

FDA Office of State Cooperative Programs:

Adapting to Challenges & Building for the Future

Pacific Breakout Session





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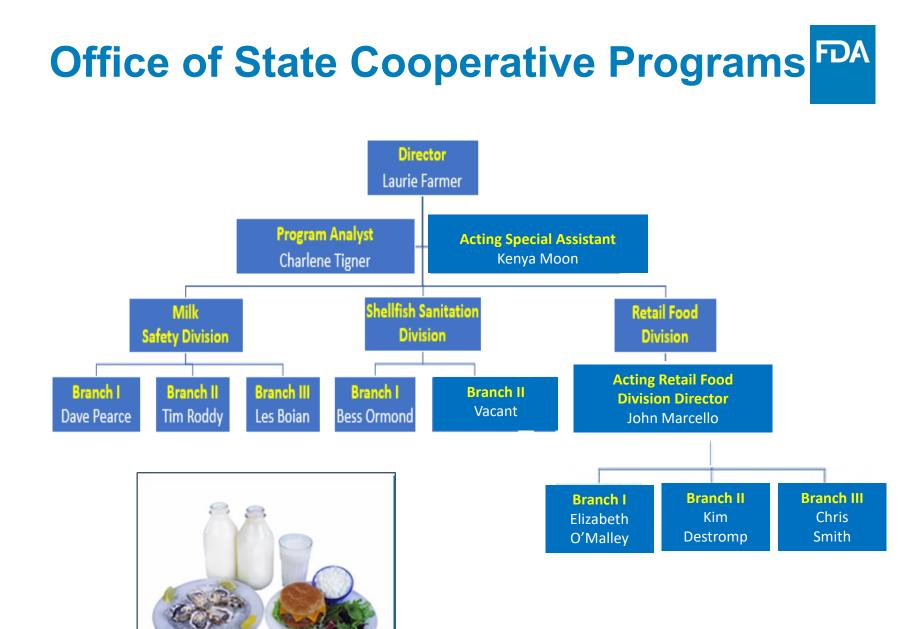
Presentation Outline

- Who we are
- What we do
- How we've adapted
- The road ahead



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- What we are about:
 - Partnership
 - Collaboration
 - Multiplier effect



