

2014-2015 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Food Protection & Defense Committee

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Charge 1: Monitor Food & Agriculture Sector activities at DHS and of the Government Coordinating Council/Sector Coordinating Council (GCC/SCC) and report any items impacting AFDO members to the Board as encountered.

Discussion: Chair Mike Starkey and MI Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Brad Deacon both represented state agencies on the GCC and participated in Council's meetings during this time period keeping Committee and Board members briefed as appropriate.

Recommendations: Continue state participation in the GCC/SCC and carry this charge forward.

Executive Committee Action:

Approval

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Date

6/4/15

Charge 2: Evaluate the process FDA is using to develop and implement strategies to leverage and enhance the food safety and defense capacities of State and local agencies in order to achieve food safety and defense goals as outlined in FSMA Section 205 (c) (1).

Discussion: FDA provided survey data to Committee members who assisted with the data analysis and summarization. FDA staff are currently working on revisions of the proposed rule prior to the publication deadline of **May 31, 2016**. No further actions have been taken by Committee members.

Recommendations: Carry this charge forward and revise so Committee members stay engaged with FDA (Office of Partnerships and Food Defense Team) to better define how FDA and states can best collaborate to coordinate information sharing, education/training activities, and inspections in preparation for implementation of the final rule.

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Charge 3: Identify possible food defense contact information or links that would be useful additions to the Directory of State & Local Officials.

Discussion: The committee chair contacted the AFDO office in December 2014 regarding this charge. In addition to contact information, the DSLO contains program areas, jurisdiction, and FDA region for each regulatory official. There are currently 39 contacts in the directory that contain the words "food protection" and 6 contacts that contain the words "food defense" in their profile.

Recommendations: Add "Food Defense" as an option under program area in the DSLO.

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