

FDA Office of State Cooperative Programs: Adapting to Challenges & Building for the Future

Pacific Breakout Session



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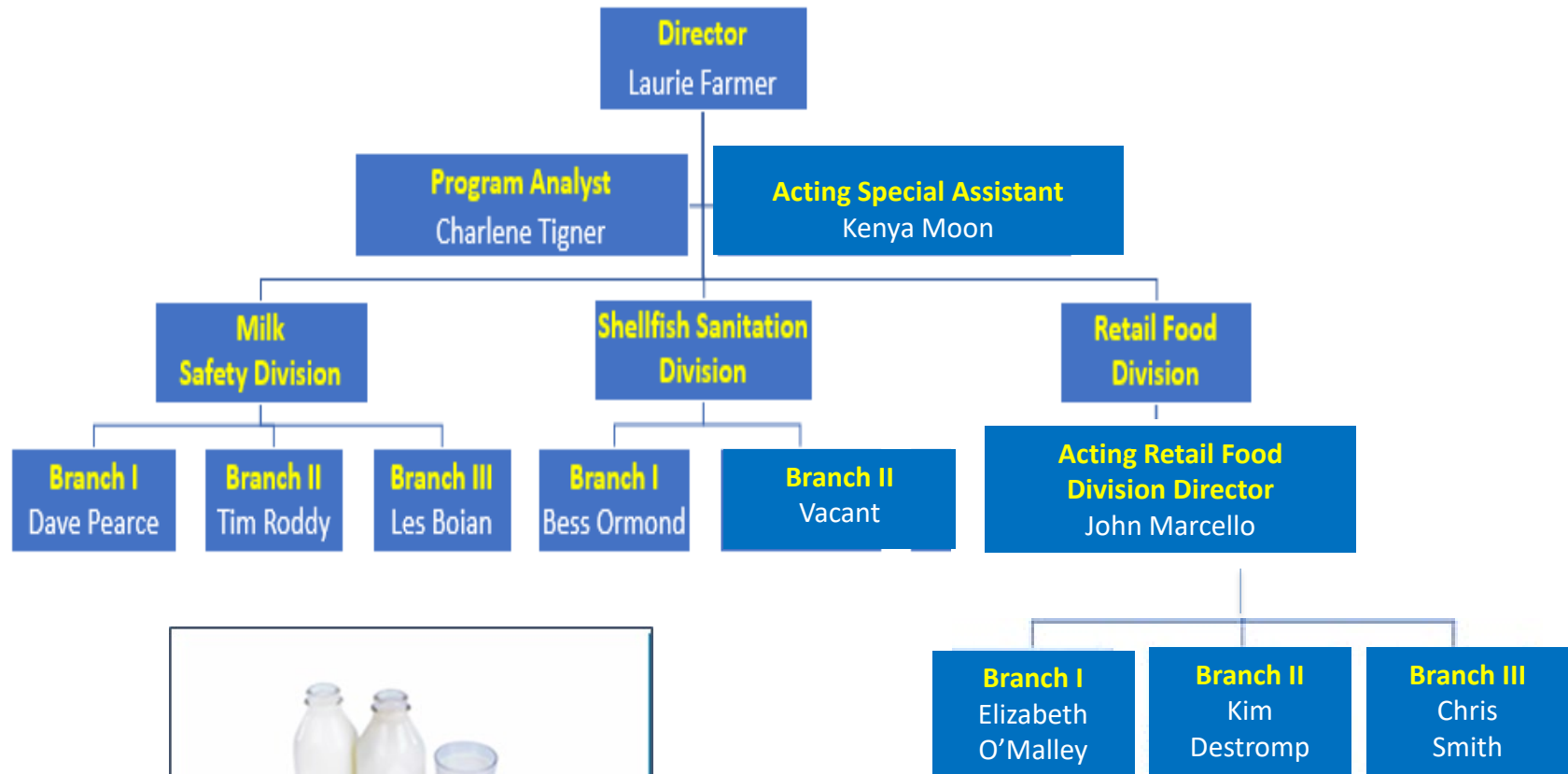
Presentation Outline

