

**Nevada Food Safety Task Force  
December 7, 2005 Meeting Minutes  
University of Nevada Reno, Savitt Medical Building  
University of Nevada Las Vegas CBC Building**

**Attendance:**

John Marcello (FDA), Stan Omaye (UNR), Chad Westom (State of Nevada Health Division), Bryan Wagner (Washoe County Health Dist), Robert Sobsey (Washoe County Health District), Jimmy Vigilante (Bellagio), Tony Macaluso (Washoe County Health District), Teresa Hayes (Carson City Environmental Health), John Roberts (Sierra Foodservice Sanitation), Anna Vickrey (, Nevada State Dairy Commission), Doug Simpson (Atlantis), Robert Morin (Gold Dust West), Joyce Clark (Boomtown), Robert Hoffman (Nevada State Health Lab) ,Stephanie VanHooser (Nevada State Health Lab), Joe Eidem (Exec Chef Washoe County Medical Center), Gina Pahona (Indian Health Services), Andrea Horn (Indian Health Services), Steve Goode (Clark County Health District), Joe Iser (FDA), Jamie Frank (Nevada State Health Lab), Sergey P. Morzunov (Nevada State Health Lab), Kathleen Manley (Washoe County Health Dist), Dave McClure (Red Lobster), John Faustich (UNR), Brian Labus (Clark County Health Dist), Linda Newton (Clark County Health Dist), Louis St. Andrew (Circus Circus), Heverto Segura (New York New York), Erik Ambald (New York New York), Stefano Caligiuri (Luxor), Larry Marr (Food Safety Consultant).

The above members were present for the meeting.

Robert called meeting to order:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved from the September 28th, 2005 meeting.

John Marcello commented that during the last meeting some of the jurisdictions were going to make changes to their EPI flow charts and forward them to John for presentation at this meeting. No updates were supplied so John asks that they be completed and forwarded in preparation for the next meeting. He would like those sent via e-mail if possible. He suggests looking at the internal Foodborne Illness Surveillance teams and identify each of their rolls for the next meeting and provide a brief, formal written identification of foodborne illness team, including media spokes persons.

Bryan Wagner asked the Task Force to support a resolution of the American Public Health Association concerning lead in candy. The resolution was e-mailed to the members prior to the meeting and copies were made available at the meeting. The committee approved support of the resolution. Robert will draft the support to focus on the food and water issues. The support will go to the APHA and public health officers. Update: Due to FDA's recent proposal to set a 0.1 ppm guidance level for lead in salt and sugar based candy, (FDA Docket No. 2005-D-0481), letters for support will not be sent out at this time.

Jamie Frank gave a PowerPoint presentation focused on which types of testing the State Health Lab is able to perform and instructions for collection and transportation. A copy of the presentation is attached and notes will be made available at the next meeting. It is recommended that each jurisdiction check their Food Borne Illness kits against the recommended supply list in the presentation.

Kathleen Hanley from Washoe County District Health agreed to share their SOP's for Foodborne Disease Complaints and Outbreaks with the Task Force. The document contains the Chain of Custody Form that is currently being used by the county.

Updated contact and members lists were distributed and can be forwarded electronically by request. Any changes or additions to the list should be forwarded to Anna Vickrey.

Jimmy Vigilante asked on behalf of the industry members that we place a little more emphasis on what industry does. This could include allowing them to share with us the programs they have in place for food safety and security. Jimmy will work with industry to come up with some ideas for the next agenda.

Joe Iser met with the Task Force. He is the new FDA State Program Liaison out of the San Francisco Region. The FDA is meeting with various agencies (DOH, CC Reno, LV, Dairy, etc) to establish a partnership agreement to coordinate the food, drug, and device protection efforts. The agreement is intended to improve coordination of inspections and enforcements actions, eliminate duplication, define regulatory roles, improve channels of communication, and promote interagency training.

The partnership agreement would contain the following functional element of an integrated system:

1. Emergency Response
2. Inspection Planning and Operational Coordination
3. Information Sharing
4. Product Recall Activities
5. Consumer Complaint Investigations
6. Regulatory & Lab Training
7. Partnership Agreement Endorsements
8. Laboratory

Informal agreements were made with FDA and the various health agencies to plan joint inspections and share inventories. Joe will be meeting with the Task Force regulatory members to formulate an agreement at a separate meeting to be held in Las Vegas on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

The Task Force will also meet on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 to continue working on Standard 5.