



North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

Established 2003

NC Food Safety & Defense Task Force Executive Committee

Wed Feb 12, 2019 – 9:30 am

L.Y. Ballentine Building @ NCDA & CS
2901 Blue Ridge Road Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes

Attendees – in person:

Nicole Lee, Steve Tracey, Beth Yongue, Connie McElroy-Bacon, Chris Gunter, Chip Simmons
Rachel McDowel

Via teleconference: Veronica Bryant, Larry Michael, Shane Lee

- Activate phone for any callers – 919-850- 2992
- Hot Topics
 - Outbreaks and Investigations –
 - Quiet norovirus season so far
 - Lots of questions on CBD Oil
 - Romaine outbreak investigation ongoing
- Meeting Minutes
 - Last Executive Committee (December 2018) minutes; minor changes made by Steve Tracey
 - Motion to accept: Beth Yongue
 - Second: Nicole Lee
- Executive Committee Business
 - New website – Veronica has not heard back from Food and Drug, but will contact Anita
- Conference Report
 - 2019 Theme is Traceability/Recalls “Fork to Farm”
 - Dates are May 7-8 at NC Biotechnology Center, 15 TW Alexander Drive, Durham, NC
 - Larry or Shane will deliver a welcome message to start; Beth Yongue agreed to invite Joe Reardon to do the same; Nicole Lee will ask Dr. Zach Moore as well
 - The Committee went through the conference agenda and confirmed speakers:
 - 1st speaker Dr. Bill Hallman from Rutgers
 - 2nd speaker Jessica Baddour GA Department of Agriculture

- 3rd speaker Debbie Hamrick, NC Farm Bureau
 - After lunch, Veronica Bryant will introduce game
 - Next speaker, Sanjay from American Frozen Foods Association
 - Panel Discussion – Johnston County Ham Recall – Nicole Lee, Beth Yongue, USDA, FSIS (Candace will reach out to John Zeberan); NCDA&CS Food and Drug or FDA – Beth Yongue will reach out to Daniel Gaines; Steve Tracey to moderate panel
 - Industry will hold a reception Tuesday evening at the Doubletree hotel, followed by dinner
 - Day 2 – 1st speaker Brian Cohen of Food Logic
 - Next speaker Catherine McCombs, Epidemiologist with state of Virginia (Nicole Lee to reach out to her)
 - Next speaker, Jeff French, Shellfish Sanitation
 - Veronica Bryant will share results of game
 - Conference Ends at Noon
- Beth Yongue has started on speaker gift bags and will get 15
 - Swag Bags for conference attendees – Veronica Bryant has found a cloth tote bag, and will also get luggage tags. Connie McElroy-Bacon will ask Anita MacMullan for note pads and pens (same as last years)
 - March Speaker will be Andrew Capps of Bionetwork
 - meeting topics were discussed for July (possible raw milk?)
 - September meeting will be Fresh Produce Task Force Update; Nicole Lee will see if the Public Health Lab's conference room is available since we cannot meet at NC Emergency Management during Hurricane season.
 - Larry and Shane to get speaker for November to discuss the 41 degrees cold holding requirement in DHHS inspected establishments.
 - Next Meetings Dates
 - Full Task Force Meeting – Wednesday, March 13th 2019– location Raleigh NC Emergency Operations Center.
 - Room Confirmed
 - Exec Committee meeting Wednesday April 10th, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in either Constable Lab or L.Y. Ballentine Building
 - Larry Michael stated he would like to move to the 2017 FDA Food Code and asked if the Task Force would be willing to write a letter of support as they did when the NC Legislature adopted the 2009 Food Code. Shane agreed to discuss this during his agency report at the March meeting.
 - Adjourned at 11:06 am