- 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

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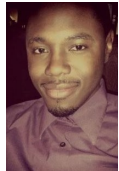
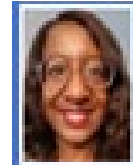
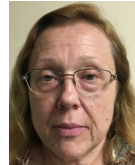
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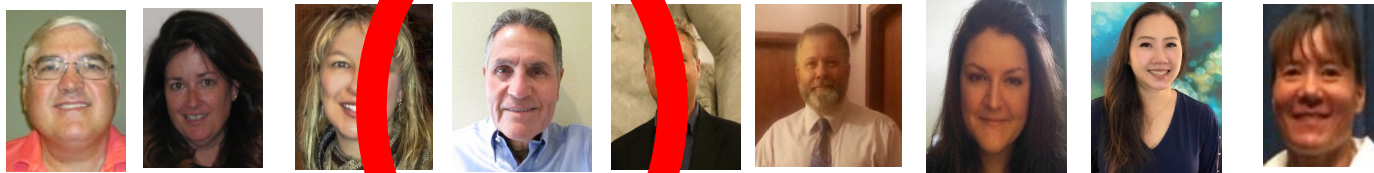
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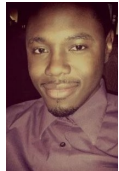
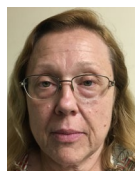
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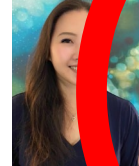
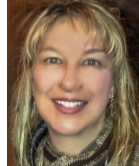
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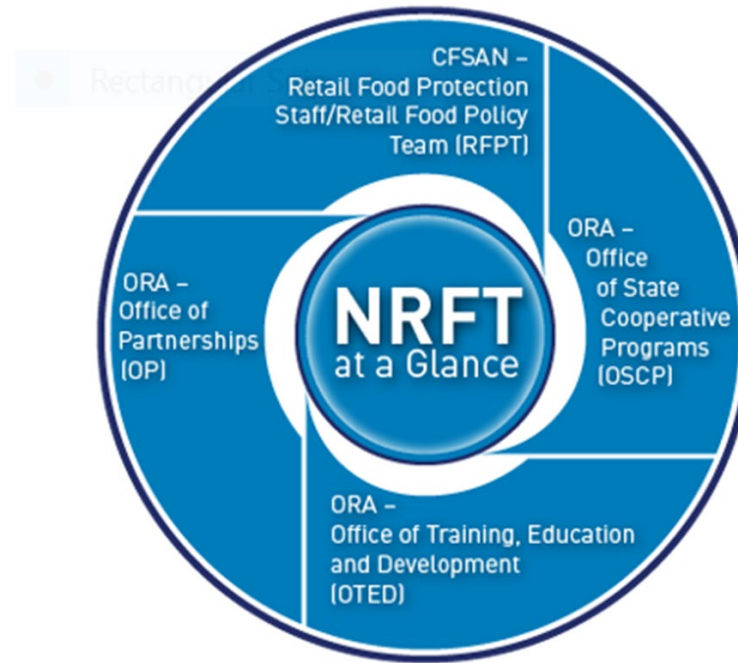
Building Office Infrastructure



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

Strengthening Collaboration

National Retail Food Team (NRFT)



**Mutual Reliance for Achieving
Public Health Outcomes**

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

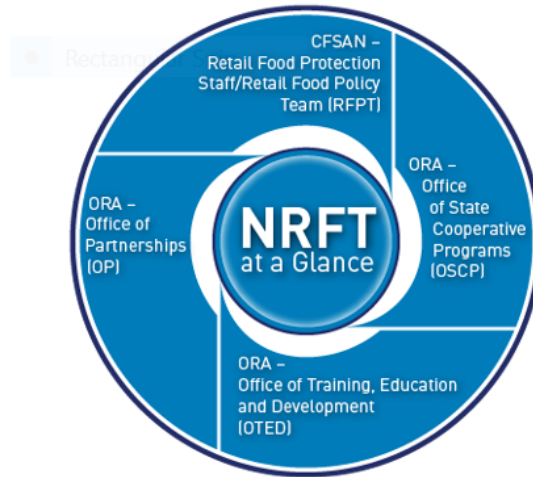
2. Promote industry's active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors & promote a culture of food safety

