

Conference for Food Protection Executive Board Meeting Committee Report

This report must be submitted to your Council Chair for review so that it can be approved and submitted to the Executive Board via the Executive Director 30 days before each Executive Board Meeting (held in April and August of each year). The report must be accompanied by an updated committee roster on the Excel spreadsheet provided (Committee Members Template) located here: <http://www.foodprotect.org/work/>.

COMMITTEE NAME: 2010-12 Hand Hygiene Committee

COUNCIL (I, II, or III): III

DATE OF REPORT: July 26, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Katherine MJ Swanson

COMMITTEE CHARGE: (indicate Issue Number and text from Issue stating the Committee Charge)

Issue #: III-016

Charge:

"The Conference recommends that a committee be formed to include appropriate stakeholders including Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), CDC and Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) to address:

1. the efficacy/risk reduction strategies of alternative hand hygiene regimes compared to handwashing with respect to foodborne pathogens including viruses,
2. identify settings where alternatives to handwashing are appropriate,
3. *recommend studies that should be completed to get research questions answered for when scientific literature is not available [added by Board]*

and report back to the 2012 Conference."

COMMITTEE'S REQUESTED ACTION FOR BOARD (If Applicable):

- Approve the updated Committee Roster, which includes these changes:
 - Laurie Williams to replace Mary Cartegena as FDA Member per FDA request
 - Reinstate the following, as communication has been reestablished
 - John Hicks, USDA-FSIS
 - Christina Johnson, Publix
 - Remove the following Members per their request
 - Brandi Vinson, Chickasaw Nation Health System
 - Jennifer Johnson, Walt Disney World, to replace Yoseline Torres, per company request
 - Daryl Kellenberger, of McDonalds, to replace Paulo Mohyla per company request
 - Linda Zaziski remains a member, but her affiliation changed
- Approve proposed Committee Co-chair and Sub-committee Chairs
 - Regulatory Status Sub-committee Chair – Mark Sampson replaced Steve Moris, Kentucky Department of Agriculture as Regulatory Status Sub-committee Chair, as Mr. Moris stepped down due to other commitments

PROGRESS REPORT / COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH ACTIVITY DATES:

<p>April 4, 2011 May 3, 2011 June 3, 2011</p>	<p><i>Steering Committee – Swanson lead</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of the committee is being handed through subcommittees listed below. Time management becomes an issue for the chair, when the desire is to participate on all calls and to accommodate the size of the committee, 4 separate events need to be managed (steering, behavior, science, and regulatory status). • Coordination of information in different sub-committees also leads to additional effort for multiple parties. For example, FDA is being asked to review several documents separately instead of one document where all information is in context. Limiting the number of committee members to a manageable number would facilitate work, reduce regulatory efforts, and perhaps lead to a more coordinated work products since there would be continuity of thought on all sections. Nevertheless, progress is being made and we anticipate having a useful document for Conference.
<p>May 12, 2011</p>	<p><i>Behavior Sub-Committee Conference Calls – Michèle Samarya-Timm lead</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team addressing what encourages and what discourages hand hygiene behaviors for either hand washing or alternatives. Will analyze differences for the basis of the report.
<p>March 30, 2011 April 28, 2011 May 31, 2011 July 11, 2011</p>	<p><i>Science Sub-Committee Conference Calls – Don Schaffner lead</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafts of several sections are underway. • Difficult for FDA to provide comment on some aspects of the documents as they need to avoid the perception that their comments will be viewed as policy statements. Because of the regulatory nature of this topic, they reserve the right to comment on the document at Conference. We are attempting to focus on an educational piece that covers the state of the science.
<p>July 22, 2011</p>	<p><i>Regulatory Status Sub-Committee Conference Call – Mark Sampson lead</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDA agreed to provide internal review of the Committee's draft of the regulatory status section. It is acknowledged that FDA reserves the right to comment subsequently on this section and that this report does not reflect FDA official policy on this matter.

CFSAN requested that the following statement be inserted into the minutes.

FDA supports the conference process and we want to help in whatever capacity we can. There are some instances within this workgroup that discussion on certain topics can lead to a conflict of interest for FDA. We acknowledge that with regard to hand hygiene, background information such as the current regulatory status within the US and the science and behavioral aspects may not be clearly understood by the general public. In an effort to educate the CFP membership and other users of the final output, FDA supports the concept of developing an educational report as an aid to help others understand the complexities of hand hygiene science and the regulatory process.

However, when the subcommittee addresses issues relating to efficacy, methods, standards, effectiveness and what constitutes an acceptable hand antiseptic, FDA -CFSAN and CDER - may not be able to engage in the full process due to the regulatory nature already in place through the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. We feel that these discussions go beyond the role of what the Food Code addresses.

The Committee is attempting to work through this by focusing on development of an educational document for CFP membership. There may be sections of the document where FDA is not able to comment due to conflict of interest. We believe that we can minimize these sections.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, 2010-2012 Hand Hygiene Committee