Food Protection Task Forces Overview and Future Direction

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Program Improvement

• We have an opportunity to improve the Program
  – New funding mechanism- R18
  – New future funding model
  – New Task Force liaison in OP
  – New technology to leverage
  – Time to work with partners to improve program

• We need your input today and moving forward
Current Focus

• Hold conferences/meetings to collaborate with food safety partners to improve public health outcomes
  – Updates from members
  – Training/education/exercises
  – Projects

• Improving Information Sharing
  – Websites and mobile applications
Where we are now

- FDA Food Protection Task Force Grants
  - 16 states- GA, IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NM, NV, TN, WA, WV, VA, VT

- Developing websites
  - 20 states- AL, CO, GA, IA, MA, MI, MN, MO, NC, NM, NV, OK, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV
    - Public website
    - Secure website
    - Mobile app
Improving Information Sharing and Collaboration

• Using available technology to build a Task Force community

• Improve information sharing - within state, state to state, and state to FDA
  – Websites and mobile apps
  – Utilize FDA OP homepage to see other state info
  – Utilize mobile app to do push notifications to:
    • Task Force members, licensed firms, emergency info.
The Food Protection Taskforces convene a state’s stakeholders in food safety: Federal, state and local government, academia, industry and consumer groups. See the Contact page to get in touch with someone regarding the Taskforce grant.

Welcome to the homepage of the Food Protection Taskforce grantee network. This site highlights everything that FDA-funded grantees are doing in their states to protect Americans from foodborne illness. Peruse these pages to find out more about the grant, the state Taskforces, FDA happenings and much more.

Produce Safety Alliance Recruits Members for Working Committees, Launches Website

The Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) today announced the official launch of its website (www.producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/) and issued a call for farmers, researchers, state officials, produce industry experts and others interested in produce safety to join an Alliance working committee.

FDA, AAFCO to develop Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards

FDA partners with the Association of American Feed Control Officials to develop Animal Feed Standards.

The Division of Federal-State Relations brings you the latest from the world of food safety. On this page you will find news feeds from other federal agencies and news organizations regarding the safety of the nation's food supply.

DFSR welcomes suggestions for other RSS feeds that would benefit Taskforces and state food safety stakeholders. If you would like to submit a request, please send an email to one of the DFSR Public Affairs Specialists on the Contact Us page.

Food Safety Modernization Act E-Mail Update List

We would like to inform you of a new e-mail update list that FDA has established for communicating the implementation of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). FSMA was signed into law by President Obama on January 4th, 2011 and aims to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by strengthening the food safety system to reduce foodborne illness and improve public health.
The Food Protection Taskforce Grant is designed to help a convene state’s stakeholders in food protection. Through these State Taskforce websites, FDA’s Division of Federal-State Relations (DFSR) wants to help State Taskforces to keep their publics informed, as well as the entire Taskforce network, of their State’s food protection activity.

JANUARY 28, 2020
FDA approves Zepatier for treatment of chronic hepatitis C genotypes 1 and 4
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Zepatier (elbasvir and grazoprevir) with or without ribavirin for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotypes 1 and 4 infections in adult patients.

JANUARY 28, 2018
FDA approves first drug to show survival benefit in liposarcoma
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Halaven (eribulin mesylate), a type of chemotherapy, for the treatment of liposarcoma (a specific type of soft tissue sarcoma) that cannot be removed by surgery (unresectable) or is advanced (metastatic). This treatment is approved for patients who received prior chemotherapy that contained an anthracycline drug.

JANUARY 22, 2018
FDA resolves criminal and civil actions against cheese manufacturer
Delaware-based cheese manufacturer Rose Foods, Inc. has pleaded guilty to one criminal misdemeanor count of violating the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) by introducing adulterated food into interstate commerce.

JANUARY 15, 2018
FDA outlines cybersecurity recommendations for medical device manufacturers
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today issued a draft guidance outlining important steps medical device manufacturers should take to continually address cybersecurity risks to keep patients safe and better protect the public health. The draft guidance details the agency’s recommendations for monitoring, identifying and addressing cybersecurity vulnerabilities in medical devices once they have entered the market. The draft guidance is part of the FDA’s ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medical devices, at all stages in their lifecycle, in the face of potential cyber threats.

