

## MN FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE

### Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2019

Today's meeting was held at the Orville L. Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North St. Paul, 1:30- 3:30pm in room B107.

The meeting was called to order at 1:59pm (delayed due to technical difficulties.)

Members present included: Chris Gindorff, Ruth Petran, Jamie Pfuhl (via WebEx), Lolly Occhino, Angie Cyr, and Jamie Kirkpatrick

Visitors present included: Neal Fredrickson, Heidi Varberg, Carrie Rigdon, David Read (via WebEx), Katherine Simon, Julia Selleys, Brinn Harris, Lillian Otieno, Jessica Laurent, Brett Boswell, Doug Lueders, Jane Jewett, Jason Coulotta, Lisa Wetzel, Jennifer van de Ligt, Jill Ball (via WebEx), Lisa Robinson (via WebEx), Kim Kockler (via WebEx), Jay Ellingson (via WebEx), Shaun Kennedy (via WebEx).

#### 1. Dates and Links

The next Food Safety and Defense Task Force meeting will be held Monday, September 16, 2019. Location: Room B145, Orville L. Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North St. Paul, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

#### 2. The minutes from the previous meeting on 5/21/19 were approved.

#### 3. Member and Visitor Updates:

**Chris Gindorff (Lund Food Holdings Inc):** Chris' team is preparing for a third-party audit, which involves working with their temperature management cloud-based system.

**Jamie Kirkpatrick (USDA FSIS)** – New attendee and member.

**Lillian Otieno (MDA FFSD):** The Produce Safety Program just started inspections of produce farms in June. Encouraging farmers covered by the rule to take advantage of on farm readiness review consultations.

**Katherine Simon (MDA FFSD):** IFPTI fellowships; MDA has two feed staff who have been awarded fellowships this year

**Lolly Occhino (AURI):** AURI recently came out with packaging guide. It is on their website.

**Angie Cyr (MDH EH):** There will be changes to the Food Code discussed this fall. Provide comments to Linda Prail.

**Jane Jewett (MISA):** Has done about a dozen "Blazing Trails" workshops around the state and they have gone well.

**Lisa Wetzel (MDA DMID):** Beginning inspections on farms in the next two weeks, still working on farm inventory (working with NASDA), finished 2018-2019 training (Produce Safety Grower Alliance Meetings) and getting ready for 2019-2020 training season.

**Ruth Petran (Ecolab):** Ecolab is co-sponsoring (with Cargill) entrepreneurs who have ideas related to the food system. 11 new entrepreneurs were selected as part of this 12-week, mentorship-driven accelerator program. The International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) national meeting is next week in Louisville, Kentucky. Holding a research meeting in mid-June with Center for Produce Safety out of UC Davis; reports are available on CPS

website with some very good information. FDA comment period related to hand hygiene in food handlers is closing next week.

**Heidi Varberg (MDA DMID)** – New employee in a new position focused on outreach work to “bridge the gap” and help people who fall between MDA’s two programs: DMID and FFSD.

4. **Food Innovation Team (FIT) Subcommittee Update** - Jane Jewett, U of M

Farmers Market (FM) vendors that sell at multiple events simultaneously have requested a discussion about options for those that have multiple events.

- Have discussion more broadly where entrepreneur approach may apply - not just FM.
- Clarify language on website to better describe requirements and restrictions of the license types.
- Add guidance to the license applications themselves.
- MDA should have a plan to reach out to similar operators to ensure they hold the correct license type.
- MDA currently does not collect information on whether operators sell at FM – will need assistance with options for that.

5. **Terms of Reference** - Ruth Petran

Discussion of additions to the Terms of Reference Appendix II.

Proposed Date Changes for upcoming meetings:

- Move September 17 and November 19 meetings to September 16 and November 18.
- MDA will send out a doodle poll asking if these dates will also work for the FIT meetings.

6. **Training Discussion**

**FPDI** - Email announcement coming shortly via the distribution list.

7. **FSDTF Member Update – Neal Fredrickson (Cargill)**

Neal provided a member update on Cargill’s company structure and wide range of products and services.

Also discussed their basics of/approach to Intentional Adulteration Rule.

8. **General Updates**

- AFDO Educational Conference - Katherine Simon
  - i. Session specific to food sustainability and reducing waste; there were a lot of good resources shared.
  - ii. Had an entire cannabis track at this conference; good insights to share.
- FDA hosted a public meeting at end of May; transcript available; asked for public comment which closes today 7/16/2019.
- FDA policy by tweet - two or three chain tweets from CFSAN.
- MDH office of medical cannabis; working with consultant to have listening sessions with groups as it relates to recreational use.
- In Minnesota, some Board of Pharmacy language went through this past legislative session.

9. **Items for follow up**

- Email from FPDI on training
- Schedule quick voting call for TOR
- Input from Jane and FIT if we can move next meeting to 9/16

10. **Call for Agenda Topics**

**Food waste**

- MN AURI is looking to form food waste thought leaders’ group
- AURI also put out a call for food waste topics and received a good proposal; moving forward with a portion of that
- Grocers Association - reach out to Jamie

- City of Minneapolis - food waste
- Hennepin County - organic waste ordinance

### **Cannabis**

- Option - Have a stand-alone session
- Make sure not to repeat efforts that are going on in the state (panel, etc.)
- Caution about scope and managing this type of public meeting
- Board of Pharmacy statutory in place
- Hemp growers/Industrial Hemp program at MDA
- MDH - potential for recreational marijuana
- Speak of the sticky interface between federal and state
- Katherine to share AFDO link to help identify issues and the scope of what we may want to talk about
- AURI has done work on supply chain in hemp and will be coming out with a report soon