

FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine Research Program Review

FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is a consumer protection organization that fosters public and animal health by approving safe and effective products for animals and ensuring the safety of animal food/feed.

CVM's Office of Research (OR) provides support to CVM's program offices that is critical for enabling the Center to fulfill its mission. This support includes conducting applied research and providing scientific expertise to directly address scientific, policy, and regulatory issues that are relevant to the products that CVM regulates.

To effectively meet its mission of providing scientific/research support to CVM, the OR has developed and implemented a planning process for its research programs and activities. This process involves an annual review and prioritization that includes input from OR scientists and managers, the other CVM offices, and external stakeholders. CVM's Center Management Team reviews and signs-off on the plan. CVM believes the planning process for its research programs and activities has been very effective to date. This annual planning process leads to the development of the CVM Three-Year Research Plan. OR also reports annually on the progress of the research plan through the CVM Research Report. Overall CVM accomplishments are summarized in CVM's Annual Report.

Charge to FDA Science Board: The charge to the Science Board is to conduct a critical review of CVM research programs and the planning process that CVM has implemented for developing its Three-Year Research Plan. The agency requests additional input from the Science Board as to how the planning process for its research programs and activities may be improved. In particular, the Science Board is requested to review CVM's current research program, most recent Three-Year Research Plan, and annual Research Report, to provide recommendation(s) regarding how CVM's research planning process might be improved to most effectively utilize available resources and increase its research program capacity for supporting the approval of safe and effective products for animals and ensuring the safety of animal food/feed.