



An Update on Work Projects from the Partnership for Food Protection

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Partnership for Food Protection (PFP)

- The Partnership was established in 2009 to help implement the recommendations from the 2008 50 State Workshop
- PFP is comprised of 7 work groups whose members are experts in human and animal food safety, epidemiology, laboratory science, animal health, environment and public health
- PFP contributes to the development and implementation of an Integrated Food Safety System



PFP Vision and Goal

- An **Integrated** Food Safety System that allows for “Mutual Reliance for a Safer Food Supply”
- **Goal: A seamless partnership and operation** among strategic partners (Federal, State, and Local agencies) to achieve the public health goal of a safer food supply



PFP Structure

- Governing Council comprised of federal, state, local governments and food safety associations providing strategic direction
- 7 workgroups
 - Compliance and Enforcement
 - Information Technology
 - Laboratory Sciences
 - Outreach
 - Surveillance, Response and Post Response
 - Training and Certification
 - Work Planning and Inspections



PFP Governing Council Members

State & Local Representatives:

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| Pat Kennelly, Co-Chair State Health Food Safety | California Department of Public Health Sacramento, CA |
| Claudia Coles State Ag Food Safety | Washington Department of Agriculture Olympia, WA |
| Roy Kroeger Local Health | Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department Cheyenne, WY |
| Mark Sestak At-Large State/Local | Alabama Department of Public Health Montgomery, AL |
| Pieter Sheehan At-Large State/Local | Fairfax County Department of Health Fairfax, VA |
| Robert Waltz State Feed Safety | Office of Indiana State Chemist West Lafayette, IN |



PFP Governing Council Members

CAP Representative:

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| Bob Ehart | National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), Washington, DC |
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State Laboratory Representative:

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| Gary Horvath | Minnesota Department of Agriculture St. Paul, MN |
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PFP Governing Council Members

FDA Representatives:

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| Barbara Cassens, Co- Chair | FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs |
| Jeff Farrar | FDA - Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine |
| Tracey Forfa | FDA - Center for Veterinary Medicine |
| Ted Elkin | FDA - Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition |

USDA Representative:

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| David Goldman | USDA – Food Safety and Inspection Service |
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CDC Representative:

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| Sherri McGarry | CDC – Liaison to FDA for Food Safety |
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Workgroup:**Co- Chairs:**

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| Outreach | Jessica Badour (State-GA), Ryan Cates (FDA-ORA), |
| Work Planning and Inspections | Lisa Ramsey (State-VA), Jamie Hughes (FDA-CFSAN) |
| Compliance and Enforcement | Steven Stich (State-NY), Mildred Benjamin (FDA-CFSAN) |
| Surveillance, Response and Post-Response | Michael Needham (State - CA), Brian Sauders (State-NY), Matt Doyle (FDA-CORE), Travis Goodman (FDA-ORA), |
| Laboratory Sciences | Cindy Mangione (State-NY), Brenda Jackson (State – NC), Tim Croley (FDA-CFSAN), Tim McGrath (FDA-ORA), Don Burr (FDA-ORA) – Alternate |
| Training and Certification | Angela Montalbano (State-NY), Michele DiMaggio (Contra Costa Health District-CA), Jim Fear & Alan Bateson (FDA- ORA) |
| Information Technology | Vacant (State / Local), Lisa Creason (FDA-ORA) |



Work Towards Supporting Integration

- Development of best practices
- Compliance, inspection and work planning tools
- Information exchange model/pilot
- Training work shops



Compliance and Enforcement Workgroup

Focus: Roles of partner agencies in
compliance and enforcement
actions



Information Technology Workgroup

Focus:

- Deploy National Food Safety Data Exchange (NFSDX) Release 1.0 infrastructure to support electronic data sharing
- Start developing the Release 2.0 capabilities and work with pilot States to start integration testing
- Complete the development of the standard data architecture and framework for a subset of the Common Data Services and Business Services
- Evaluating future Full Operating Capability (FoC) use cases and scenarios for the National Food Safety Data Exchange



Laboratory Science Workgroup

Focus: Major laboratory initiatives affecting integration and “PFP Food/Feed Testing Laboratory Draft Best Practices Manual”



Outreach Workgroup

Focus:

- Redesign of the PFP Website
- Enhanced PFP branding and design
- Electronic Newsfeeds
- Infographics & animations
- The new PFP website will be at: <http://www.pfp-ifss.org/>



Surveillance, Response, & Post-Response Workgroup

Focus:

- Best Practices for the use of FoodSHIELD During Food/Feed Incidents
- Recommendations for improving FDA and state communication during recalls
- Quick Start Food Emergency Response Job Aids

In progress:

- Rapid Response Team (RRT) capacity building and mentorship framework
- Model for Food Emergency Response Framework
- Response Resource Library



Training and Certification Workgroup

Focus:

- National Curriculum Standard (NCS) Frameworks identifying job competencies for various positions across four career levels
- 2015 & 2016 Regulatory and Public Health Partner Training Summits
- Jointly developed the Training Summit Website with Office of Training, Education, and Development (OTED) (www.fda.gov/trainingsummit)
- 25+ General Education Online Modules available to regulators 24/7 beginning the Summer of 2017
- Featured twice in Food Safety Magazine as cover stories (National Curriculum Standard and IFSS)



Work Planning and Inspections Workgroup

- Focus:
 - Obtained feedback on adoption & use of a “Model Work Plan” Best Practice (worked with MFRPS Alliance)
 - Redistributed model work planning document to FDA and State Work Planners
 - Joint Inspection Planning Checklist Tool drafted
 - State Inspection Frequency Criteria (worked with the MFRPS Alliance)



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Questions?



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