

Georgia Public Health Team  
Georgia Food Safety Task Force  
Minutes of Meeting January 22, 2003

**Attendees**

Beverly, Reuben  
Burnett, Cindy  
Chaves, Sandra  
Franko, Elizabeth  
Green, Laura  
Harris, Van  
Hath, Joi  
Lancette, Gayle  
Livsey, Kim  
McGrath, Mark  
Morris, Chat  
O'Leary, Virginia  
Otto, Charles  
Rowe, Daryl E.  
Shugart, Jill  
Smoak, Cameron  
Stigger, Tammi M.  
Todd-Murrell, Dawn  
Vaughan, Earl  
Williams, Pam  
Williams, Paul

**Directory Update**

Melinda Scarborough and Tammi Stigger are working to update the directory

**CDC: Food Safety Icon Project**

- Capt. Charles Otto Informed group that the CDC conducted a food safety focus group in the fall of 2002 to determine which international food safety icon is the clearest.
- 8,9, or 10 icons will be available on the IAFP website March 03'. The icons may be use for training and signage.

**GEMA**

- Dr. Paul Williams Informed group of GEMA initiatives:
- Rewrite ESF11 to include food safety issues
- Develop a National model/plan to deal with Botulism
- Develop animal reporting

## **UGA: Bio safety**

- Dr. Daryl Rowe Informed the group of:
- The USA Patriot Act
  - Student records are now open
  - Electronic media- open
  - Limits persons conducting research
  - Demands to increase Bio Security
- The duties of the Responsible official

## **Food borne illness Outbreaks Updates:**

- Cindy Burnett reported:
- The State is experiencing outbreaks of Norovirus in Nursing Homes
- Vibro outbreak in Chatham Co
- Clostridium Perfringens outbreak in Coffee Co.
- Obtaining stools samples continues to be a challenge.

## **Discussions**

Van Harris:

- Announced that the GFSTF is looking for someone to write grants for the group
- There is one more case of GFSTF brochures
- There has been a request to print GFSTF in Spanish

Cameron Smoak spoke about the GFSTF at a conference in Florida – he is working to get other states involved.

Tennessee and Alabama has formed a food safety task force similar to GFSTF

Kim Livsey & Van Harris

- Looking for a Spanish translator versed in food safety.
- Conducted a food safety-training seminar at the Chinese restaurant Assoc.
- The Chinese Restaurant Assoc requested that Kim and Van return and conduct more food safety seminars.
- If any one is interested in volunteering please contact Kim or Van

**Next meeting will be held at GA DHR May 2, 2003 at 10 a.m. Agenda and map will be forwarded later.**