JANUARY 15, 2010
FDA clears Olympus TJF-Q180V duodenoscope with design modifications intended to reduce infection risk
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today cleared the Olympus TJF-Q180V duodenoscope with modifications to the device’s design and labeling intended to help reduce the risk of bacterial infections. Olympus will voluntarily recall its original model currently being used in health care facilities and make the needed repair as quickly as possible.
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REGULATIONS
- USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (Meat and poultry regulations)
- VT. Agency of Agriculture Food Safety & Consumer Protection regulations and other information
- VT. Department of Health - Food Safety regulations and other information

MEETINGS
- June 12, 2013 meeting notes
- March 13, 2013 meeting notes
- Food Safety Task Force legislative reception - January 16, 2013 (event summary)
- Nov 14, 2012 meeting notes
- Sept 12, 2012 meeting notes
- June 12, 2012 meeting notes
- The Vermont Food Safety Summit was held on March 22, 2012 at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT

FSMA
- NEW: Comment periods now extended to Sept 16, 2013
- FDA Food Safety Modernization Act - including Produce Safety and Preventative Controls Proposed Rules
- Overview presentation on FSMA proposed rules
- Press release on FSMA comment period
- VT Food Safety Task Force Fact sheet on FSMA Preventative Controls

NEWS FEED
- Home Maid Ravioli Company, Inc. Recalls Meat and Poultry Ravioli and Pasta Products Produced Without Benefit of Inspection and Due to Misbranding and Undeclared Allergens
- Berks Packing Co. Recalls Beef Products Due to Misbranding
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Moving Forward

• Currently thinking about including the Task Forces in the Future Funding Model
  – Combines:
    • Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards
    • Rapid Response Teams
    • Food Protection Task Force
  – Would begin in Aug/Sept 2018
Future Funding Model

Base Funding

Must Choose:

MFRPS Implementation (Development)
- Development rate: up to $300,000/year/grantee

OR

MFRPS (Maintenance)
- Variable funding:
  - Level 1: $150,000
  - Level 2: $225,000
  - Level 3: $300,000
- Determination of applicant’s funding level will be based on the following criteria:
  - FSMA Non High Risk Firm Count
  - FSMA High Risk Firm Count
  - Indicator of Program Operating Costs (determined using Cost per GMP Inspection; food contract)

OPTIONAL Pick List/Menu Options

May Choose:

Food Protection Task Force (meetings/workshops)
- Flat rate: $10,000/year/grantee; Limit 1 per state.
- Available during Development and Maintenance

Rapid Response Team (RRT) (Maintenance)
- Will be open competition for funding with each FOA iteration.
- Development rate: up to $300,000/year/grantee. Limit 3 years, then must transition to maintenance funding.
- Maintenance phase: Variable funding:
  - Level 1: $150,000
  - Level 2: $225,000
  - Level 3: $300,000
- Determination of applicant’s funding level will be based on the following criteria:
  - State Population
  - FSMA High Risk/Non High Risk Firm Count
  - Count of multi-state outbreaks state is involved in (average over past 10 years)

Once in MFRPS Maintenance, the entire cooperative agreement (inclusive of all pick options) is subject to a 25% cost matching requirement (in-kind contributions allowed).

All funding (base and menu options) is subject to availability of funds and acceptable grantee performance.

Funding strategy: Award base funding tracks (MFRPS) first (if recommended for funding by objective review panel), and then allocate whatever remains of the total program funding to optional pick list/menu options in a prioritized manner based on objective review panel ranking of proposals.
We Need Your Input to Improve the Program

• Please ask questions and provide input during the workshop
• Fill out the questionnaires and feel free to provide additional comments
• Work together at your tables to develop the top three recommendations for program improvement
• Get to know each other and discuss collaboration opportunities
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Questions and Answer Session