- 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

National Retail Food Team (NRFT)



**Mutual Reliance for Achieving
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Food Safety Revolution

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



Advancing with Technology

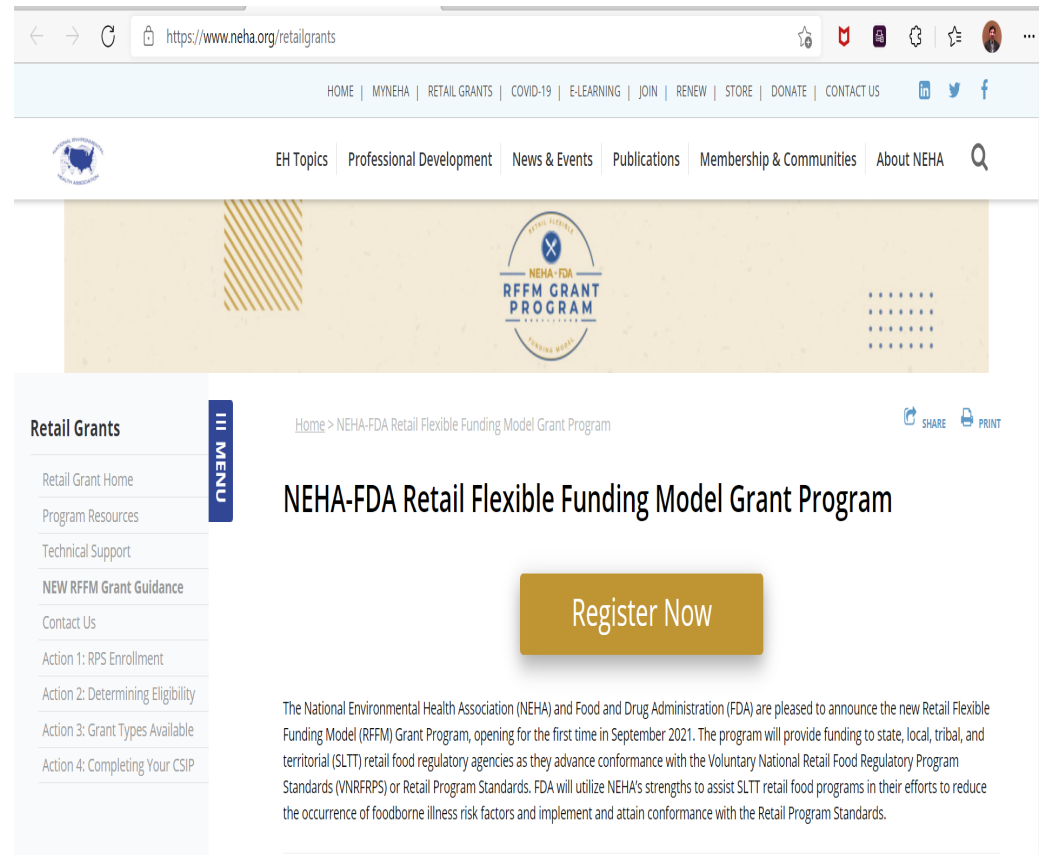
FY21 - Working with OTED to deliver **48** retail food courses using a virtual platform
FY22 – **50** virtual retail courses scheduled



- 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)



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

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a Road Less
Traveled*



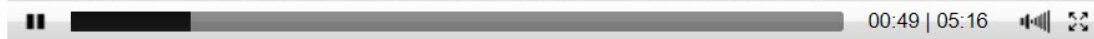
VIRTUAL SA/VA COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Video: Introduction to Course Series

Helena Barton, REHS

Washington State Department of Health

We have worked on the standards
for many years now,



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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?

