

**Minutes of the Nevada Food Safety Task Force  
March 21, 2007 – 9:30 am**

**Location:  
Main Street Hotel & Casino,  
200. N. Main St., Las Vegas, Nevada**

Attendees: Anna Vickrey, Stan Omaye, Mary Wilson, Todd Ponder, Stefano Caligiuri, Jimmy Vigilante, Antonio Pastini, Don Barker, Bob Morin, John Smith, Alex Stokes, Jr., Katherine Stewart, Erica Ryan, Chad Westom, Fred Ray, Linda Newton, John Marcello, Glen Harelson, Cindy Reininga, Liza Frias, Marcella Gelman, Teresa Hayes, Katherine Jacobi, Carol Kanz, Alex Montgomery.

1. Call to order.
  - a. By Anna Vickrey, (Stand-in)
  - b. Attendees introduced themselves and identified their individual agencies.
2. By-Law Changes
  - a. Wording of “purpose” changed. Motion approved
3. Election of Alternate lead-chair.
  - a. John Smith, Stratosphere, elected to post
4. Election of Secretary
  - a. Stan Omaye volunteered
5. Elections of Chairs for Industry
  - a. Lead: Stefano Caligiuri, Luxor Hotel
  - b. Alternate: Katherine Jacobi, Nevada Restaurant Association
6. Elections of Chairs for Academia
  - a. Lead: Tony Pastini, Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa
  - b. Alternate: Katherine Stewart, Nevada Department of Education
7. Elections for Regulatory
  - a. Lead: Bryan Wagner, Washoe County District Health Department
  - b. Alternate; Erica Ryan, State of Nevada Health Division
8. Logo.
  - a. Vote on Style – Set on tables in the back to be looked at later.
  - b. Discussion on how it could be used. Ex: letter head, patches, and posters.
9. Hand washing committee.
  - a. Meeting at 8:30 am not held.
10. Clean Indoor Air Act: Discussion about how this is being handled in each jurisdiction and in industry.
  - a. Washoe County: No one present. Chad Westom said they sent out educational mailers with the permits
  - b. State of Nevada: Copied Washoe County
  - c. Southern Nevada Health District: Linda Newton, stated they had received 1900 complaints in the first weeks. They were still waiting for the lawyers to decide how the law is to be interpreted.

- d. Carson City Health: Each complaint, which must be received at the health department, is being followed-up by and educational visit from the Environmentalists.
  - e. Industry: Several stated that complaints are mostly based on a misunderstanding of the law. Educational phone calls are being made to each complainant to education them on what is being done to comply with the law. Establishments are becoming very creative with the law. Now they put food delivery establishments on speed-dial. There have been a number of garbage can fires, which has lead to a safety issue.
11. (Food Defense) Alert Program – FDA Update from John Marcello
- a. Know your suppliers, know who to contact is the main message. Distributors can be asked about their trace back procedure to determine their compliance with this order.
  - b. Card supplies with local contact information are back ordered. Demand is high for these items.
  - c. Photocopies of the card in newsletters are O.K.
  - d. First responders will be local health departments
  - e. FDA will be happy to do local training programs about the Alert Program in your area if requested.
  - f. Local business is not aware that program exists.
  - g. Some confusion about who to contact first: Homeland Security, FBI or FDA. John suggested that should be answered at the local level.
  - h. Nevada Restaurant Association website has training materials
  - i. Question asked: “Are there any grants available for education?” Answer: No
12. Update on FDA Agreement from Capitan Glen Harelson
- a. He introduced himself to industry and regulatory persons
  - b. Explained that part of this process is to get to know your partner in a food born illness case before it happens. (Ex: Clostridium Botulinum case in Washoe County)
  - c. Explained that we had gotten side tracked by a disagreement between the State of Nevada and Washoe County on jurisdiction at Food Processing facilities.
  - d. Explained that he agreed to begin the draft of the document to determine what was left to be discussed.
13. Food born illness surveillance. Program Standard #5 – (For Next Meeting)
- a. Directory done by Anna Vickrey Dairy Commission, needs to be updated on a regular basis.
  - b. Each jurisdiction developed a flow chart to decide where their gaps are.
  - c. All jurisdictions need to cooperate to make one (1) flow chart for the State of Nevada.
  - d. Kits are prepared.
  - e. Lab needs to be invited again so that we can get an update on what they can test for. C. botulinum case could not be done in the state.
  - f. A matrix was developed for information collected during an FBI investigation. Each jurisdiction submitted what they collected.

- g. Each jurisdiction can begin to fill-in the gaps on their own forms.
  - h. Important to identify the “must haves” on these forms.
14. Retail Food Seminar, John Marcello
- a. Aug 7-10 2007 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Good response from attendees. Book your room soon.
15. Dr. Omayya spoke about the importance of getting academia more involved in the task force.
- a. He updated the group on all the new programs available at the university level.
  - b. Suggested the only way to get the lab to show up on a regular basis was to invite them.
16. Response to hand washing posters with raccoon.
- a. Washoe County: unk.
  - b. State of Nevada: sent them out with permits
  - c. Carson City Health Department: distributes them during inspections
  - d. Southern Nevada Health District: Linda has lots of them. Please call and ask for more.
17. Logo vote
- a. Everybody liked the one with the official symbol for the State of Nevada. Anna will follow up to see if a digitized seal could be obtained from the State for a clearer picture.
18. Food Code update on NAC and 2005 Model food code from Chad Westom.
- a. Draft to revise NAC 446 “baseline” has been sent to the Health jurisdictions for review
  - b. Response has been to hold a workshop with all jurisdictions to sort out some details.
  - c. After that it will be sent out to Industry for review
  - d. Timeline: hopes to have it sent to the state board by August barring complications.
  - e. Clark County is working on revising their code and it will not be released until the state has adopted a new code.
  - f. Industry stated they did not like HACCP plans being adopted. They prefer GMP standards. GMP will not hurt Mom & Pop businesses as much.
19. As discussed at Regulatory Meeting (March 20, 2007). Discussion about FBI surveillance program will be discussed last so that Industry can leave.
20. Next meeting date selection postponed to that Atlantis Casino could be asked to host. A letter requesting space needs to be submitted to the hotel requesting space for meeting and a few room nights at state rate. The dates will be either July 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> for the next meeting.