Food Protection & Defense Committee
*Chair: Jennifer Pierquet, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Chair: April Hunt, MDARD-Food and Dairy Division, Lansing, MI

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

Discussion: The Chairs continue to engage with the GCC/SCC. April Hunt and John Martin attended the spring 2019 meeting in Arlington, VA on April 10 & 11th. April provided a brief update on the AFDO Food Protection and Defense Committee and shared the AFDO Food Emergency Pocket Guide for Regulators website link with the group.

Recommendations: Carry forward and continue this charge.

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Charge 2: Connect and collaborate with the Coalition of Food Protection Task Forces to share food protection and defense resources.

Discussion:
The Chairs have a variety of opportunities to share with the Food Protection Task Force (FPTF) via our Committee.

- Sharing DHS’s Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) membership information – Completed. HSIN information was shared via AFDO newsletter in December and FPTF website in February 2019.
- Surveying FPTF about contact to add to DSLO – Not Started. Our committee will need to work with AFDO to add a key word or identifier to DSLO to make FPTF contacts searchable.
- Working with FPTF on building a better food defense in retail repository (best practices, guidance, etc) – In progress. A working group to serve as subject matter experts to review and possibly develop food defense materials for retail establishments has been confirmed. The working group is a multidisciplinary group of federal, state, industry and academia. A kick-off conference call is tentatively planned for June 2019.
- Jenny Pierquet and Jennifer Bonsky, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, were interviewed at the April 2019 Manufactured Foods Regulatory Program Alliance face to face meeting about FPTF for an upcoming AFDO podcast.

An additional request for Task Forces in 2019-20 will be to discuss retail and Food Defense materials. The National Restaurant Association approached Jenny Pierquet at IAFP about the need to update the FDA Food Code, Food Defense resources as the resources are not all applicable to retail. The Committee has created a working group on this topic, tentatively kicking off June 2019.

This is the proposed Committed Charge #3 for 2019-20.

Jenny Pierquet serves on the Advisory Committee for FPTFs along with Alan Tart, Thanh Andrews and Pricilla Neves. During recent calls the above bullets have been discussed.

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**Recommendations:** Carry forward and continue.

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**Charge 3:** Continue to update the food defense contacts in the Directory of State and Local Officials.

**Discussion:** See charge #2.

**Recommendations:** Discontinue, contacts are being maintained by AFDO. Our committee with work with FPTF on any other updates. Replace/Update Charge #3 to say: Review FDA Food Code Food Defense documents and other related materials with a multidisciplinary working group of retail subject matter experts.

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**Charge 4:** Share, distribute, and seek feedback on the recently updated Food Emergency Guide for Regulators.

**Discussion:** Jenny and April will be shared and distributed the guide at the Rapid Response Team Face to Face Meeting in December 2018. Jenny shared the guide with attendees at the MCAFDO meeting. A webinar was held on September 28th and all AFDO members were invited to hear about the guide. Jennifer Pierquet and Jennifer Bonsky shared and distributed the guide at the MFRPS face to face meeting in April 2019 during the speed dating session.

Our committee has received additional requests for presentations on the guide into 2019-2020. Angela Montalbano requested the presentation for an upcoming retail conference. Erik Bungo would like the presentation at the 2020 CASA meeting. Our committee also has a survey on AFDO’s website to collect feedback and improvements for future versions of the guide. A radiological chapter has been proposed for the next version.

**Recommendations:** Carry forward and continue this charge.

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**Charge 5:** Survey states on their intent to adopt FSMA Intentional Adulteration Rule and determine their resource needs pre and post adoption.

**Discussion:** The Committee determined the 2019 NAFDS survey would not provide the information AFDO requested of the committee. Delays on Intentional Adulteration (IA) Rule outreach, guidance and training have caused this charge to need retooling. FDA has moved out inspections until 2020 and the states will not be working on any IA Rule Quick Checks until 2020-2021 or later. The Committee continues to work with FDA on IA rule outreach. The FDA IA Rule staff will be presenting during our Committee’s meeting on June 22. The Committee will reach out to FDA’s IA Rule staff and National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

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(NASDA) this summer to verify FSMA/IA Rule survey activity and get a status update on states that have adopted or plan to adopt the IA Rule.

A regulatory training on the IA Rule Quick Checks is in development for fall 2019. The states will not be working on any IA Rule Quick Checks until 2020-2021. FDA has moved their routine IA Rule inspections out until spring 2020.

**Recommendations:** With the IA Rule inspection extension, outreach and education to state and industry continues to be relevant and useful. Revise Charge #5 to state: “Assist FDA and others to provide FSMA Intentional Adulteration Rule outreach and determine state resource needs.

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