

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 **Monday, April 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Lucas State Office Building in Des Moines, Iowa.

Those in attendance:

Jack Briggs, Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Jim Dickson, Iowa State University, Animal Science
Chris Freland, Iowa Beef Industry Council
Jeanne Hansen, Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy
Melanie Harris, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Sandy Heinen, Iowa Environmental Health Association
Gretta Irwin, Iowa Turkey Federation
Cindy Jordan, Iowa Restaurant Association
Steve Kieffer, Fareway Stores
Steven Mandernach, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Mary Montgomery, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Jennifer Pierquet, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Carlene Russell, Iowa Dept. on Aging
Angela Shaw, Iowa State University, Food Science
Neal Vaughn, Iowa Department of Agriculture

Those in phone attendance:

Nancy Hall, Iowa Hygienic Laboratory
Joyce Hoppes, Iowa Pork Producers Association
Heidi Peck, Iowa Environmental Health Association
Mark Shearer, Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Dan Tew, Yum! Brands, Inc.

1. Welcome: Steven Mandernach welcomed the group and introductions were made.
2. Information Sharing:
 - Those in attendance shared information concerning their specific organizations.
3. DIA Update:
 - As of October 1, 2015, additional territories were added under the Department's inspection, enforcement and licensing services: (see attached map)
 - Wapello, Jefferson and Keokuk from the City of Ottumwa
 - City of Council Bluffs
 - City of Muscatine

- Lee County now handles Lee, Des Moines, Henry and Van Buren counties
 - New staff: Jennifer Pierquet, came to the Department from the State of Minnesota and responsible for Program Standards/Manufacturing Foods. Five new inspectors: Bob Coffman, Jacob Forgie, Tenesha Stubblefield, Kayla Sweeney and Preston Moberly.
 - The Department is currently doing a soft roll out concerning foodborne illness complaints. Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) intern students are screening and handling all intake calls concerning food illness issues. An entire roll out is projected for Labor Day.
4. Foodborne Illness Update: The Department will conduct a public information campaign this Fall to promote awareness for reporting foodborne illness complaints to: 1-844-IOWASIC (515-469-2742)
 5. Safe Food for Seniors: Cara L. Cuite, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Human Ecology with Rutgers University and Tim Getty, Regional Nutrition Services Coordinator with the Heritage Area Agency on Aging presented via webinar to the group concerning their study with the Meals on Wheels Association of food safety and home delivered meals. The study conducted 700 in-home visits in five states. (slide presentation available at: <https://ia.foodprotectiontaskforce.com/>)

Developing Strategies to Mitigate & Control Environmental Listeria Monocytogenes in Retail Delis: Susan Hammons, Ph.D Candidate with Purdue University presented to the group and discussed Listeria monocytogenes in retail delis and recent research on the prevalence and cleaning methods. (slide presentation available at: <https://ia.foodprotectiontaskforce.com/>)
 6. Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2016 with a focus on Food Defense and Intentional Contamination; including special guests:
 - George F. Hughes, Senior Advisor
Counterterrorism and Intelligence
Food and Drug Administration
Office of Criminal Investigations
 - Travis Goodman, Project Manager
RRT Program
Food and Drug Administration
Office of Partnership
 7. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.