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MEETING ON THE FOOD SAFETY INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION

JUNE 11, 1997

3:00PM

211 OEOB

HOST: Elizabeth Dye
6-5573
Domestic Policy Council

CLEARANCE INFORMATION

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Rules

Approps

Strategic Planning

FORCC

Consortium

Research Planning - Agenda / OSTP [Committee on Health
Safety and Food]

Inspections / Regs

Strategic Planning.

FORCC - members of each agency designated -
process for developing a charge. -

Consortium - Risk Assessment

Sept. first public meeting in ~~Sept~~
People

Inspections -

- As school season starts. -

- FDA standards adopted by AMS

- AMS would inspect;

- have a contract clause -

you shall adhere to FDA

requirements for sanitation.

Shirley Watkins

Dept 'S

USDA / FSIS

FDA

YEAR	New Funds	ACTIVITY	WHO: Primary					WHO: Secondary	LEAD	HOW	STATUS
FY			CDC	FDA	USDA	EPA	Other				
		Surveillance									
		Expand Surveillance Systems:									
97		Add New York and Maryland to FoodNet	X					FDA, FSIS		In pilot stage now	Will be in full operation 7/97
98	+	Add eighth site	X					FDA, FSIS			
98	*	Enhance personnel resources at all sites	X								
98	*	Develop and conduct case-control studies of <i>Campylobacter</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i> infections						FDA, FSIS			
		Early Detection									
97		Protocol for evaluating epidemiological outbreak data	X				CSTE	FDA, FSIS FORCQ??			In progress; to be discussed @ June CSTE mtg
97		Criteria for local/state providing outbreak information to federal agencies	X				CSTE	FDA, FSIS, FORCG???			In progress; to be discussed @ June CSTE mtg
97		FoodNet sites will gather epi data on cases of HUS	X								Began 1/97
		Modernize Public Health Laboratories									
97		Determine <i>E. coli</i> serotypes other than O157:H7 that cause HUS in children	X								Scheduled to begin 7/97

¹ FY98 activities to be accomplished with food safety initiative funds designated by ***

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FY			CDC	FDA	USDA	EPA	Other				
		Surveillance (cont.)									
98	*	Improve diagnostic assays and provide additional resources to improve state labs' capacity to detect foodborne pathogens					ASTOHLID				
98	*	Support production of serotyping reagents for <i>Salmonella</i>	X		FSIS						
98	*	Develop DNA application-based tests for difficult to detect pathogens (e.g., shiga-like toxin producing <i>E. coli</i>)	X								
		Create National Electronic Network for Fingerprinting									
97		Provide resources and technical assistance to states for DNA fingerprinting of <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 - begin to establish a centralized databases of patterns	X								Process began 1/96
98	*	Expand national DNA fingerprint database	X								
98	*	Develop standardized methods for DNA fingerprinting <i>Salmonella</i> serotypes Typhimurium and Enteritidis and transfer techniques to states	X	X	FSIS						
98	*	Develop guidelines for maximizing use of DNA fingerprinting by states in surveillance & outbreaks	X				ASTPHLD, CSTB				
98	*	Set up centralized electronic databases of DNA fingerprint patterns of <i>S. typhimurium</i> and <i>enteritidis</i>	X	X	FSIS						
		Increase National Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance									
97		Conduct surveillance of antimicrobially resistant <i>Salmonella</i> and <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7	X	X	FSIS						Began 1/96
98	*	Initiate surveillance in isolates of <i>Campylobacter</i> from humans and animals, including poultry	X	X	FSIS						

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FY			CDC	FDA	USDA	EPA	Other				
		Surveillance (cont.)									
98	*	Conduct surveillance and epidemiological studies to monitor and reduce the incidence of foodborne disease associated with emerging and drug-resistant pathogens	X	X	APHIS						
		Conduct Surveillance of Human Pathogens in Food Animal Populations and Enhance Oversight of Feedstuffs, Feeds, & Manure									
98	*	Convene a working group to discuss how to conduct surveillance of human pathogens in food animals and their manures - target one pathogen to begin surveillance on in FY99	X	X	FSIS, APHIS						
		Coordination									
		Better Federal-State-Local Coordination									
97		Establish Foodborne Outbreak Response Coordinating Group (FORCG) - including functional statement, roles, responsibilities	X	X	FSIS	X	states, local agencies		Agency designees & Asst. Sec for Health, Undersec. For Food Safety, Asst. Admin. For Water	1. Working groups to determine 2. Designate 1-2 reps from each agency by 6/10; CDC - Ostroff, Broome; USDA - K. Wachsmuth, J Mondschein	In progress
97		FORCG review and evaluate outbreak response, assess existing infrastructure, make recommendations for improvement					FORCG		Agency designees		Pending formation of FORCG

