

*September 21, 2005 Georgia Food Safety Task Force Meeting*

Attendees:

Van Harris--GDA  
Bob Finton—Fulton county  
Priti Kolhe—Fulton county  
Dana Cole—GDPH  
Lurlene Dixon--FDA  
Barbara Wood--FDA  
Clifford Purdy—FDA/CFSAN  
Don Crull—USDA/FSIS  
Jan Brown—USDA/FSIS  
Rex Holt--GDA  
Reuben Beverly--GDA  
Yao-wen Huang--UGA  
JoAnn Pittman--FDA  
Janice Buchanon—DeKalb county  
Shamim Khan—Fulton county  
Cheryl Brown—GDPH  
Geroncio Fasardo—GDPH/Fulton county ME  
Virginia O'Leary--GSU  
Kevin Jones—Fulton county  
Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo—GDPH

1. Outbreak update—Melissa Tobin-D'Angelo
  - a. Review of outbreaks since April
    - i. SE outbreak associated with eggs in mental hospital, also possibly linked to outbreaks in NC/SC
    - ii. SE outbreak associated with hen at catered event in Dooley county
    - iii. Norovirus outbreak associated with a BBQ restaurant in Cherokee county
    - iv. Norovirus outbreak associated with a wedding in Fulton county
    - v. *C. perfringens* outbreak at a hospital laboratory training session in Hall county
    - vi. *Staphylococcus aureus* outbreak associated with breakfast sandwiches made in a facility that acts as a restaurant and as a manufacturer for distribution to convenience stores
    - vii. A few PFGE links to multistate outbreaks
    - viii. A few investigations related to ground beef recall and complaints of illness—No confirmed cases of *E. coli* associated

Van Harris stressed the point of interagency cooperation during investigations, especially the *S. aureus* one in which the facility was regulated by GDA and GDPH-environmental health

2. Water advisory group—Dana Cole
  - a. Identify gaps in current system
  - b. Protocol to respond to contamination incident
  - c. Interagency communication between members—EPA, Epidemiology, Environmental Health, GDA, Emergency management (public health), DNR EPD, Health District 10
  - d. After action report of recent incident
  - e. Participation in various conferences
  - f. EPA toolbox
  
3. Food Supply Defense Training October 18 in Gainesville—Dana Cole
  - a. For public health
  - b. GDA sanitarians
  - c. SART teams—based on GEMA regions
  
4. First annual GFSTF conference!!—Dana Cole
  - a. May 2006 at GA Farm Bureau
  - b. Build on lessons learned from Uriah exercise
  - c. “Anatomy of an Outbreak”
  - d. Inclusion of various partners including industry
  - e. Planning subgroup of Melissa, Dana, Van, and Yaowen
  
5. Ethnic Grant Project—Janice Buchanon
  - a. Development of a CD
  - b. Distribute early 2006 by CD and web
  
6. USDA Food Safety Mobile 4-22-06 – Atlanta (Walk America)
  - a. Proposed location: Centennial Park
  - b. Need volunteers
  - c. Will have task force meeting scheduled around the event
  
7. FDA centennial—JoAnn Pittman
  - a. Will concentrate on childhood obesity, exercise, nutrition and food safety
  - b. Many collaborators including Emory/UGA
  - c. Next planning meeting Nov 27
  - d. Multiple events in January
    - i. Atlanta Airport: KICKOFF 1/4/06
    - ii. Centennial Place Elementary School in Atlanta (1/26/06: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm)  
GFSTF members to join event at the school
  - e. Bob Finton suggests dedicating brick in Centennial Park

THE NEXT GFSTF MEETING WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
FDA CENTENNIAL EVENT AT CENTENNIAL PLACE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL IN DOWNTOWN ATLANTA ON 1/26/06