Foodborne Outbreak & Emergency Response Committee
Chair: Alida Sorenson, RRT Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Chair: Brandon Sauceda, RRT Manager, Georgia Department of Agriculture
Chair: Karen Blankenship, Response Team 3 Lead, FDA CORE

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.

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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.

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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.

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