

Hello Group,

Here are the minutes from the call (9/11/2019):

We continued discussing Charge 2a (identifying any gaps and recommendations for changes to Standard 2 curriculum)

Christine – We were unable to access the FD252 allergens course and make our recommendation. The link on the FDA website is not valid. When word searching for allergens course, the search results only provide the Pathlore course. The link for the current Communication Skills for Regulators course in Appendix B is also no longer valid. We also could not find the emergency response course listed on AFDO's GenEds list.

Mark – In the 2015 Appendix B, there is different link. The link is class.ucanr.edu instead of class.ucanr.org. On the FDA site, there is a separate link for the Communication Skills course.

Dave – Given that many of the existing Compliance Wire courses are 10+ years old, it's not likely that FDA will continue those courses. The course review sheet includes several recommendations not to replace the existing curriculum. So, we will need to consider this. Also, it is uncertain whether FDA will continue with using Pathlore as its learning management system.

Christine – Perhaps we need to connect with FDA on the implications of our recommendations based on their ultimate plans for the courses.

Mark – Discussed the accessibility of the coursework. Many of the course names and numbers had to be cross-referenced back to the IFPTI site. The course names are often not consistent.

Dave – The update and release of the courses are being completed at a rate of one per month. The process involves a workgroup of subject matter experts who develop the courses for FDA. That work has been completed. Now the look and feel of the courses is being updated. Once that is complete, the courses are given to FDA. Be mindful to cite content areas instead of specific course numbers to be removed. Ultimately, the general education for all food inspectors will come into alignment with integrated food safety under FSMA. Exposure to the additional knowledge is good for all.

Discussed Charge #3 and the updated Workgroup Doc 6 - Standard 4 Elements Table.

Christine – The Basics of Inspection course really touches on majority of the quality elements. Many of the quality elements are drafted from the CFP training manual. Quality Element 3 is not.

Mark – Since risk type and inspection frequency are varied by jurisdiction, it seems appropriate to have this addressed by the inspector's training plan under additional jurisdictional competencies.

Christine – Element 7 would not be met by jurisdictions which do not use the IN/OUT/N/O/N/A format for their inspections, if we are just considering report writing.

All – Element 7 is really covered through the training plan parts 2 and 3 of Inspection Observations and Performance. We will update Workgroup Doc 6 to include our feedback from today's call for the quality elements table. The correlation between Standard 2 and 4 is in the CFP training manual. It has not been updated since 2008.

Due to low participation on last week's call, we are setting up another call for the first week in October. Hopefully, everyone can attend. Our group needs to vote on the committee's suggested changes to Standard 2 and discuss issue submissions.

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