

Council II – Committee Summary Report

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Committees Assigned to Council II:

1. **Program Standards Committee:**
Chair – Linda Newton (Local Regulatory)
 - a) **Certification of Food Safety Regulation Professionals Sub-Committee – Workgroup 1**
Co-Chair – Dr. David McSwane (Academia)
Co-Chair – John Marcello (Federal)
 - b) **Interdisciplinary Food Borne Illness Training Programs Sub-Committee – Workgroup 2**
Co-Chair – Frank Ferko (Industry)
Co-Chair – Michele Samarya-Timm
2. **Inspection Form Committee**
Co-Chair – Lorna Girard (State Regulatory)
Co-Chair – Dale Yamnik (Industry)
3. **Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee**
Co-Chair – Chirag Bhatt (Local Regulatory)
Co-Chair – Jorge Hernandez (Industry)
4. **Electronic Data Capture and Reporting System Committee**
Co-Chair – Sandra Lancaster (State Regulatory)
Co-Chair – Beth Cannon (Industry)
5. **Food Contact Utensil and Barrier Usage Committee**
Chair – LeAnn Chuboff (Industry)

Progress Report/Committee Activities: See individual committee reports under separate cover.

Requested Actions for all Council II Committees (summary): See individual committee reports for further details.

1. Certification of Food Safety Regulatory Professionals Workgroup (Program Stds. Committee)
 - a) Work Group members, through consensus agreement, have indicated to the Co-Chairs their desire to review and discuss the Issue pertaining to incorporating a Bachelor's degree requirement as part of the criteria for Program Standard #2 – Trained Regulatory Staff. The work group has requested FDA to provide a summary of the considerations/reasons behind the agency's decision not to accept the 2006 Conference recommendation to incorporate a Bachelor's degree requirement into the Standard 2 criteria.

- b) The Co-Chairs are requesting verification from the CFP Executive Board as to whether the CFP CFSRP work group can consider this issue. The CFP CFSRP work group's primary focus has been on the Program Standard 2 criteria. This Issue, however, was not presented to the work group via a CFP Issue nor is it contained in the CFP CFSRP 2006 report to the Conference. Given the work group's focus on criteria pertaining to trained regulatory staff, can the Co-Chairs facilitate a discussion of this Issue within the work group with the intent of looking for a solution that might address some of FDA's concerns?
- 2. Inspection Form Committee
 - a) Requesting discussion of whether or not some funding could be obtained from CDC's EHS Net for a study on scoring practices.
- 3. Food Contact and Barrier Usage Committee
 - a) Please remove Shana Baker with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She has changed divisions and will no longer participate on this committee.