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Title:

Re-Create-Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee

Issue you would like the Conference to consider:

To continue tracking the progress of prominent disease training program (an accessible foodborne illness prevention/response education opportunities, of any length, offered at the state or national level). currently developed, identify essential educational content of foodborne disease outbreak training programs; evaluate and rank identified courses for relevance and content; identify any gaps in foodborne disease outbreak training; consider if levels of foodborne disease outbreak training/retraining are needed.

Public Health Significance:

Delays in reporting or investigating a possible foodborne disease outbreak can prolong an outbreak event, potentially resulting in further illness or economic disruption. Effective training of professionals in outbreak response can mitigate the effects of an outbreak. Many states indicate utilizing some form of foodborne epidemiological education programs, but there is great variability in training offerings. Training programs in outbreak investigation should have some consistency and a minimal level of proficiency to ensure rapid response and communication, amongst investigating parties. The mere existence of programs does not guarantee efficacy of the training. Accreditation or voluntary standards can provide a level of quality assurance and/or consistency amongst foodborne illness training programs to ensure that professionals are comfortably prepared to investigate outbreaks, institute proper control measures, and correspond appropriately amongst the many other parties and jurisdictions involved.

Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:

- that the Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training Committee be re-created ; and
- Report back to the 2014 Biennial Meeting of the Conference for Food Protection.

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