

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

**2008- 50 State Meeting
Gateway to Food Protection**

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Initial Questions: Why Are We Here?

- To build successful partnerships
- To launch from past success
 - National Food Safety Initiative
 - Recent joint activities
- To recognize that the world has changed
 - Global food supply
 - Rapid and widespread distribution
 - Consumer expectations

Initial Questions: Why Are We Here?

- To examine and question the way we currently operate
- To recognize the value that each can bring toward an integrated food protection system
- To make things happen
- To find practical solutions that make a difference

Outcome – Five main themes emerged

- Data sharing and improved IT
- Faster response
- Targeted risk based approaches
- Training
- PetNet

Outcome

- Lots of enthusiasm
- Willingness to participate
- Looking to the future
- Anxious for change

Post 50-State Meeting

- Discuss with Council of Association Presidents
- Develop a Coordinating Committee
 - Feds (FDA, CDC, USDA, DHS)
 - States
 - Locals
- Define the approach through work groups
- Work groups met May 28th

State and Local Involvement

Coordinating Com: 20 state and local
7 FDA; 2 CDC, 1 USDA/FSIS, 1 DHS

Response WG: 17 state and local
5 FDA, 2 CDC, 1 DHS

Training WG: 21 state and local
4 FDA, 2 CDC

Risk-based WG: 16 state and local
5 FDA, 1 CDC, 1 DHS

Interactive IT WG: 17 state and local
6 FDA, 1 CDC, 1 DHS



Next Major Milestone

50 – State meeting August 2010!



QUESTIONS?

