**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 **Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Lucas State Office Building in Des Moines, Iowa.

Those in attendance:

Ann Adams, FDA

Cheryl Bigham, FDA

Katie Jo Close, FDA

Jim Dickson, Iowa State University, Animal Science

Erin Dugan, FDA

Chris Freland, Iowa Beef Industry Council

Linda Gobberdiel, Iowa Department on Aging

Travis Goodman, FDA

Melanie Harris, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Sandy Heinen, Iowa Environmental Health Association

Cindy Jordan, Iowa Restaurant Association

Steven Mandernach, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Mary Montgomery, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Jennifer Pierquet, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Angela Shaw, Iowa State University, Food Science

Mark Shearer, Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Neal Vaughn, Iowa Department of Agriculture

Tim Wickam, Iowa Department of Public Health

Special Guests:

14 students with the University of Iowa and Iowa State; currently enrolled in Dr. Dickson’s food safety course as part of their curriculum toward a Masters of Public Health

Those in phone attendance:

Heidi Peck, Iowa Environmental Health Association

1. Welcome: Steven Mandernach welcomed the group and introductions were made.
2. Investigative Insights from the FDA Office of Criminal Investigations: George F. Hughes, Senior Adviser Counterterrorism and Intelligence with the FDA Office of Criminal Investigations presented to the group concerning the agency’s investigative

responsibilities and general areas of enforcement, as well as other OCI counterterrorism activity and investigations.

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1. Food Protection Task Force Workshop – Overview and Plan for the Future: Travis Goodman, Project Manager, RRT Program Coordinator, FDA Office of Partnership spoke to the group concerning where the Task Force is now, including their current focus and improving information sharing, workshop recommendations, program improvement and moving forward.

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1. Foodborne Illness Update: Melanie Harris, DIA FBI Response Coordinator, shared with the group some specifics concerning a complaint received by a local public health contracting agency concerning razor blades in a doughnut.  The doughnuts were produced at a local grocery store and served at a Grandparents Day event at an elementary school in the community.  Some doughnuts were sold from the store.  An investigation was conducted.  It was determined that the razor blades were stored on a shelf above the doughnut mixer.  Some blades fell into the dough mix and were not observed in the finished product.  There were no injuries. New procedures for storage of the blades were established outside of the food preparation area.
2. Information Sharing:
* Those in attendance shared information concerning their specific organizations.
1. DIA Update:
* As of July 1, 2016, an additional territory will be added under the Department’s inspection, enforcement and licensing services. Delaware County is moving under state authority from Black Hawk County Health Department due to resource issues.
* There are currently 14 contract agencies responsible for inspections, enforcement and licensing services, with 6 of those on one year contracts due this Fall.
* On May 26, 2016, the Iowa Food Safety and Protection Task Force and DIA are hosting a special workshop for law enforcement to better integrate them on our process in the event of an intentional food contamination event.
1. Next Meeting: Scheduled for some time in October 2016.
2. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.