

# Nevada Food Safety Task Force

April 30, 2008  
Las Vegas, NV

## MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Stefano Caligiuri who will be acting lead Chair ( Erica Ryan ill).
2. Introduction of Board members deferred to next meeting.
3. Introduction of attendees.
4. Attendee sign-up sheet sent around (attached).
5. Motion by Stefano Caligiuri, second by Johnnie Smith to approve minutes from 1/16/08 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Item #6 taken out of order to take advantage of guest speaker's availability. Mr. David Schrom (FBI) gave presentation Infragard-Collaboration for National Infrastructure Protection. Presentation stressed the use of subject matter experts to gather information that is used to assess/identify threats of terrorism.
7. John Marcello provided FDA informational update. FDA will continue to support task force for next three years (\$5000 per year).
8. Anna Vickrey provided financial report – current balance is \$5,862.25 (approval deferred to next meeting). Anna informed that the money should be spent by end of September 2008. John Marcello suggested that a small committee be formed to propose projects that the money could be used for that are of broad interest to the NFSTF. Discussion ensued on possible ways to spend money (educational seminar, outreach, travel). Stefano Caligiuri and Jimmy Vigilante volunteered to co-chair a small subcommittee along with Anna Vickrey to develop a list of possibilities for consideration.
9. Meritech demonstrated a hand washing system in the main kitchen of Luxor that removes 99.98% of bacteria on the hands and offers resource efficiencies (less water, less soap).
10. Katherine Jacobi of the Nevada Restaurant Association provided an update on the hand wash committee. Bryan Wagner is working on a Washoe County hand wash proclamation. Katherine Jacobi is working on a statewide proclamation to be endorsed by Gov. Gibbons in recognition of Clean Hands Month in September.
11. John Marcello provided update on the Conference for Food Protection meeting held in April 2008 in San Antonio. Key issues from the Conference include:

- Cut leafy greens maintain a temperature of 41° to reduce time/temp. control issues associated with cut, leafy greens. Compromise made to recommend holding temp. of 45°F ambient.
- All items of food code were evaluated and categorized into 1 of 3 categories depending on risk.
  - 1) priority (temps, times, etc.)
  - 2) priority found (date marking, CFM, etc)
  - 3) core items (floor, walls, ceilings)
- Allergens – The person-in-charge and employees will now need to know what the 8 major allergens are (use to be just the person-in-charge)
- A request was submitted to not include re-shippers in the ISSC list.
- A guidance document on partial cooking processes was proposed for inclusion in the Food Code.
- Cut tomatoes – tomatoes sliced at room temperature can use 4 hours as the timeframe for time control of growth...
- Interpretations of Food Code to be put on-line.

John noted that a comprehensive list of issues considered and addressed is included in the Conference for Food Protection website for those interested in more details.

12. Erica Ryan not available to provide update on item.
13. Darren Winkelman (State Health) provided update on progress of NAC 446 revisions – workshop noticed for May 8, 2008.
14. Anna Vickrey gave presentation on illegal dairy operation in Northern Nevada.
15. It was recognized that this discussion occurred during agenda item # 8.
16. Update provided by John Marcello regarding maintenance of comprehensive contact list (maintained by Tony Macaluso). Discussion ensued regarding need to improve recall efforts, particularly at the Federal level. John will provide web link for recalls to the members. Discuss blast fax and blast email capabilities and/or opportunities. John M. also informed attendees of the Pacific Region Retail Food Seminar to be held in Seattle August 12-14, 2008.
17. No additional comments.
18. No public comments.

19. Stefano provided update/information on “Get Fresh” tour which will occur after NFSTF meeting.
20. Next meeting July 23, 2008 (Wednesday) in Reno, Nevada - time & specific location TBD.
21. Meeting adjourned 12:40 pm.