

Nevada Food Safety Task Force

Meeting Minutes and Notes

Regularly scheduled meeting held on May 11, 2010 at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) – Washoe County Location, 3505 Mill Street, Reno NV. This meeting was held with a video conference link to the UNCE Clark County Location, 8050 Paradise Road STE 100 in Las Vegas.

Attendees:

Reno Location:

Anna Vickrey	NV Dairy Commission
Teresa Hayes	Carson City Health (EHS)
Tony Macaluso	Washoe Co Health District
Stan Omaye	UNR
Jim Pierce	NV Enr Hlth Assn
Kathy Stewart	NV Department of Education

Las Vegas Location:

Erica Ryan	Nevada State Health Division
Michelle Colbert	Meritech Hand Washing Tech Systems
Jimmy Vigilante	Mirage, LV
Mary Wilson	University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
Sandra Brown	APHIS, USDA
Stefano Caligiuri	Luxor Hotel
Katherine Jacobi	NV Restaurant Association
Christine Sylvis	SNHD
Alex Stokes	Wynn Las Vegas
Charlyn Widmer	Everclean Services
Dale Yamnik	Yum Brands Inc

Agenda Item

1. Erica Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Erica noted that we had a quorum with representatives from academy, industry and regulatory interests.
2. Introductions – Participants introduced themselves, as noted above. Erica noted that we need to keep our mailing list up to date and passed out an excel spreadsheet for us to update. Based on our bylaws we need to have everyone reapply annually in January for membership which would keep our list up to date. Anna suggested we send an email in December with the application attached.
3. Approval of minutes from 01/20/2010 which are available on line at www.nvfstf.org – minutes were approved.
4. Anna Vickrey and the Treasurer's Financial Report. Anna has applied for the Food Safety Task Force Grant for \$10,000. FDA should be reviewing the grant sometime this

month. We will be able to use the funds for conferences, supplies, speaker fees, travel expenses for Nevada Food Safety Task Force Meetings. Web Master (Jim Pierce) agreed to bill us with the intent that he will be reimbursed subsequent to obtaining the grant. We should be notified sometime in June about the renewed grant; however, it will take a few months to have the funds set up for use.

5. Christine Sylvis reported on the status of SNHD food code. It has been approved and enforcement is scheduled for September 1, 2010. There will be free training opportunities for food industry before enforcement. Regulations are available online at:

<http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/regulations.php>

You can register for class on line. In addition, there are some new fees that industry should be aware of.

6. Teresa Hayes provided some updates regarding the progress of the State Food Code. Currently the document is with legal consult for Nevada and there is no date set for completion; however, it must be done soon because there is an expiration date for the current "R" number. The State Code adopted the 2005 food code with modifications. Once legal consult has completed their review, the code will be available online for public comment. Subsequently the code will be revised accordingly. The food code committee is comprised of regulatory representations from Washoe, Carson City, Southern Nevada and the State. Once the state code is completed, we will have it as an agenda item for our Task Force meeting.

7. Erica on Conference Planning. We need to set up groups to make plans. Currently we have some suggestions from Dan Slater. Possible dates for the conference must be between September 2010 and June 2011.

Anna noted there is a free training course for processing related, "Food vulnerability Assessment Training" from Michigan.

Erica noted that the NVEHA meeting is coming up soon, July 27-29, 2010. Information can be found at web site: http://www.nveha.org/upcmg_evnts.html and will be at the Springs Preserve. The keynote speaker for NVEHA is Dr. Donna Beegle, who will provide a Communication Workshop. Our membership can find a link on our NFSTF website.

It is likely we will have some cosponsors from local industry. Anna would like to see the meeting in Northern Nevada, perhaps in May. Anna noted that the Western Association of Food and Drug Officials, September 19-22 will be at the Silver Legacy in Reno. Another facility option would be the UNR knowledge center.

Anna will take the lead for setting up this meeting. We would do two full days and would likely charge a small fee.

Possible speakers; John Marcello from FDA, Stefano Caligiuri suggested a speaker from Utah and perhaps some people from USDA or Dr. Karl Winters from UCD. Other topic suggestions from memberships included bioterrorism or use of technology for security measures, speakers from last year's food conference roundtable discussion or topic from Meriteck hand washing. Dale Yamnik suggested that they have speakers in house for food safety. Also, some topics from the Food Code might be appropriate.

Erica will send out a general request for possible speakers.

8. NFSTF Meeting tours. Erica noted that the Clark County School District will be rescheduled.

Anna will look at the Prison Dairy and "Slice and Dice Cheese". Hidden Valley is another possible tour.

9. We will need a new chairperson. Erica will provide a list of duties for posting for future recruitment. Anna has volunteered to help until the next elections are held in January.

10. New Business

Anna has an example of a one page sticker-flyer with four items dealing with food safety and as such might serve as example for a better flyer that can be pass out. Anna will send a scan copy to all.

Mary Wilson has cooperative extension information regarding food preservation and would provide such information to all who are interested.

Mary Wilson suggested we could do WEBINAR for our meetings, so that everyone can link via their office PC and phone.

11. Additional Comments. None

12. Public Comments. None

13. Next meeting will be September 14, 9-11 by conference call via UNCE. Mary Wilson will provide a phone numbers via WEBINAR so that all can link via our office PCs and phones.

14. Adjourn at 10:05 AM