



Partnership for Food Protection

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Partnership for Food Protection:

Helping to Build An Integrated Food Safety System

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Agenda

- **IFSS/PFP Update**
- **Mutual Reliance Pilots**
- **ORA Program Alignment Update**
- **Future Funding for Retail**



Discussion

- **What is a National Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS)?**
- **What does a IFSS look like?**
- **What is the ultimate goal of a IFSS?**
- **What strategies are being used to achieve this goal/vision?**



IFSS Strategies

- **Vision achieved, in part, by:**
 - **Establishing and implementing national standards to ensure consistency across all jurisdictions**
 - **Developing training & certification programs to establish a highly skilled workforce across all jurisdictions**
 - **Implementing IFSS foundational elements**



IFSS Strategies

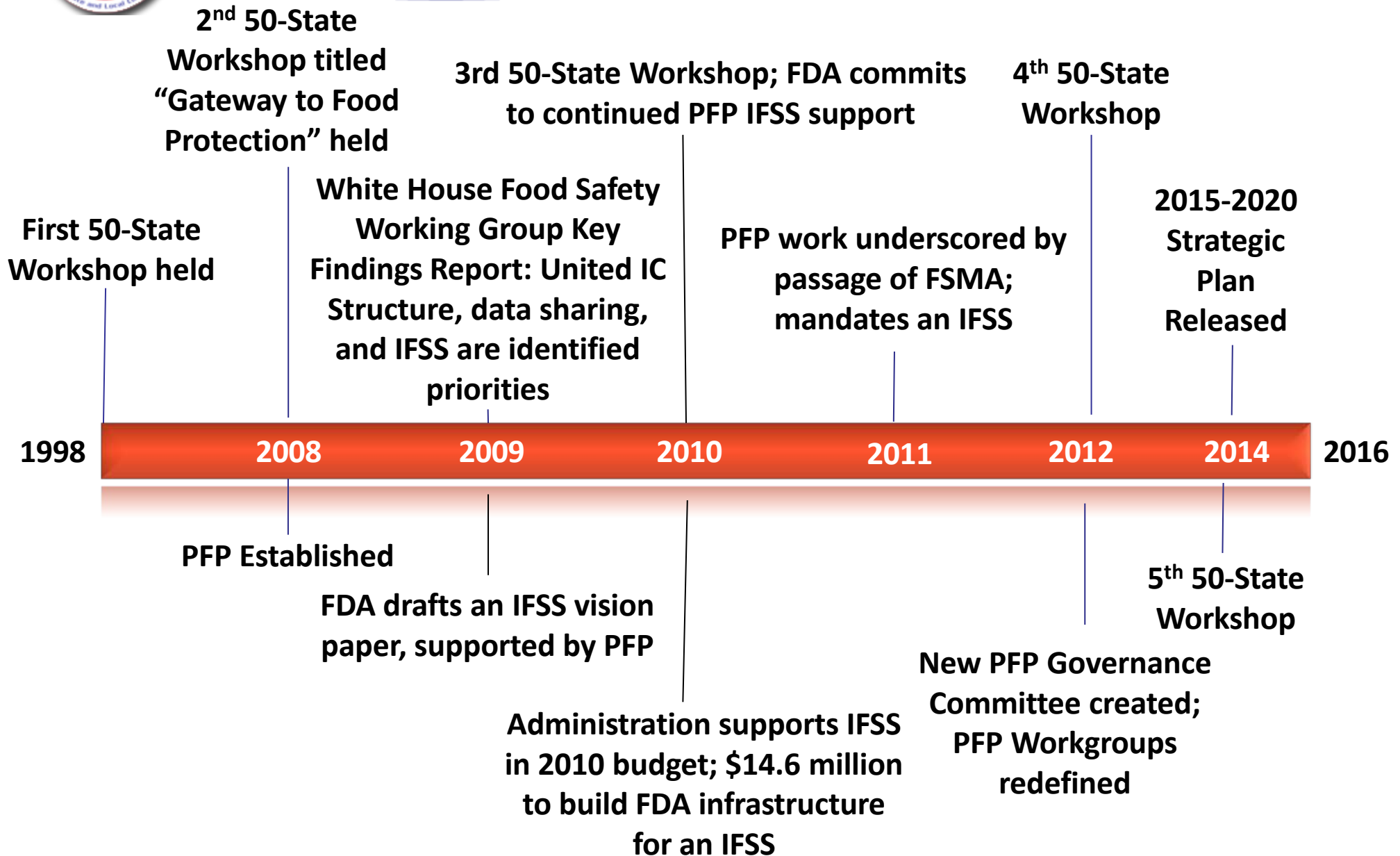


- **IFSS foundational elements:**
 - **Joint work planning including inventory sharing**
 - **Joint inspections where appropriate**
 - **Joint enforcement and compliance teams**
 - **Joint after action reviews of significant events**
 - **Joint responses to significant events**
 - **Immediate notification of egregious conditions**



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All of the following statements about the PFP are correct except:

- a. PFP is a leader in the development and implementation of an IFSS**
- b. PFP is a group of dedicated professionals from strategic partners**
- c. Promotes communication and integration**
- d. Provides resources, risk-informed insight, & best practices**
- e. Serves as a policy setting organization**



