

2017-2018 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Food Protection & Defense Committee

Chair: Jennifer Pierquet, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Chair: April Hunt, MDARD-Food Dairy Division, Lansing, MI

Chair: John Martin, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC

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. Provide an update of the GCC/SCC meeting to the AFDO office to be published in the AFDO eNews letter.

Discussion: The GCC/SCC meeting was scheduled for January 24-25, 2018, with John Martin and April Hunt in attendance, but the meeting was cancelled due to the federal government shutdown. The GCC/SCC meeting was rescheduled on April 11-12, 2018 in Washington DC. John Martin attended in person, Jenny Pierquet attended by webinar. Jenny provided an update of AFDO's activities to the GCC/SCC.

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

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Charge 2: Identify possible food defense contact information or links that would be useful additions to the Directory of State & Local Officials.

Discussion: AFDO took on this charge to update the Directory of State & Local Officials (DSLO). The Committee's understanding is this charge is complete and the DSLO will now have food defense contacts.

Recommendations: Sunset, do not continue charge for 2018-2019. The Committee anticipates an increase in activity and in the number of state Food Protection Task Forces due to the Flexible Funding Model Grant. Propose new 2018-2019 charge: "Connect and collaborate with the Coalition of Food Protection Task Forces to share food protection and defense resources."

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Charge 3: Review the food defense contacts in DSLO to determine if contact information is accurate and update where necessary.

Discussion: Complete, see #2.

Recommendations: Revise 2018-2019 charge: "Continue to update the food defense contacts in the Directory of State and Local Officials (DSLO)."

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Charge 4: Finalize the update for the Food Emergency Pocket Guide publication.

Discussion: The Food Emergency Regulator Pocket Guide, Third Edition, was drafted by the Working Group in 2017 and underwent a review from various stakeholders identified by the Committee. The Working Group used the reviewers' comments and worked on numerous action items in March 2018. The Committee would like to acknowledge all the wonderful feedback received from reviewers.

The Food Emergency Regulator Pocket Guide update was completed and sent to AFDO for printing in May 2018. The Pocket Guide remains in its current size but now has plain text tabs and colored charts/graphics. Printed copies of the Pocket Guide will be revealed and shared during the Food Protection and Defense Committee meeting on June 10, 2018. The Committee would like to note our appreciation to the entire Food Emergency Pocket Guide Working Group for completing this project, and highlight Jennifer Bonsky (MI)'s contribution, in addition to being a lead author, she spent many additional hours harmonizing edits and formatting the Pocket Guide this spring in order to finalize it in time for the AFDO Annual Education Conference.

Recommendations: Review demand and printing needs for the pocket book update throughout 2018-2019. Update 2018-2019 to state: "Share, distribute, and seek feedback on the recently updated Food Emergency Regulator Pocket Guide."

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Charge 5: Monitor resources for state programs to assist in implementing the FSMA Intentional adulteration rule.

Discussion: A 50-state webinar on the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Intentional Adulteration (IA) webinar was held on May 16, 2018. States will have access to the recording and provided resources through FoodSHIELD. FDA will provide an update on the IA rule at the Committee's meeting on June 10, 2018.

Recommendations: The Committee Chairs asked AFDO leadership to inquire from Barbara Cassens and Jeff Farrar about the role states will play in implementing the FSMA IA rule. The Chairs would like to better understand the concerns/issues states have with implementing the FSMA IA rule. The Chairs believe surveying the program managers on their interest or ability to implement the FSMA IA rule would be useful in understanding how this Committee could best assist states with this rule.

Update 2018-2019 charge to state: "Survey states on their intent to adopt FSMA Intentional Adulteration Rule and determine their resource needs pre and post adoption"

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