Building a fully Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) through the Partnership for Food Protection (PFP)

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Topics

• Historical Background on the Development of the PFP
• Current State of the PFP
• PFP Accomplishments toward achieving an IFSS

Historical Background

• Since the 1990s: Federal, State, Local, territorial, & tribal agencies have worked together to address pieces of an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS).
• 1998: First 50-State Workshop held, in part, due to the launch of the National Food Safety Initiative that included a comprehensive approach to food safety; success in moving integration forward followed, but faltered after a few years without adequate federal infrastructure & funding support for the effort.
Historical Background

- **2008**: FDA held its second 50-State Workshop titled Gateway to Food Protection
  - Reenergized integration efforts to address challenges of growing global food supply
  - FDA established the PFP to bring together regulatory & public health partners to develop an IFSS
    - PFP Coordinating Committee: Established to make recommendations to FDA on IFSS infrastructure needs & to suggest strategies & tools for integration, set goals & provided oversight to PFP Workgroups
    - PFP Workgroups: Created by PFP Coordinating Committee to work on IFSS development projects focused on IT, training, emergency response, risk-based work planning & development of PETNet

- **2009**:
  - White House Food Safety Working Group Key Findings Report: IFSS priority recommendation: recommends unified Incident Command structure & adequate provisions for sharing data in an emergency
  - FDA drafts an IFSS vision paper, supported by PFP

- **2010**:  
  - Administration supports IFSS in 2010 budget; $14.6 million to build FDA infrastructure for an IFSS
  - Third 50-State Workshop; FDA commits to continued PFP IFSS support

- **2011**:  
  - IFSS work underscored by passage of FSMA; mandates an IFSS

- **2012**:  
  - Fourth 50-State Workshop
  - New PFP Governing Council created; PFP Workgroups redefined

Partnership for Food Protection
Current State
Current State of PFP

Stems from the August 15-17, 2012 50-State Workshop

- Held in Nashville, TN
- 217 Attendees:
  - 6 Federal Agencies
  - 47 States
  - 20 Local Jurisdictions
  - 3 Territories
  - 8 Associations
- Presented PFP Workgroup accomplishments
- Developed recommendations for critical components of an IFSS

Accomplishments of 2010-2012 PFP WGs

- Developed local work planning & coordination process to reduce redundant inspections/leverage resources.
- Developed Business Process Evaluation Tool to evaluate IT gaps/needs relative to Inspection Systems.
- Developed the “National Standards for Food/Feed Testing Laboratories”.
- Developed recommendation for a process to review/update MFRPS.
- Launched the Pet Event Tracking Network

PFP Governing Council Representatives

**FDA**
- Barbara Cassens* (ORA)
- Jeff Farrar (OFVM)
- Tracey Forfa (CVM)
- Melinda Plaisier (ORA)
- Roberta Wagner (CFSAN)

**State & Local**
- Claudia Coles (WA) – State Food
- Brian Collins (Plano, TX) – Local Health
- Pat Kennelly* (CA) – State Health
- Adam London (Kent County, MI) – Local At Large
- Dan Rice (NY) – State At Large
- Bob Waltz (IN) – State Feed

*Co-Chairs
Current PFP Workgroups

- Implementation & Communication (new)
- Information Technology
- Local Engagement (new)
- Response & Recall
- National Feed Assignment (new)
- PETNet Expansion (to include livestock)
- Training & Certification

Spotlight on two New PFP Workgroups

Local Engagement WG

Charge
To incorporate the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) deliverables that include local agencies with PFP projects & provide specific recommendations for engagement of local agencies within the vision for an IFSS.

Current Projects
• Members reviewed the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) & how it applies to working with local agencies.
• Reviewed FSMA provisions and PFP projects to determine where local engagement is appropriate and best way to engage.

WG Co-Chair: Pat Maloney (Town of Brookline Health Department, MA)
WG Co-Chair: Liz O’Malley (FDA)
WG Co-Chair: Davene Sarocco-Smith (Lake County General Health District, Painesville, OH)
Implementation & Communication WG

**Charge**
Develop an implementation plan to facilitate the use of IFSS best practices across federal, state, local, tribal, & territorial governments.

**Current Projects**
- Implement Local Work Planning & Coordination Document from 50-State Workshop
- Implement Joint Inspection framework from 50-State Workshop
- Implement National Standards for Food/Feed Testing Guidance Document
- Implement After Action Review process from 50-State Workshop
- Implement Performance Measures projects
- Develop a Communication Strategy for PFP

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PFP: Bringing Together the Regulatory Community

- Operationalizing mutual needs to make the regulatory community “Partners” programs stronger and more efficient with minimal duplication of efforts.
- Developing mechanisms to engage other stakeholders in the process by:
  - Bringing their ideas to the table for future work;
  - Inclusion of overall continuous improvement toward a fully integrated food safety system.

Take Home Messages

- The PFP plays a collaborative role in building an IFSS.
- PFP & FSMA have the same goal; to build an IFSS.
- FSMA work has been aligned/merged with the dynamic PFP Workgroups.
- Integration will not happen overnight, but working in partnership, we are making strides towards having an IFSS become a reality.
Thank You

We Welcome Your Questions, Comments & Suggestions

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