**IOWA FOOD SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING**

**Iowa Food Safety and Protection Task Force website**: <http://ia.foodprotectiontaskforce.com/>

The Iowa Food Safety and Defense Task Force met on **Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Heritage Room located in the Union Drive Community Center, Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Those in attendance:

Barbara Anderson, Human Sciences, Iowa State University Extension & Outreach

Jack Briggs, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

Nancy Degner, Iowa Beef Industry Council

Jim Dickson, Iowa State University, Animal Science

Sandy Heinen, Black Hawk County Health Department

Janis Hochstetler, Iowa Department of Agriculture

Kevin Klommhaus, FDA

Steven Mandernach, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Mary Montgomery, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Nadine Nanko, FDA

May Schaben, Iowa Restaurant Association

Angela Shaw, Iowa State University, Food Science

Mark Shearer, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

Amanda Steffen, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Cathy Strohbehn, Iowa State University

Neal Vaughn, Iowa Department of Agriculture

John Dzubak, Iowa State University

Amanda Svoboda, Iowa State University

1. Welcome: Steven Mandernach welcomed the group. Dr. Shaw, ISU Food Science, introduced to the group two of her graduate students, Amanda Svoboda and John Dzubak.
2. Antimicrobial Solutions for Food Safety Presentation: Dr. Jim Dickson, ISU Animal Science, presented to the group concerning antimicrobial solutions which are used to reduce contaminants on raw foods such as meats, vegetables and fruits. Antimicrobial solutions have proven to be very good at treating certain contaminants on animal carcasses and on primal and subprimal cuts. (see attached article)
3. Information Sharing from Task Force Members: Dr. Shaw spoke about Cultivate Iowa. This is an initiative sponsored by the Iowa Food Systems Council working to promote the benefits of food gardening and produce donation to local food pantries and communities. (see attached handouts)
4. Food Safety Task Force Update:

* Steve reported suggestions were made to FDA for revision to the Food Code at a conference for Food Protection. He does not anticipate many changes in the 2013 supplement.
* In the coming weeks, hopefully by Memorial Day, will be the final conversion of the old database into the new system. The public inspection site will be available about July 1. The mobile apps using geo location will be available around Labor Day.
* DIA will be adding counties in SW Iowa on October 1, 2014 . . . total counties directly covered will be 51 of 99 counties.
* New developments to the Food Safety Task Force website will be out soon. The FSTF funding will continue.
* New video segments. DIA Food Inspector Sara Kingland has been working with ISU students to produce three different videos instructing proper cooking and prep procedures for BBQ, Mexican and Chinese restaurants. The videos are being produced in English, Spanish and Chinese with the help of some of our local contracts. These videos will soon be available on the FSTF website.
* All food inspectors will have Smart phones within the next few weeks.
* There was brief discussion on the possibility of holding a Food Safety Task Force Meeting sometime in the near future at the State Hygienic Lab in Iowa City.

1. New Business: None.
2. Overview ISU Dining and Tour of Central Food Stores: Jamie Lenz, Assistant Director, ISU Dining Food Stores and Vending gave the group an overview of the ISU Dining process and tour of the Central Food Stores.
3. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned approximately 12:30 p.m.

Handouts attached:

* Article: Work Continues on Antimicrobial Solutions for Food Safety
* Cultivate Iowa