

Nevada Food and Safety Task Force [NFSTF}
Meeting: October 9, 2003
Best Western Airport Plaza

In attendance:

Anna Vickery, Daren Winkleman, Dustin Boothe, Van Heffner, Jerry Caird, Dave Evans, Stan Omaye, Robert Sobsey, Aruna Surendera Babu, Jimmy Vigilante, Dave Strickler, John Roberts, Kathy Stewart, Kinley Goodman, Pete Allen

Approval of July 23, 2003 minutes:

Van Heffner: Motion to approve. Daren Winkelman: Second to motion.
All in favor - July 23, 2003 minutes approved as written.

⊕ In agenda next meeting: April 15, 2003 minutes, assigned to Daren Winkelman.

Approval of By-Laws:

Van Heffner: Motion to approve. Dave Evans: Second to motion.
All in favor - NFSTF By-Laws approved as written [approved copy attached].

Individual Agency & Organization Updates:

- Foodbourne Illness Reports, web based program updated by labs can be sued for resources, references and communication purposes. **SITE NAME?**
- Nora virus** workshop was in May 2003 – dealing with public knowledge, facilities and procedures for potential outbreaks. Looking down the road for additional seminars.
- Dairy commission looking to change codes to include colostrums in raw milk regulations. Their thought is that colostrums should be included in that restriction. Also, code revisions to include dairy animal to be 'hoofed and, or padded animals.
- Possibility of Carson City becoming district health office.
- The new Food and Safety Icons available through Van Heffner on disk they can be obtained through his secretary – Joan.
- Possibility of Clark County using Bellagio's training facilities for safety training and testing.
- Washoe County hired new environmentalist, putting more emphasis on epidemiology and the effects on food and water.
- Questionnaire presented to establish priorities in food safety. Discussion on relativity of questions and mode of delivery.
- Jerky discussion and the ability for salmonella to survive in high/low altitudes and high temperatures. Inducing humidity before drying out. Additional info can be obtained from David Strickler.
- State health in series of position changes. New Bureau chief, ASO etc.
- April's FDA sponsored 'Bio-terrorism in Food and Drug' critical needs list stated state in need of sophisticated laboratory.
- Discussion on whether or not grants can come from Homeland Security for food security.

Break into groups: 11am

Lunch break: Noon

Resume groups: 1pm

Group reports: 2pm

GROUP UPDATES:

Group 1: CODE REVISION

Group decided that key people were missing. To have successful revision, individuals must be represented from each district.

⊕ Anna Vickery will contact members from missing districts for participation.

Group decided to review all regulations from each district to determine areas that are not in agreement and target those first. Purpose in revision is to give districts a common minimum guideline; individual districts could become more restrictive as needed.

⊕ Daren Winkelman will acquire each district regulations.

Central Person: Anna Vickery

Group 2: TRAINING

Group had discussions on following items:

Centralization of Inspectors/Inspections

Obtain copies of inspection reports

Review each district's training for comparison

Review each district interactions for comparison

Integrate the whole for consistency

How do we maintain RHS requirements?

Continuing education? For everyone?

NEHA website to act as a clearing house to tie in all departments for things such as meetings, trainings, seminars, etc.

Central Person: Jerry Caird

Group 3: FBI COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Group concentrated on fine tuning the questionnaire and discussing the mode of delivery: web-based is looking more apt to happen.

Central Person: Not noted.

Additional Notes:

Question was raised regarding an electronic template for task force letterhead, as opposed to printed letterhead.

⊕ Any ideas please forward to Anna Vickery – not specifically assigned.

Next Meeting:

January 22, 2003, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm in Las Vegas, specific location TBD
⊕ Van Heffner and Jimmy Vigilante will look for location.

TRAVEL PROCEDURES:

PLEASE NOTE: All travel for air, lodging etc for members must be made through Jerry Caird. Contact Jerry for arrangements and specifics.

Public Comments or Questions: None present.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

⊕ Denotes action necessary.