

# 2014-2015 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Foodborne Outbreak & Emergency Response Committee

**\*Chair:** Darby Greco, Chief Sanitarian, Food Protection, NY 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 committee continues to monitor the efforts of these organizations. In an effort to increase environmental health and food program participation in inFORM, the committee assisted with deploying a survey of members' likelihood of attending inFORM should travel funding assistance be provided.

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge in 2015-2016

**Executive Committee Action:**

Approval  Disapproval  Date 6/4/15

**Charge 2:** Advise the AFDO Board of the efforts of the "CDC Food Safety Centers of Excellence" established through FSMA.

**Discussion:** Not started

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge in 2015-2016

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 3:** Provide AFDO membership input by serving as a focus group to the Partnership for Food Protection Response and Recall Workgroups Food Emergency Response Framework Project. Report to the AFDO Board.

**Discussion:** Effort is ongoing. At time of this report the members of the committee are engaged in reviewing the framework and providing feedback.

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge to completion in 2015-2016 if not completed prior to AFDO meeting in June.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 4:** Review a demonstration of the Palantir information sharing software and solicit feedback from committee members regarding possible benefits and/or opportunity for improvement in using Palantir for interagency sharing of epi, lab, and environmental health information for foodborne outbreak identification and response. Provide the AFDO Board with a draft recommendation letter to FDA.

**Discussion:** With assistance from FDA CORE, the committee developed a survey for distribution to State food program managers in order to evaluate familiarity with current software solutions and data sharing and analysis needs. However, the survey has not yet been distributed.

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge in 2015-2016.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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