

# 2013-2014 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Foodborne Outbreak & Emergency Response Committee

**\*Chair:** Darby Greco, Chief Sanitarian, Food Protection, NY State Department of Health

**Co-Chair:** Scott Gilliam, Director, Indiana State Department of Health

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**Charge 1:** Track efforts of NoroCORE, CIFOR, and InFORM and report these efforts to the AFDO Board.

**Discussion:** The first in-person meeting was held on June 9, 2013 at the AFDO annual meeting in Louisville, KY. Darby Greco (Chair), Scott Gilliam (Co-chair), approximately 60-70 persons present.

### Proceedings:

Greco and Gilliam discussed the origin of the committee and reviewed the charges of the committee with the group.

- Essential to coordinate with Food Protection and Defense Committee to prevent duplication of efforts

Carrie Rigdon provided an overview of NoroCORE.

- USDA \$25 million grant to NC State University – Lee-Ann Jaykus
- Six main focus areas that emerged from a NoroCORE meeting in November 2012. These are: Molecular biology, Rapid detection, Epidemiology and risk analysis, Prevention and control, Extension and outreach, Capacity building and laboratory analysis
- Link to the NoroCORE website: <http://norocore.ncsu.edu/>
- A collaboration meeting will be held in November.

Ernie Julian provided an overview and update of CIFOR activities.

- CIFOR has completed the first revision of some of the chapters in the CIFOR Guide. AFDO members may be particularly interested in the content on Control Measures and Metrics. Continues to be a multi-disciplinary tool.
- CIFOR is developing outbreak guidelines for food operators that have now been released.
- Chapter 8 metrics are being rewritten
- Will look at illness rates to identify trends

Steve Morse provided a brief update on Outbreak.net

### Special presentations by IFPTI Fellows:

Davonna Koebrick, Texas Dept. of State Health Services – presented on “Impact of FDA Core Courses on Texas Manufactured Food Inspector Written Observations.

Very well done and generated several questions from audience.

Sarah Robbin, El Paso County Department of Health and Environment – presented on “Behavior Change Inspection Model: A Tool for Improving Food Safety”. This too was well done and also generated several audience questions.

### Open Discussion:

Question – How many meetings per year should we have?

Much discussion – but it was decided to do 2 conference calls and one live meeting at annual conference.

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Discussed Committee Charges:

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Charge 2: Review and comment of IFSS Toolkit focus area concerning "Emergency Response"

Next meeting – by phone and to be determined.

Meeting adjourned

**Recommendation:** This charge should be continued and amended if necessary to reflect current workgroups relevant to foodborne outbreak response in which AFDO participates.

## **Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 2:** Review and comment of IFSS Toolkit focus area concerning "Emergency Response."

**Discussion:** Next meeting was held on December 2, 2013 and was chaired by Darby Greco. Scott Gilliam was unable to participate due to illness. Reports on NoroCore and CIFOR activities were again provided by Carrie Rigdon and Ernie Julian, respectively. The November InFORM meeting was discussed by committee members who attended. Consensus was that InFORM provided a unique opportunity for discussion of foodborne disease issues from the combined perspectives of epidemiology, environmental health and laboratory professionals.

Jack Guzewich provided the committee with an overview of the IFSS Toolkit including background on its objectives and development. The group was asked to review the chapter on emergency response and provide comments to the chairs for compilation.

The group provided no comments to the chairs. Darby and staff reviewed the chapter and had no substantive comments to improve the document. It is clear that the toolkit was thoughtfully developed and intended to harmonize with other related documents such as CIFOR and RRT best practices.

**Recommendation:** Recommend discontinuing this charge moving forward.

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