

COMMITTEE NAME: Program Standards

Progress Report:

1. FDA would like feedback on suggested criteria for verification auditors.

Committee's input will be requested for additional incorporations and/or modifications relevant to the committee's charge, after the draft has been approved. It is anticipated that the dissemination of the draft of Standard 9 (by FDA) changes will be provided to the committee by the scheduled September committee meeting. This committee has placed the work on Standard 9 on hold until the draft is received from the FDA so not to duplicate or perform unnecessary work. The committee is also in the process of reviewing the Minnesota Dept. of Health, Best Practices Manual (Draft), Related to Retail Food Standards Applications and how it relates to Standards 8 and 9.

2. FDA would like general feedback on the use and implementation of the individual Standards and whether changes are needed to the requirements of one or more of the Standards.

The committee shared member's agency approach to assessing the inspection frequency of retail food establishments, program logistics, and method of determining the number of staff needed to execute the program. The committee discussed the approach of evaluating based on the average time needed for various activity types vs. applying a range of number of activities to be completed. A new Excel spreadsheet was created by members that incorporated using average inspection time for various inspection activities. Additionally, they used the FDA Report on the Occurrence of Foodborne Illness Risk Factors in Selected Institutional Foodservice, Restaurant, and Retail Food Store Facility Types (2009) figures and information.

The committee discussed the overall intent of Standard 8 and thoughts on the committee's focus related to this Standard. The majority agreed to not address the current language in Standard 8 pertaining to Staffing Level. The committee agreed that this aspect would take additional research and validation which this committee. The committee feels the tools would be the most logical initial task and that the language for Staffing Levels could be addressed by a future committee. This committee would recommend this aspect as part of the charge for a 2014 CFP Program Standards Committee.

COMMITTEE NAME: Inspections Form Scoring Committee

PROGRESS REPORT:

In 2010 original researcher from Loma Linda University withdrew their committed resources due to a downturn in the economy. Subsequent interviews with potential researchers from University of Minnesota School of Public Health, Kansas State University, and North Carolina State University determined that the committee charge was broad enough that it would be advantageous for multiple researchers to work together.

The original goal of developing a grant application for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program – National Integrated Food Safety Initiative was abandoned due to researcher turnover in 2011. Instead of the grant the committee sourced volunteer research from Dr. Barbara Almanza from Purdue, Dr. Margaret Binkley from Ohio State University, and private industry consultants. The outcomes have been promising.

- A web-based database has been created to gather, report, and analyze the committee's information. The cost was absorbed through private donations, fundraisers, and volunteer programmers from graduate students.
- 75 unique health jurisdiction forms have been gathered for analysis.
- A list of conveniently accessed health jurisdiction reports has been organized on the database.
- The list of health department scoring systems organized by the size of a jurisdiction is 75% complete.
- The database has been program to normalize scores on percent of 100 as test. Once researchers determine the most successful method of reporting scores, that system will be utilized to normalize health jurisdiction scores.
- Approximately 100 standardized inspections have been completed comparing the scoring results of 5 different health jurisdiction inspections forms.

Scoring Committee Challenges:

- Creating and programming the database consumed many hours and most of the committee resources.
- Information gathering, in a non-web based environment, allowed for inefficiencies when gathering the results from random locations across the country.
- Gathering the information while maintaining anonymity for the subject restaurants, could compromise the ability to report results.

COMMITTEE NAME: 2010 Certification of Food Safety Regulation Professionals

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1. Collaborate with the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and the FDA Division of Human Resource Development.
 - Questions have been developed and are ready to be sent out.
 - The target group for the emailed questions will be the jurisdictions participating in the pilot projects.
2. Eliminate the potential redundancy of multiple verification tools (FDA Retail Food Level I Performance Audit and FDA Procedures for Standardization and Certification of Retail Food Inspection / Training Officers) utilized by FDA programs.
 - A pilot project feedback form with a July 15 return date was reinforced on a conference call last week.
 - Mid-August is anticipated for the completion of the report and Dr. McSwane will help compile the results so that the data can be analyzed and conclusions can be drawn.
 - A connection between CFSAN and the committee needs to be established.
 - Seventeen jurisdictions signed up to be a part of this pilot and fourteen were on the two conference calls last week.
 - Preliminary indications seem to indicate the jurisdictions want to have the training tool as an Appendix to Standard 4.
 - Suggested revisions to the tool are also anticipated
3. Collaborate with FDA, other federal agencies, professional and industry associations to research what criteria are currently being used to assess the education.
 - Based on the above research, the work group will provide a recommendation to the Conference as to what actions/initiatives, if any, need to be undertaken to provide a national structure for ensuring that third party auditors possess the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to conduct retail food program compliance inspections.
 - The survey questions have been finalized
 - Attempting to get the survey out before the Fourth of July.
4. Evaluate and determine the best approaches to promoting awareness and implementation of the national training model contained in the CFP Field Training Manual and forms, Appendix B-2, Standard 2.
 - No registrations were received for the training workshop presented at the NEHA conference in Columbus, Ohio.
 - Committee is developing questions for a short survey.

COMMITTEE NAME: CFP Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Committee

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Committee has identified a comprehensive list of Interdisciplinary Foodborne Illness Training programs compiled by IFPTI and sorted the courses by relevance to the committee charge. Chart to categorize the courses was created and is being populated by the relevant courses from IFPTI catalog and with the courses identified during the previous years of the committee work.

- Courses identified during the YUM! Brands internal survey not included in IFPTI list are being evaluated by calling to individual states created/using those courses. Committee will analyze the results and include relevant courses into a database being created.
- Committee charge clarification was discussed during several meetings; clarification was requested and received from CFP. Only prominent disease training programs currently in development are to be evaluated. The programs related to the disease prevention are not within the scope of the committee and therefore do not need to be tracked.

This committee will challenge members with the following action items:

1. Sort the list the courses from the YUM! internal survey.
2. Populate the chart with the courses identified.
3. Identify additional sources for relevant information.
4. Identify other organizations charged with a similar task and if possible, combine efforts.