

8. Equipment List Updates

Based on the field requirements and suggestions, following items shall be included in the equipment list:

1. Multiparameter Monitor for Surgery
2. Farrier set (For Cattle & Equine) for hoof trimming
3. Burdizzo castrator (bull)
4. Surgical table (Stainless steel adjustable height)

9. Clinical Dress Standardization

Considering the different clinical dress code used in the animal health centers currently, the requirement of uniform clinical dress code was felt very important. Based on the presentation made by NVH, a three-color scheme shall be adopted for: Veterinarians, Veterinary Paraprofessionals and Lab technicians. The proposals shall be submitted to the department for approval. **(Action: NVH, NCAH, DoL)**

10. PCV2 Vaccination Proposal

Based on the requisition for vaccination of pigs at NNPBC Yusipang against Porcine circo virus (PCV) type 2 and Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome (PRRS), a feasibility study





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was conducted. The findings suggested for introduction of vaccination against PCV2 only as PRRS was not detected in RT-PCR. A pilot vaccination program could be implemented at NNPBC by including appropriate strains/genotypes. A detailed proposal shall be submitted to the Department. **(Action: NCAH, AHD DoL)**

11 New NVMC Chair

Following the completion of two years chairmanship tenure by the Chief, AHD, the committee selected the Program Director, NCAH, through open poll and PD, NCAH shall be the Chair of NVMC for the period of two years **(Action: AHD/NCAH/NVH)**

