

**Nevada Food Safety Task Force**

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Video Conference held at: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89123 and

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 5305 Mill Street, Reno, NV 89502

**Minutes**

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Attendees

Reno:

John Roberts	Sierra Foodservice Sanitation
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
Tony Macaluso	WCDHD
Stan Omaye	UNR
Katherine Stewart	Nevada Dept of Education
Sergio Guzman	Atlantis Casino
Bob Katasky	Atlantis Casino
Kynda Curtis	UNR
Bob Moore	Western Nevada College
Dave McNinch	WCDHD

Las Vegas:

Erica Ryan	NSHD
Stefano Caligiui	Luxor Hotel
Susan LaBuy	SNHD
Christine Sylvis	SNHD
Sandra Brown	USDA
Robin Collins	UNCE
Mary Wilson	UNCE
Karla Shoup	SNHD

Agenda item 1. 9:01 AM - Meeting called to order by Erica Ryan. Erica noted that we have a quorum based on attendees.

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

Agenda item 3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved as posted on web site.

Agenda item 4. The financial report was by Anna Vickrey. There is \$90 to provide Web Site work. Anna will reapply for grants.

Agenda item 5. Teresa spoke for Dave McNinch. NRS 446 revisions are on hold because of potential problems that could occur from special interest groups. However there will be further discussion. NRC is about 90% completed. The draft form is available (contact Cindy, State Division of Health). Glove or no bare hand policy will be available for “ready to eat foods”. There was extensive discussion regarding pros and cons of using gloves.

Agenda item 6. Erica Ryan

Conference Planning: Suggestions for conferences should be sent to Erica. Anna indicated that one grant should be for \$10,000 which can support conferences. The second grant is for \$5,000, which is for task force to use for supplies and travel. Food safety promotion items are possible uses for funding. The last conference was done in Las Vegas and it might be time to have one in Northern Nevada which could be based on education for consumers. NFSTF should plan to start working on this for 2011. We could invite various vendors, who could pay a fee to offset some of the costs.

Online comment form: For anyone who has concerns there is a place on our web site for comments. So far, we have no online comments.

NVEHA conference: A Power Point overview of what the Task force is all about was presented at the summer Nevada Environmental Health Meeting and Jim will post the presentation on our website. Erica attended the Burning Man Event. Approximately, 45,000 people in attendance. The cost was \$300 per person. No water provided but 80 food permits were given.

Mark Dougan discussed events done by the hand wash committee. District Board of Health supported a proclamation for hand washing with media coverage. Clean hands month was opportunity to work with other agencies, nursing, etc. In September they worked with Boy and Girl Club on hand washing. In the future they will work with the Balloon races. Also they have an extension web links on their web sites for education, etc.

Changes for child care facilities have been put into place, which says that they should have hand written washing procedures for which they will be inspecting for. They will be assessing effectiveness soon. Dave McNinch will discuss the baseline data and the questions used for baseline at our next meeting.

Agenda item 7 New Business

A. UNR Food safety education program for agricultural procedures in Nevada. Plans are for four workshops to be developed for food producers. Kynda Curtis (UNR) presented

the program. She is looking for local experts to assist in identifying speakers for program (Produce or meat products experts). There is the potential for having mobile food processing units. A planning group will provide list of issues to discuss at the four workshops and Kynda will share that with the task force for input.

B. FDA Foodborne Illness Task Force – Presented by Karla Shoup, Southern Nevada Health District) The goal is to open lines of communication between agencies. Share the food compliant and notification system.

C. Task force and HACCP consultants. Erica posed the question, do we have resources for people who need such information. Kathy noted that the U of Iowa has extensive list of HACCP plan for such information. She indicated that they have great template for developing others. It was also noted that John Roberts does HACCP plans.

D. Erica asked for ideas for speakers, tours and other CEU opportunities. Get information to Erica. Possible tours include: M&M. Slice and dice cheese in Northern Nevada. Tour of Food Services in Washoe for January (Kathy will arrange).

8. Additional comments: None

9. Public comments: None

10. Next meeting

Potential topic for next meeting – building support groups to prevent adversary legislative action to food safety

Next meeting will be January 20, 2009 in Reno. Also, we will have access to compressed video for those who can't travel.

Note: The next meet is the time for elections.

11. Meeting adjourn by Erica at 11:07 AM

Stanley Omaye  
Secretary