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Executive Board Meeting Committee Update – Inspection form Committee Report

Progress Report/Committee Activities:

The inspection Form Committee broke into two subgroups in order to tackle two assignments-Marking instructions and Scoring.

Scoring Subcommittee:

Chuck Catlin is heading up the scoring subcommittee. The subcommittee has performed a literature review looking broadly at the scoring issue and any effects on the reduction of the risk factors linked to illness. The literature review produced little fruit so the subcommittee created a questionnaire to be given to health departments. The questionnaire was designed to find health departments using the current recommended ***Food Establishment Inspection*** form or a form that is substantially the same. The questionnaire will also find out if health departments are using a risk based inspection protocol. The subcommittee is hopeful that several jurisdictions will be identified that are doing both. Once identified the committee will be able to compare and contrast scoring systems and try to discover if there are any positive correlations between scoring systems and the reduction of the CDC Risk Factors.

The questionnaire will be administered during the month of August. The second part of the questionnaire will be administered during the month of September. The committee is on track to produce a white paper and recommendations by November 2007.

Marking Instructions Subcommittee:

The subcommittee has completed combining the code provisions to the marking instructions, completed a draft of improving the instructions for Risk Factors/Public Health Interventions, with an emphasis on those provisions where there was little to no guidelines, and is currently completing draft guidelines for the Good Retail Practices (GRPs). In drafting the guidelines for GRPs, the focus is on discussing concepts that will guide the inspector without stating the "obvious" by repeating the information provided in the accompanying code references. Additionally, since some of these items contain numerous code citations, it would not be practical to include information that would cover all provisions.

The subcommittee will continue to make improvements to the draft guidelines and submit them to the entire Inspection Form Committee by the end of August. The completed guidelines will then be submitted to the FDA Standardization Committee for review and comment, with a final draft report completed by the end of November 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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