Foodborne Outbreak & Emergency Response Committee

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Charge 1: Track efforts of NoroCORE, CIFOR, and InFORM and report these efforts to the AFDO Board.

Discussion: Committee members continue to actively participate in these groups and will provide updates during the committee meeting on June 26, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Recommendation: Renew this charge for 2016-17.

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Charge 2: Advise the AFDO Board of the efforts of the “CDC Food Safety Centers of Excellence” established through FSMA.

Discussion: In the last year, “CDC Food Safety Centers of Excellence” (CoE) expanded to include New York State as a Center, established a northeast region and developed a point of contact map. Each region is served by a CoE state to establish clear points of contact to guide jurisdictions to available resources. CoE also maintains a well-developed website (http://www.coefoodsafetytools.org/) sharing the numerous resources and training opportunities available.

Recommendation: Continue Charge with outreach to CoE Directors, introducing AFDO and exploring opportunities to collaborate such as offering subject matter expertise, review and comment on resources during development, etc.

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Charge 3: Provide AFDO membership input by serving as a focus group to the Partnership for Food Protection Response and Recall Workgroups Food Emergency Response Framework Project. Report to the AFDO Board.

Discussion: The PFP Surveillance, Response and Post Response workgroup established a PFP MFFERF subgroup representing several food regulatory sectors to review and update the FSMA Federal-State Integration Team’s Model Food and Feed Emergency Response Framework (MFFERF) with input from local, state and federal subject matter experts. The AFDO Foodborne Illness and Emergency Response Committee served as a review group. The
committee members provided recommendations and comments which were included in a draft final report that has gone out to the workgroup for review. A final report is expected to be submitted to the PFP Governing Council late summer or early fall.

**Recommendation:** Charge complete.

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**Charge 4:**

Review a demonstration of the Palantir information sharing software and solicit feedback from committee members regarding possible benefits and/or opportunity for improvement in using Palantir for interagency sharing of epi, lab, and environmental health information for foodborne outbreak identification and response. Provide the AFDO Board with a draft recommendation letter to FDA.

**Discussion:** No action taken.

**Recommendation:** Discontinue charge.

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