

# 2017-2018 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Foodborne Outbreak & Emergency Response Committee

**Chair:** Alida Sorenson, RRT Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

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**Charge 1:** Track efforts of NoroCORE, CIFOR, InFORM, FoodNet, EHS-Net, CDC Food Safety Centers of Excellence, Partnership for Food Protection Surveillance, Response, and Post-Response Workgroups. Report efforts to the AFDO Board. Send topics of interest to AFDO members to the AFDO staff for inclusion in eNews.

**Discussion:** The Foodborne Outbreak & Emergency Response (FOER) Committee has identified a representative for each group identified in Charge 1 to contribute to an organizational crosswalk document. A FoodSHIELD group was created for the committee to share information and jointly develop the crosswalk document. The committee is now looking for opportunities to post the crosswalk on a public forum to be reference by others and updated routinely. The crosswalk document assists in meeting Charge 1 and Charge 3.

**Recommendations:** This charge will still be relevant in the coming year. Recommend charge to be carried over to 2018-2019.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 2:** During major multistate outbreaks, look for opportunities to provide talking points to state and local program managers on the outbreak.

**Discussion:** The committee requests additional clarification of Charge 2 as it is still causing some confusion. What is the intended outcome?

**Recommendations:** With additional clarification, the committee is still interested in pursuing this charge. Recommend charge to be carried over to 2018-2019.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 3:** Seek out ways to collaborate and share information across the many projects and groups working foodborne illness investigation and prevention-related projects including minimizing duplication between groups.

**Discussion:** See additional details about the organizational crosswalk document above. The committee is looking for opportunities to post the crosswalk on a public forum to be referenced by others and updated routinely. The crosswalk document serves as a check to minimize duplication of work between groups if it is regularly updated and referenced. See "suggested new charges" below for additional thoughts on use of the organizational crosswalk.

**Recommendations:** This charge will still be relevant in the coming year. Recommend charge to be carried over to 2018-2019.

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**Charge 4:** Coordinate regional webinars with the Food Safety Centers of Excellence for the States.

**Discussion:** The committee was unable to meet this charge in 2017-2018.

**Recommendations:** Recommend charge to be carried over to 2018-2019.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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