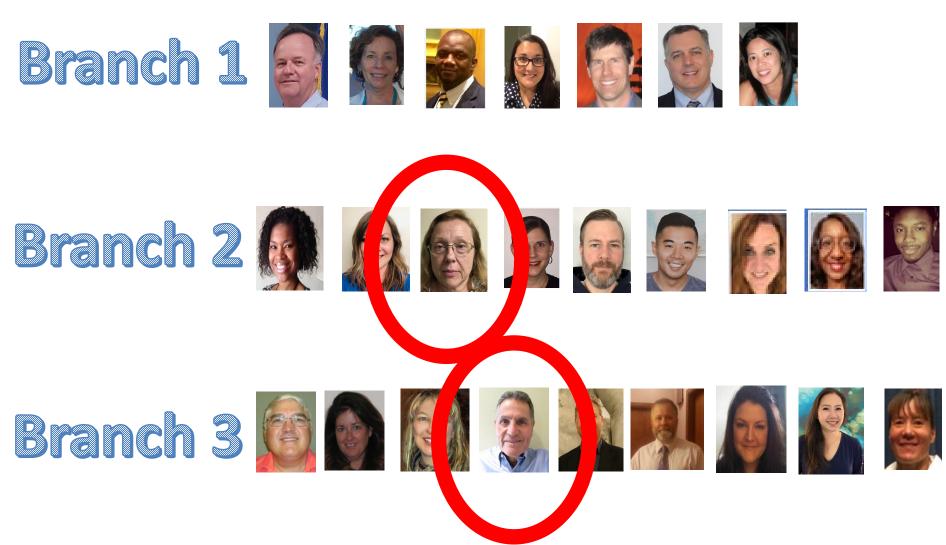




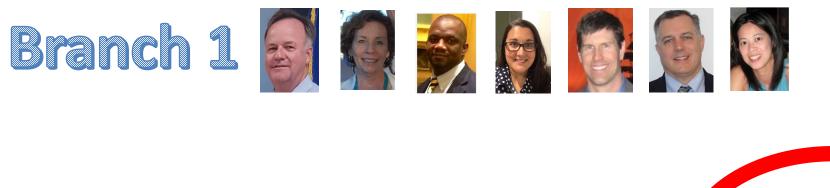


















































Building Office Infrastructure

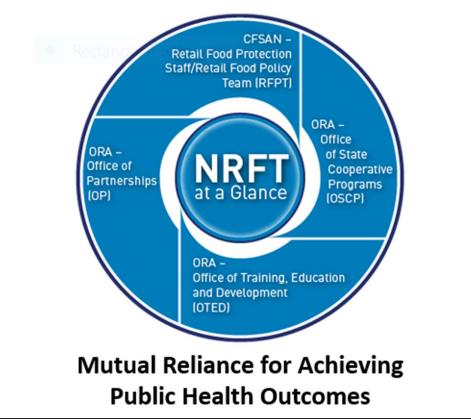


- Completing the hiring process for 5 FTE vacancies
 - Retail Food Division Director
 - 4 Retail Food Specialists

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Strengthening Collaboration

National Retail Food Team (NRFT)



Developed the National Retail Food Team (NRFT)

- 5-year Strategic Plan
- 2-year Operation Plan

FDA National Retail Food Team's Strategic Goal & Objectives



GOAL: Reduce the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors in food establishments

(Metric: FDA Foodborne Illness Risk Factor Study & State, Local, Tribal, & Territorial (SLTT) Risk Factor Studies)

1. Increase uniformity, consistency, and capacity of SLTT retail food protection programs

- Promote adoption of Science based guidance
- Drive progress & conformance with Program Standards
- Maximize implementation of Standardization
- Provide Tech Assistance & Training
- Build capacity for better FBI Surveillance & Response
- Create new & strengthen Partnerships

2. Promote industry's active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors & promote a culture of food safety

- Increase use of Food Safety Management Systems
- Encourage/support development of new technology and interventions
- Monitor emerging managerial practices, food safety culture and behavioral science in relation to evolving business models.
- Monitor and assess industry compliance

3. Maintain a strong NRFT work force

- Optimize resource allocation
- Attract, retain, and optimally deploy a highly skilled workforce
- Advance the professional development and technical expertise of staff
- Promote a value-based organizational culture









Food Safety Revolution

- Technology
- Consumers are changing
- Public Health focused
- Funding
- Collaboration
- Need to MODERNIZE



Advancing with Technology

FY21 - Working with OTED to deliver **48** retail food courses using a virtual platform FY22 – **50** virtual retail courses scheduled





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- Partnering with Professional Associations and National Conferences on the virtual delivery of education sessions and meetings:
 - NEHA AEC 3 educational sessions
 - CFP 2021 Biennial Meeting
 - NACCHO AEC
 - > AFDO AEC
- Partnering with AFDO to assist with the virtual format and delivery of FDA's Retail Food Seminar

Preparing for the Roll Out of the Retail Food Flexible Funding Model

- NEHA selected to manage RFFM (40M over 3 years)
- Developing the Roll Out Plan
- OSCP staff serve on Joint Advisory Group (JAG)

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Action 1: RPS Enrollment			
Action 2: Determining Eligibility	The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are pleased to announce the new Retail Flexible		
Action 3: Grant Types Available		Funding Model (RFFM) Grant Program, opening for the first time in September 2021. The program will provide funding to state, local, tribal, and	
Action 4: Completing Your CSIP	territorial (SLTT) retail food regulatory agencies as they advance conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (VNRFRPS) or Retail Program Standards. FDA will utilize NEHA's strengths to assist SLTT retail food programs in their efforts to reduce the occurrence of foodborne illness risk factors and implement and attain conformance with the Retail Program Standards.		

Self-Assessment/Verification Audit Workshops

Face to Face and Virtual

SA/VA F2F Workshop Planning



- Two being planned for 2022
- Spokane, WA before the NEHA AEC
- Southeast in Feb 2022





VIRTUAL SA/VA COURSE DEVELOPMENT

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Self-Assessment and Verification Audit: Introduction and Administrative Course

Chapter 1: Welcome to the Series

Video: Introduction to Course Series

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National Risk Factor Study

- Deli study available: RFS are available to give presentation
- Plan for resuming next round of data collection



Questions?

