

## **Nevada Food Safety Task Force Meeting**

May 20, 2009

Video Conference held at:

Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003, Carson City, NV 89701 and  
Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E Washington Avenue, Suite 4900, Las Vegas, NV 89101

### **Minutes**

#### Attendees

##### Carson City:

Stacey Belt	Carson City Health & Human Svcs
John Roberts	Sierra Foodservice Sanitation
Erica Ryan	Nevada State Health Division
Bryan Wagner	WCDHD
Jim Pierce	NV Env. Hlth Association
Bob Morin	Western Nevada College
Anna Vickrey	Dairy Commission
Mark Dougan	WCDHD, EHS
Teresa Hayes	Carson City Health & Human Svcs
Kathleen Hanley	WCDHD
Tony Macaluso	WCDHD
Stan Omaye	UNR

##### Las Vegas:

Stefano Caligiui	Luxor Hotel
Mike Shafer	Nevada Dairy Commission
Dan Slater	SNHD
Susan LaBuy	SNHD
Malinda Boothe	Albertsons
Christine Sylvis	SNHD
Marcella Gelman	Vons

Agenda item 1. 9:00 AM - Meeting called to order by Erica Ryan. Erica noted that we have a quorum based on attendees. Erica noted that we have an amended agenda. We had 12 participants from Northern Nevada and 7 participants from Las Vegas.

Agenda item 2. Introductions by attendees (see above).

Agenda item 3. Erica indicated the contact list is a work in progress. We need volunteers to help. Jim Pierce is our web master.

Agenda item 4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved as posted on web site.

Agenda item 5. Guest Speaker - Stacey Belt, Carson City Health & Human Svcs.

What are guideline to determine what is service animal? Not clearly defined. There are conflicts between NRS (any animal that assists or accommodates a person with a disability) and NSC (animal for person with visual, oral or physical disability that affects conduct of daily activities) codes.

What are the steps you need to take? From DOT. Step 1, ask the person, what service does the animal provides for you? Must be a credible service and appropriate reply is enough. Step 2, if in doubt, ask if have identification for service animal? See Chapter 426, Nevada Revised Statutes, and DOT 14 CFR Part 382. Usually questions are due to companion animals (companion animals are to assist emotional or mental health issues). Do not have to be registered animal but should have documentation as service animals. Based on ADA you cannot ask for identification documentation for animal for a disable individual. You can ask documentation for a companion animal.

Agenda item 6. NRS chapter 446, presented by Bryan Wagner. Should the Taskforce review one or all of the following?

- 1) Statutory language, for need to make any changes
- 2) Outdate language in food code
- 3) Differences in interpretation because of ambiguity

Discussion: Concern was expressed that for changes, discussion and recommendations, there will be a need to be done very early in order to present to legislative people. We will need a specific individual to bring our concerns to the legislature. Also, we must be cautious because once this is brought to attention of the legislature, the food code can be available for scrutinized.

Task force members agreed to examine the document to determine what the issues are and what our next action should be. By July 1<sup>st</sup>, agencies will get together and have a list of interpretation concerns.

Agenda item 7. Review of completed communication notification list. Presented by Tony Macaluso. This is in reference to standard 5 (work in progress). There are many issues, e.g., personnel changes, a new working group involving the Nevada Epi personnel, and changes in Nevada State personnel. It was noted that selected Industry/commodity people should be included for emergency contact.

Agenda item 8. Hand washing committee update. Presented by Bryan Wagner. Bryan has been working with Katherine Jacobi and has had considerable progress. September is National Clean hands. Mark Dougan noted that WCDHD has prepared a power point demonstration, which has been well accepted. The power point is available for others.

Agenda item 9. Budget. Presented by Anna Vickery. Anna noted that we have no money at this time but that she will be submitting grants for educational conference for next September. This can be an agenda item at the next meeting. Budget report was approved by attendees.

Agenda item 10. Presented by Erica Ryan. Updates:

Call for any comments regarding the NAC to be placed on the NFSTF website as a survey. Jim Pierce will follow up by initiating the survey.

Standard form for FBI is a work in progress. Also this item is a charge of the group for working standard 5.

NFSTF will have a table/booth at the annual Nevada Environmental Health Association meeting to be held August 4-6 in Las Vegas at the Hilton. This is an opportunity to advertise for NFSTF.

Agenda item 11. Elections of officers. All current officers have agreed to continue for another year.

Agenda item 12. Additional Comments. None

Agenda item 13. Public Comments. None

Agenda item 14. Scheduling of next meeting – September 23 at 9 AM. Video conference, sites to be determine.

Agenda item 15. Meeting adjourn by Erica at 11:07 AM

Stanley Omaye  
Secretary