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		Coordination (cont.)									
97		Dept/Agency outbreak coordinator appointed - as a formal institutional position with appropriate backup designees	X	X	X	X			Agency designees: Asst. Sec. for Health, Undersec. For Food Safety, Asst. Admin. For Water		
97		Standard procedures established for exchange of data/information (suggested move to '98 - FORCG to make decision)					FORCG				
		Enhance State and Local Infrastructure									
97		State infrastructure resource audit (suggested move to '98 - FORCG to make decision)					FORCG	Various asmts.			
97		Working groups to develop recommended procedures for outbreak response at state/local level (suggested move to '98 - FORCG to make decision)					FORCG				
98	*	Assist in develop infrastructure needed for detection, evaluation and coordinated response to outbreaks	X	X	FSIS	X					
		Risk Assessment									
		Establish Risk Assessment Consortium									
97		Establish interagency consortium at JIFSAN	X	X	FSIS, ARS, ORACBA	X		Academia, Industry	Agency designees: Bob Buchanan, Neil Ahl, Kaye Wachsmuth	Working group	In progress

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		Risk Assessment (cont.)									
97		Begin process of establishing a clearinghouse to collect & catalog existing available information and expertise					Consortium				
98	*	Hold a series of public meetings to develop a strategy to develop long term research needs to fill data gaps - develop a strategic plan					Consortium			Discussion between agencies	
	*	Identify existing data, based on review of available data and information, and suggest additional data needs					Consortium				
		Develop and Validate Exposure Assessment Models									
98	*	Identify priority research programs in exposure assessment methods and techniques for acquisition and analysis of experimental data for model development in specific areas.	X	X	FSIS, ARS, ORACBA		Consortium				
		Develop and Validate Dose-Response Assessment Models									
98	*	Identify priority research programs that need augmentation	X	X	FSIS, ARS, ORACBA		Consortium				
		Research									
		Improved Detection Methods									
97		Develop <i>Cyclospora</i> detection and control methods	X	X	ARS, CSREES	X				Working on methods development as outbreaks occur	Ongoing
98	*	Enhance ongoing research to develop methods for wide variety of pathogens, mycotoxins, and marine toxins		X	ARS	X					
98	*	Expand ongoing research to develop methods to detect pathogens in animal feeds		X							

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		Research (cont.)									
98	*	Identify and characterize factors that lead to development of multiple drug resistance in foodborne pathogens in farm and aquaculture animals		X	ARS						
98	*	Investigate techniques for manipulating microbial ecology of the intestinal tract of agricultural and aquaculture animals to prevent development of antibiotic resistance or select for nonresistance		X	ARS						
		Prevention Techniques: Pathogen Avoidance, Reduction, and Elimination - for variety of pathogens									
98	*	Expand research into microbial ecology of foodborne pathogens and how initial colonization in plants and animals can be prevented		X	ARS		Industry, academia				
98	*	Expand research on new methods to reduce or eliminate pathogenic microbes and mycotoxins from agricultural and aquaculture animals before slaughter or harvest		X	ARS		Industry, academia				
98	*	Develop new methods to reduce or eliminate pathogenic microbes and mycotoxins from plants before harvest		X	ARS		Industry, academia				
98	*	Develop new disinfection methods and systems for improved sanitation of production (including on-farm), processing, and marketing equipment and facilities		X	ARS		Industry, academia				
98	*	Expand research on new methods of decontamination of meat, poultry, seafood, fresh produce, and eggs		X	ARS		Industry, academia				
98	*	Initiate research to develop new techniques for eliminating animal foods as a source of foodborne pathogens		X	ARS		Industry, academia				

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		Research (cont.)									
97		Research Planning and Coordination USDA wants to put 1st in chart					Interagen- cy Comt. convened by OSTP		Agencies with Office of Science & Technology (OSTP)	1. Initiate discussions with OSTP about conveying cont. - Shank, Woteki, Swaminathan, EPA and NIH representative. 2. Form small working group of agency reps to discuss w/OSTP	In progress
		Inspections									
		Enhance Develop of HACCP Procedures									
97		Juice HACCP proposal		X							In progress
97		Egg products HACCP proposal			FSIS						In progress
97		Identify preventive measures against pathogens in foods, particularly fruits and vegetables		X	FSIS, AMS, FNS		NACMCF			Working groups being formed to discuss framework	In progress
		1. Develop better protection for fruit and vegetable surveillance, beginning with school lunch program purchases		X	FSIS, AMS, FNS		DoD			Working group being formed	In progress
		2. Begin to harmonize 1997 Food Code with school lunch guidelines		X	FNS					Working group being formed	In progress
97		Joint ANPR on <i>Salmonella enteritidis</i> in eggs		X	FSIS						In progress
97		Evaluate appropriate food commodities and animal feed targets of additional HACCP requirements		X							Ongoing

