



# North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

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NC State College of Agricultural and Human Sciences  
Dinah E. Gore Teaching and Research Kitchen  
512 Brickhaven Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27699

9:30am

I. **Welcome & Introductions** –Veronica Bryant  
**Introduced executive committee members on the call**  
Will take role via email

II. **Agenda:**

- A. Review of minutes from January task force meeting.
- B. A review of the minutes from July – will be corrected. Jeff Hawley makes motion, Lindsey – second
- C. Foodborne Illness Outbreak Update – DPH/NCDHHS  
No major outbreaks to report. **Some sporadic cases of toxin mediated illness.**

**Will discuss COVID-19 in agency reports**

III. **Business:**

A. Committee reports:

- Executive Committee – **Veronica Bryant**  
We discuss the conference at the December and Feb meetings, Lost two members of EC, Beth Yongue and Aimee Lee. Need additional representatives from industry and local health departments. The commitment is an additional
  - FERC – Food Emergency Response and Communication sub-committee– **Sean Silva/ Daniel Gains, NC Dept. of Ag**
  - Ready Packed bistro salad, underdeclared egg and wheat, recall effectiveness checks were done
  - Blendtopia products for frozen smoothie products, listeria, recall effectiveness checks,
  - Vida food products, vida wild herring in wine sauce, undeclared milk
  - Sierra Soups, Pasta e fagioli, undeclared gluten
  - Crop/Produce – Chris Harris meeting tomorrow with just Zoom option
  - NCDA update, national consortium, 8 readiness reviews scheduled, inspections pending, start small farm inspections begin in June. Agriculture day in sampson county, inspections have completed training, FDA226 class, ready for next growing season
  - Dairy Committee/ Egg & Poultry Committee – **NC DA & CS**
  - Daniel said we will table for now, need to decide where to go with this
  - Conference Planning Committee- **Steve Tracey**
  - **Brainstorming and action for annual conference, Doubletree Hotel, one or two remaining speaker slots to fill**
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- **Food Innovations and associated challenges, keynote from Dr. Rich Linton, Michelle Dannayluck, Sima from Ecolab, Allergen Free Peanuts from NC A&T, Panel Discussion on Salmonella London,**
  - **Second morning – Genetically engineered pigs Revivacor, Eric Moore from Testo AMC in a Digital Environment, Nick F. from Entrapaneur lab, wanted plant based protein speaker but unable to secure. Will work to get draft agenda out by end of the week. Connie discussed new registration process, 10 gov 7 industry, 1 student**
  - Task Force Education and Exercise Committee – **Candice Christian**
  - **Looking for July Speaker**
- B. Other reports:
- Academic Reports
  - Chris Gunter – NCSU on Spring Break, no update on students pending return on Monday
  - Industry Reports
  - Lindsey with Retail Merchants - educating members and answering questions on COVID- 19
  - Harris Teeter – following CDC guidance, employee hygiene compliance focus, and have teams looking at stores
  - Agency Reports
  - AG – only update was recalls
  - NCDHHS – Shane discussed losing regional staff, moving forward with rule updates, will go to commission April 30
  - Veronica gave COVID -19 update
  - Lisa Morgan
  - Felissa Vasquez
  - Farm Bureau question regarding
  - Sandy with NCEM – EOC operating on level 4, guidance coming out from JIC
  - FDA update – Nicole Clauson update: national meeting cancelled, guidance for produce growers, warning letters for products that claim to treat COVID-19, leafy green action plan for STEC, FDA looking at foreign inspections on a case by case basis, have asked states for contingency plans
  - Donna Wanucha: FDA go for CFP as of today, retail event at RNC, unified command
  - FSIS: no report:
  - NCDA M&P – product under recall for not having grant to do inspection, one retail location impacted

## VI. Adjournment