

New Director Appointed for Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's ONE HEALTH OFFICE (USA)

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Captain **Casey Barton Behravesh MS, DVM, DrPH, DACVPM**, a veterinarian, is the new Director for the CDC One Health Office http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dhcpp/one_health/. She is a Captain in the United States Public Health Service. **Dr. Barton Behravesh is an advocate of using an interdisciplinary One Health approach involving human, animal, and environmental health to address emerging zoonotic and infectious diseases in order to best protect public health.**

Dr. Barton Behravesh served as the Chief of the Epidemiology Activity in the Rickettsial Zoonoses Branch, Division of Vector-borne Diseases (2014-2015) where **she worked on important One Health issues both domestically and internationally** such as fighting Rocky Mountain spotted fever transmitted by the brown dog tick, which makes focusing disease control efforts on human, dog, and environmental health of critical importance.

From 2006-2014, Dr. Barton Behravesh worked in the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases. She most recently served as the Deputy Branch Chief of the Outbreak Response and Prevention Branch, Division of Foodborne, Waterborne and Environmental Diseases (DFWED) and as the DFWED Coordinator for Enteric Zoonoses and One Health. During her 8 years with DFWED,

she focused her efforts on investigating outbreaks of human illnesses caused by enteric pathogens, including *Salmonella* and *Escherichia coli* O157:H7, due to foodborne, waterborne, and contact with animals and their environments. These multistate foodborne and zoonotic outbreaks include *E. coli* O157:H7 infections linked to petting zoos, unpasteurized dairy products, and contaminated meat products, as well as human *Salmonella* infections linked to backyard poultry, reptiles/amphibians, rodents, dry pet food, and variety of foods such as peanut butter and produce. Her work led to the formation of the Enteric Zoonoses Team in the Outbreak Response and Prevention Branch. She has extensive experience bridging the gap between human and animal health officials at the local, state, federal, and international level related to emerging zoonotic and infectious diseases.

Dr. Barton Behravesh serves as the CDC liaison to the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians <http://www.nasphv.org/>, and as the CDC representative to the American Veterinary Medical Association Council for Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine and the United States Animal Health Association. Since 2013, she has served as adjunct faculty in the Texas A&M University (TAMU), College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences; TAMU also has a notable One Health program <http://onehealth.tamu.edu/>.

Dr. Barton Behravesh enjoys mentoring the future public health work force and has supervised dozens of EIS officers and epidemiology elective students since joining CDC in 2006.

Dr. Barton Behravesh has a Master of Science in Veterinary Parasitology from Texas A&M University. She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M University and a Doctor of Public Health degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health, both in 2005. She was an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer from 2006-2008 with the Enteric Diseases Epidemiology Branch at the CDC. She is board certified in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine.