

## **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, November 3, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Those in attendance:

Cheryl Bingham, FDA District Director  
Jack Briggs, Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management  
Katie Jo Close, FDA  
Shannon M. Coleman, Iowa State University, Food Science  
Chris Freland, Iowa Beef Industry Council  
Nancy Hall, Iowa Hygienic Laboratory  
Jeanne Hansen, Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy  
Sandy Heinen, Black Hawk County Health Department  
Sue Holbert, ConAgra Foods  
Gretta Irwin, Iowa Turkey Federation  
Cindy Jordan, Iowa Restaurant Association  
Steven Mandernach, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals  
Mary Montgomery, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals  
Steve Moris, Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Mike Nordes, FDA  
Heidi Peck, Iowa Environmental Health Association  
Scott Platt, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals  
Valerie Reeb, Iowa Hygienic Laboratory  
Carlene Russell, Iowa Dept. on Aging  
Angela Shaw, Iowa State University, Food Science  
Mark Shearer, Homeland Security & Emergency Management  
Warren Stone, Grocery Manufacture Association  
Neal Vaughn, Iowa Department of Agriculture  
Randy Watts, Iowa Department of Agriculture

1. Welcome: Steven Mandernach welcomed the group and introductions were made. Several guests were in attendance due to the afternoon mini-conference at the same location concerning FSMA and preventative controls. Due to time constraints, the meeting immediately progressed to the first speaker presentation.
2. Salmonella Cluster/Outbreak: Due to extenuating circumstances, Tricia Kitzmann, Johnson County Public Health, was unable to present to the group as scheduled.

3. Whole Genome Sequencing: Valerie Reeb, Clinical Laboratory Technical Specialist with the State Hygienic Laboratory, presented to the group concerning the importance of next generation sequencing for food safety. (*See attached materials*)
4. DIA Update and Information Sharing:
  - Those in attendance shared information concerning their specific organizations.
  - Steve again invited all to attend the following mini-conference and join small and medium-sized manufacturers to hear from food safety experts on the changes in FSMA preventive controls for human food and animal feed.
5. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at approximately noon.

Handouts attached:

- PowerPoint Presentation: Next Generation Sequencing and Food Safety