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Dr. Joseph Annelli is currently Director of the One Health Coordination Center and the Senior Advisor for Agriculture and Health Systems located in the Office of the Associate Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services at the US Department of Agriculture. He leads the One Health Coordination Center and assists Veterinary Services and USDA in implementing the One-Health principles of applying an interdisciplinary approach and joint strategies to resolve issues at the human-animal-ecosystem interface to improve both human and animal health. The core of his work involves providing senior level leadership and coordination for USDA, APHIS and Veterinary Services' One Health Working Groups with the rest of the Federal interagency, States, Tribes and private sector entities involved in public health and agriculture. These working groups are responsible for coordinating strategic policy, plans and actions for all USDA Agencies and Offices as they relate to the interrelationships of the human-animal-ecosystem interface and its impact on agriculture and public health.

Prior to this Dr. Annelli was Director of Emergency Programs for Veterinary Services. At the beginning of the global concerns for highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza and the possibility of an emerging pandemic, Dr. Annelli was detailed to the Office of the Secretary as liaison to the White House Homeland Security Council on Avian Influenza issues for USDA, and, also served as Director of the International Avian Influenza Coordination Center before returning to Veterinary Services in his current position. He was ideally positioned to continue in this role through the 2009-H1N1 Influenza Pandemic building upon the networks and partnerships developed through the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza and the response to highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza.

Dr. Annelli attended veterinary school at De La Salle Araneta University College of Veterinary Medicine in the Philippines and completed his studies at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and received his Masters of Science degree in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Minnesota and a prior Master of Science Degree from Long Island University's CW Post Campus in Ecology and Marine Biology.