

Nevada Food Safety Task Force Meeting
July 23, 2008
Huffacker School House, Bartley Ranch

Minutes

Attendees

Tony Macaluso	WCDHD
Cindy Ulch	Nevada State Health Division
Stan Omaye	UNR
Robert Hoffffman	NSHL
Teresa Hayes	Carson City Health & Human Svcs
Jim Pierce	Nevada Env. Hlth Assn
David McNinch	WCDHD
Erica Ryan	Nevada State Health Division

9:10 AM - Meeting called to order by Erica Ryan (item 1 of the agenda) and attendees determined that we had a quorum.

Erica introduced those in attendance and circulated a sign up list to participants (item 2 and 3 of the agenda, see list of attendees above).

Erica called for attendees to approve past minutes, which was second by Teresa and past by the attendees (item 4 of the agenda).

Erica provided the financial report for Anna Vickery (item 5 of the agenda). There is \$5,467.62 which needs to be spent by end of Nov. This report was seconded by Robert. Report was approved by the attendees.

Item 6 of the agenda was Hand Wash Committee. A draft Proclamation from Washoe County District Board of Health to proclaim September 2008 as "Clean Hands Month" was submitted to attendees. Attendees agreed to promote the proclamation pending people availability. Attachment #1.

Item 7 of the agenda deals with the use of grant money, such as; give-away, hosting educational conferences, and funding conference attendees.

Bryan Wagner, WCDHD, is the contact person regarding promotional items, such as the posters and keychains.

A list of promotional items (suggestions) was handed out to attendees by Erica. Attachment #2.

Cindy noted that the Task Force might consider supporting the FDA with their safety course dealing temporary foods.

Jim noted that Task Force might help with Nevada Environmental Health Association's upcoming education course.

Item 8 of the agenda was Public Communication. Tony informed the attendees that communication notification list was completed and distributed. There was discussion regarding the need for further distribution and additional means to establish efficient food safety communications. Cindy and Stan volunteered to do some research (food safety partner list, which might be linked via the Task Force). Tony noted that the current communication was for regulatory people and that others were looking into distribution of information to industry people.

Item 9 – New Business

Stan distributed to a draft of the Nevada Initiative for Food Safety. This document describes efforts by faculty from three colleges at UNR to establish a Initiative for Food Safety. The objective of this initiative is to obtain funds/resources to support food safety/security educational measures and research. The Task Force was supportive of the initiative and would like to continue discussion as to how to obtain additional stakeholder endorsement. Attachment #3

Item 10 – No public comments

Item 11 – Date for next meeting. Date was set for Oct 8, at 9 AM. Attendees agreed upon a compressed video format with the tentative location at the Nevada Cooperative Extension Offices in Reno and Las Vegas.

Item 11 – Meeting adjourn at 10:10 AM.

S. T. Omaye, secretary