PFP Governing Council

“guides the work of the PFP and sets strategic priorities”

Representative	State/Local Agency
Pat Kennelly	California Dept of Public Health
Claudia Coles	Washington Dept of Ag
Bob Ehart	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
Gary Horvath	Minnesota Dept of Ag
Roy Kroeger	Cheyenne-Laramie County (WY) Health Department
Pieter Sheehan	Fairfax County (VA) Dept of Health
Bob Waltz	Office of Indiana State Chemist
Vacant	At-Large position for State or Local rep



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Representative	Federal Agency
Barbara Cassens	FDA – Office of Regulatory Affairs
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Jeff Farrar	FDA – Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine
Tracey Forfa	FDA – Center for Veterinary Medicine
David Goldman	USDA – Food Safety and Inspection Service
Art Liang (<i>Acting</i>)	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Steve Solomon	FDA – Office of Regulatory Affairs



2015 – 2020 PFP Strategic Plan

- **7 key areas:**
 - **Outreach**
 - **Work planning and Inspections**
 - **Compliance and Enforcement**
 - **Surveillance, Response, and Post-Response**
 - **Laboratory Science**
 - **Training and Certification**
 - **Information Technology**



Outreach Workgroup

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Ryan Cates, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - Jessica Badour, Georgia Department of Agriculture
- **Major Accomplishments:**
 - Drafted Communications Plan
 - [Updated the PFP Website \(www.fda.gov/pfp\)](http://www.fda.gov/pfp)
 - Newsletters



Work Planning and Inspection Workgroup

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - **Jamie Hughes, FDA - Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition**
 - **Susan Parachini, CO Department of Public Health and Environment**
- **Major Accomplishments:**
 - **Obtained feedback on adoption & use of the Model Work Plan Best Practice (worked with MFRPS Alliance)**
 - **Redistributed model work planning document to FDA and State Work Planners**



Compliance and Enforcement Workgroup

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Mildred Benjamin, FDA - Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
 - Stephen Stich, NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets
- **Major Accomplishments:**
 - Survey on compliance and enforcement tools
 - Draft Best Practices document



Surveillance, Response, & Post-Response Workgroup

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Travis Goodman, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - Brenda Holman, FDA - Coordinated Outbreak Response and Evaluation
 - Michael Needham, CA Department of Public Health
 - Brian Saunders, NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets
- **Major Accomplishments:**
 - Best Practices (FoodSHIELD During Incidents; Improving FDA and State Communication During Recalls)
 - Recommendations for improving FDA and state communication during recalls
 - Quick start food emergency response job aids
 - RRT capacity building and mentorship framework
 - Model food emergency response framework



Laboratory Science Workgroup

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Don Burr, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - Tim Croley, FDA - Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
 - Tim McGrath, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - Cindy Mangione, NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets
 - Brenda Jackson, North Carolina Department of Agriculture
- **Major Accomplishments:**
 - Updates to the PFP Laboratory Best Practices Manual



Training and Certification Workgroup

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Allan Bateson, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - Jim Fear, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - Stan Stromberg, OK Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
 - Keith Johnson, Custer (ND) Health Dept
- **Major Accomplishments:**
 - National Curriculum Standard (NCS) for Regulatory Enforcement Professionals (REPs)
 - 2015 and 2016 FDA/ORA Regulatory and Public Health Food and Feed Training Summits



Information Technology Workgroup

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Lisa Creason, FDA - Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - Ashley Schascheck, MI Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Major Accomplishments:**
 - Data exchange data model
 - Use cases & sequence diagrams for contract inspection pilot and overall solution
 - Data sharing architecture
 - Data sharing pilot



PFP Workgroup Project Managers

- **Will Bet-Sayad – Training & Certification**
- **Anam Drumheller – Compliance & Enforcement**
- **Pete Salsbury – Work Planning & Inspections**
- **Shari Shea – Laboratory Sciences**
- **Mahala Shillingford – Surveillance/Response**
- **Barbara Thiel – Information Technology**
- **Julianna Wittig – Outreach**



Mutual Reliance Pilots in CA, WI, and NY



Mutual Reliance Pilots - Objectives

- **Evaluate methods for completion of inspection and compliance activities that will allow the respective agency's work products to be counted towards each other's inspection obligations**
- **Identify effective methods for utilizing partner agency work products to support public health advisories, warning letters, or judicial actions**



Mutual Reliance - Benefits

- **Better alignment of food safety regulatory systems**
- **Reduction of unnecessary duplication = cost savings and efficiency**
- **Enhanced sharing of information = informed, more efficient decision making**
- **Better leveraging of resources so that agencies can meet their public health objectives**



ORA Program Alignment – Highlights

- **Transition from geographically-based management model to distinct commodity-based and vertically integrated regulatory programs**
 - **District Directors (DDs) will retain their current district responsibilities and also specialize in one program, and report to a Program Director**
- **Elevation within the organization of key staffs that support states/locals**



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Discussion of Future Funding for Retail



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QUESTIONS?

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