



North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

Established 2003

NC Food Safety & Defense Task Force Executive Committee

Wed Dec 12, 2018 – 9:30 am

NCDCA Constable Lab Building @ NCDOA & CS
4000 Reedy Creek Road Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes

Attendees – in person:

Veronica Bryant
Steve Tracey
Beth Yongue
Anita MacMullan
Chris Gunter
Chip Simmons

- Activate phone for any callers – 919-850- 2992
 - No Callers
 - Hot Topics
 - Outbreaks and Investigations –
 - Quiet norovirus season so far
 - Tahini outbreak recently
 - Romaine outbreak investigation ongoing
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Last Executive Committee(Oct) minutes
 - Motion to accept: Chris Gunter
 - Second: Veronica Bryant
 - Executive Committee Business
 - New website – Anita confirmed grant funds available, so Veronica can begin work on the new site.
 - Anita will connect Wynn Pearce and Veronica to pay for the website.
 - Annual report to Governor’s office – Larry Michael
 - In progress.
 - Conference Report
 - 2019 Theme is Traceability/Recalls let’s try and finalize a title
 - Suggest risk communication as a topic for the meeting – how language is used surrounding recall communication.
 - Romaine
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- Recalls; Outbreaks and Blockchain are general topics
 - Order to consider – Outbreaks>Recalls>Blockchain and traceability.
 - Suggested meeting title is “From Fork back to Farm: Traceability, recalls and outbreaks”
 - Activity: Veronica has a concept for traceability using colored cards, will have a plan for next meeting.
 - Suggested topic to cover is surveillance – consider Wilbur Huggins to cover this topic.
 - Suggested topic to cover is blockchain – consider Andy Kennedy for this topic.
 - Panel discussion on jurisdiction – Ladyfingers/country ham; state prison system recall for allergens; honey smacks (difficulty in getting the product off the market).
 - Suggest Debbie Hamrick to discuss impacts to the farm. And maybe include a farmer such as Matt Solana. Chip Simmons will reach out to Debbie Hamrick.
 - Suggest Bradley Hallman from Rutgers on Risk communication. Veronica will look into this.
 - Gifts for attendees and speaker gifts. Need to identify by our next meeting. Beth Yongue will coordinate speaker gifts with NCDA marketing. Veronica Bryant will look into attendee gifts/prices.
- Additional training during the year
 - January speaker to be Ben Chapman. (January , 2018)
 - Rachel McDowell, NCSU – Area Specialized Agent for Food Safety has volunteered to help find speakers
- Next Meetings Dates
 - Full Task Force Meeting – Wednesday January 9th 2019– location Raleigh NC Emergency Center.
 - Room Confirmed
 - Exec Committee meeting Wednesday February 13th, 2019at 9:30 a.m. in conference room, Constable Lab Building, NCDA&CS
 - Room Confirmed
 - Exec Committee meeting, April 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in conference room, Constable Lab Building, NCDA&CS
 - Room not yet confirmed – but has been requested.
- Adjournment
 - Adjourned at 10:57 am