



Tennessee One Health Committee Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2025

Members present in-person:

Grayson Carter, Dr. Samantha Beaty, Blair Beaty, Alli Williamson

Members absent:

Austin Travis

Agenda

- **Introductions** – Jane Yackley
 - **Voting Member Introductions**
 - Grayson Carter – TN Department of Health
 - Dr. Samantha Beaty – TN Department of Agriculture
 - Austin Travis – TN Emergency Management Agency
 - Blair Beaty – TN Wildlife Resources Agency
 - Alli Williamson – TN Department of Environment Conservation
- **Administrative Updates**
 - Housekeeping
 - Meeting participation is limited to moderator(s), voting members, voting member delegates, invited speakers and public commenters
 - Webcast is available for all other attendees
 - Recording and meeting minutes will be posted online
 - Voting members abstain from discussing One Health Committee business with each other outside the formal meeting
 - Meeting dates and information will be posted at <https://tn.gov/health/cedep/one-health> and added to TDH Calendar of Events at least 30 days in advance of the next meeting
 - Public Comments
 - The public and any non-voting member participate must indicate their desire to comment by emailing One.Health@tn.gov with the name of the person requesting to comment and the topic of their comment at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
- **Agency Updates**
 - **TN Department of Environment and Conservation**
 - Continues to make strong progress in reducing environmental and public health risks posed by unused medications.



- Since 2011, 893,000 pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals have been collected
- In 2025 alone, 68,556 pounds have been collected.
- All 95 counties are participating with 387 permanent collection locations.
- TDEC and TDH are working together for PFOS response efforts. In addition, TDEC division of water resources now requires annual PFOS monitoring in biosolids.
 - This will help us understand soil and crop exposure pathways.
- **TN Department of Agriculture**
 - As a state, there are no commercial detections of Avian Influenza.
 - Private collection of birds who have tested positive are under quarantine.
 - A show pig tested positive for swine flu.
 - Connecting with the vet to ensure exposure it managed in a way to keep from spreading.
 - A dog tested positive for Leishmaniasis in east TN
 - Developing a plan to stop the spread of new world screwworm
 - Maintain an agreement with the federal government
 - Visited almost every veterinary clinic in the state to provide literature and sampling kits in the fields.
 - Working with TWRA at their checkpoints for deer. Can collect and potential screwworm samples.
 - Primary one health veterinarian position will be open at the start of the year.
- **TN Wildlife Resources Agency**
 - The TN fish and wildlife commission will be voting on baiting for deer in the next meeting.
- **TN Emergency Management Agency**
 - Not on call
- **TN Department of Health**
 - No major updates
- **Presentation:** One Health in TN: Current Status, Challenges, and Priorities by Dr. Walid Alali from ETSU
- **Public Comment**