

Brucellosis Work Group

Feb. 11, Thursday, in Room 137 of the State Capitol
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tentative Agenda

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Explanation of what the work group is seeking to do:
 - review issues raised at the Economic Affairs Committee Jan. 21 meeting -- through legislative staff explanations of MEPA, unequal treatment, budgetary issues (past and future), and comparisons with other states
 - provide to the Economic Affairs Committee any next-step suggestions that the Committee might take (e.g. letters urging interagency (including federal and state) collaboration on this issue)
 - discuss among stakeholders possible next steps toward solutions for brucellosis issues.
- 3) Review by Todd Everts of his legal opinion of whether MEPA applies to the Department of Livestock order for a Designated Surveillance Area
- 4) Review by Bart Campbell of whether the order poses unequal treatment questions (treating some livestock producers differently than others without a rational basis)
- 5) Review by Barb Smith of the fiscal issues associated with the Brucellosis Action Plan and budgetary issues for FY 2011 and FY2012
- 6) Review by Pat Murdo of responses to questions raised by Sen. Barrett comparing DSAs in neighboring states
- 7) Discussion and formulation of next step recommendations