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		Inspections (cont.)									
97		Additional seafood HACCP training and meat/poultry training for inspectors		X	FSIS						Ongoing
97		Evaluate expansion and improve interagency cooperative agreements on inspection		X	FSIS						In progress
		- Harmonize FDA/FSIS sanitation regulations		X	FSIS					Working group being formed	In progress
97		Begin discussions on collaboration in use of State inspection resources		X	FSIS		States			Working group being formed	In progress
97		Public meetings on design and testing of new slaughter inspection concepts, consistent with HACCP			FSIS						Mtg. scheduled for 6/24/97 in Washington, DC
97		Begin discussion on developing a national inspection database		X	FSIS, AMS, APHIS		States			Working group being formed	In progress
97		Complete development of HACCP-based control measures for meat and poultry processing at retail			FSIS		AFDO			AFDO-FSIS video conference 5/29; 1st in series to deal with this	In progress
98		Evaluate the feasibility of HACCP for commodities such as fresh fruits and vegetables, e.g., those used in the school lunch program		X	FSIS, AMS, FNS		NACMCF			Working groups being formed	In progress
98	*	Implement seafood HACCP - hire 80 investigators		X							
98	*	Create PBO, with Congressional approval - NMFS volunteer seafood inspection program move to FDA		X						Discussions in progress on language in draft PBO legislation	Ongoing
98	*	Continue to propose changes to current regulations			FSIS						
		Enhance Safety of Foods in Retail Food Establishments, particularly at State and Local Level									

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97		Grassroots meetings in 3 regions on retail program standards	X	X	FSIS						Meets. scheduled
97		Held 2 public meetings on interstate distribution of state-inspected meat and poultry products			FSIS						Meetings scheduled June 16-17 in Sioux Falls, SD and July 22 in WDC
98	*	Develop additional federal-state partnerships to include more training of state inspectors at all levels, particularly retail		X				FSIS			
98	*	Expand the number of federal-state partnerships to include more extensive HACCP training for state inspectors, the seafood industry, and retail food industry		X				FSIS			
98	*	Initiate HACCP training for state inspectors to cover meat and poultry products			FSIS						
97		Begin discussion on collaboration on import inspections		X	FSIS, APHIS					Working group being formed	In progress
98	*	Increase the number of MRAs		X	FSIS						
98	*	Initiate a federal-state communication system states can use to inform federal agencies of problems found with imported products in their jurisdictions.		X							
98	*	Initiate a system for certifying and accrediting private labs		X	FSIS			FSIS			

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		Inspections (cont.)									
		Enhance Coverage of Imported Foods, specifically FDA-regulated Foods									
98	*	Provide technical assistance to importing countries with products identified as a source of potential public health problems									
		Enhance Safety of Foods during Transportation									
98	*	Determine what, if any, regulatory approach to take based on evaluation of comments and information received in response to ANPR		X	FSIS						
		Education									
		Improve Consumer, Retail, and Food Service Education									
97		Food safety education partnership - MOU	X	X	X			Dept. of Education			Signed 5/12/97
97		Identify and convene National Food Safety Education Council	X	X	X						Planning mtg scheduled week of 6/16/97
98	*	Promote and incorporate food safety education into school programs	X	X	FSIS, CSRE-ES						
		Conduct Research to Identify Barriers to Safe Food Handling									
97		Develop national safe food handling guidelines	X	X	FSIS, CSRE ES					Follow-up activity to Food Safety Education Conference, 6/12-13/97	

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		Education (cont.)									
98	•	Conduct additional research to determine best way to communicate key food safety principles in order to achieve behavior change		X	FSIS, CSRE ES						
98	•	Conduct research needed to develop a visual communication tool that conveys food safety principles									
		Expand Existing Information Systems									
97		Expand existing information systems, e.g., Foodborne Illness Education Information System	X	X	FSIS, CSRE ES						In progress
98	•	Establish the National Clearinghouse for Food Safety Education		X	FSIS, CSRE ES						
98	•	Consider use of food labels and other point-of-sale materials to convey food safety information		X	FSIS						
98	•	Develop and initiate a highly focused multilingual program for food service, to change behavior		X	FSIS						
		Strategic Planning									
97		Identify and establish a process for planning	X	X	FSIS, MRP, FNS, REE, ORACBA	X	State and local agencies, consumers and industry groups, etc.			To be discussed; White House mtg on 6/11; agency designees form working group to develop options for a process	
98		Identify issues strategic planning will focus on and initiate the interagency planning process	X	X	FSIS, etc	X	Same				

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		Strategic Planning (cont.)									
98		Develop a strategic plan	X	X	FSIS, etc	X					
		Other Interagency Issues to be Resolved									
97		On-farm practices		X	FSIS, ARS	X				Working groups being formed	Planning underway
97		Manure issues		X	FSIS, ARS	X				Working groups being formed	Planning underway
97		Performance standards for microbial pathogens	X	X	FSIS, ARS					Work groups	In progress