

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Food Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Food Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee

No.

148

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No

12/18/2015

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

12/12/2017

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

21 U.S.C. 394

13. Effective Date

11/28/1990

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed0

17c. Partially Closed0

Other Activities0

17d. Total0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provided advice to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and to other appropriate officials on emerging food safety, food science, and nutrition issues. In addition, the committee recommended ways of communicating to the public potential risks associated with these issues and approaches that may be considered in addressing the risks.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee included a wide range of scientific and technical expertise drawn from different geographical locations throughout the country and strives to include minority and female representation. The committee also included technically qualified members who are identified with consumer interests and non-voting representatives who are identified with industry interests.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee met only five times in the last nine years.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Members of the Committee were drawn from academia, research organizations, state health departments and clinical practice. Their advice and input lends credibility to FDA's regulatory decisions. The alternate means of obtaining this advice would involve the recruitment of a large number of scientists on a full-time basis at maximum rates of compensation.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

There were no closed meetings to report in FY18.

21. Remarks

In view of the declining number of issues for which the FAC is determined to provide the most appropriate input to the Center, and the infrequent meetings held by this Committee, it was deemed that the effort and expense of maintaining this

advisory committee is no longer justified. In recent years, the FAC has been convened solely to advise FDA on food safety policies, with other mechanisms being used to provide input into the Center on topics such as nutrition. Its most recent meeting in December 2015, discussed FDA's policies related to the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in foods. CFSAN has determined that any relevant FAC issues in the future can be addressed by the Agency's other advisory committees, such as the FDA Science Board and the FDA's Risk Communication Advisory Committee (RCAC), with additional augmentation of expertise by appropriate subject-matter experts serving as temporary members of those committees. In addition, CFSAN will continue to hold public meetings, webinars, workshops, and conferences to engage with stakeholders. The existing members of the FAC will be retired as special government employees. The committee was terminated on December 12, 2017. The committee had no expenditures this year and less than 10% of a staff year was dedicated to terminating it in December 2017.

Designated Federal Officer

Karen L Strambler DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bruner, Leon	07/01/2015	12/12/2017	The Grocery Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Castillo, Alejandro	07/28/2015	12/12/2017	Texas A&M University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Donovan, Sharon	08/26/2015	12/12/2017	Professor and Melissa M. Noel Endowed Chair	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Farber, Jeffrey	10/26/2015	12/12/2017	Professor, University of Guelph, Department of Food Science	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Grooters, Susan	07/01/2015	12/12/2017	Policy Analyst, Keep Antibiotics Working - CONSUMER REPRESENTATI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Labuza, Theodore	07/28/2015	12/12/2017	University of Minnesota	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McBurney, Michael	07/14/2014	12/12/2017	Vice President, Science, Communication, and Advocacy, DSM Nutritional Products, LLC	Representative Member
Meyer, Sharon	07/21/2014	12/12/2017	Associate Professor, Department of Toxicology, College of Health Sceinces, School of Pharmacy, University of Louisiana at Monroe	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Newman, Thomas	08/26/2015	12/12/2017	University of California, San Francisco	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ryu, Dojin	07/01/2016	12/12/2017	Associate Professor, Bi-State School of Food Science	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Santerre, Charles	07/21/2014	12/12/2017	Professor of Food Toxicology, Department of Nutrition, College of Health and Human Services, Purdue University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

FDA's strategic priorities in responding to the public health challenges of the 21st century are to advance regulatory science and innovation; strengthen the safety and integrity of the global supply chain; strengthen compliance and enforcement activities to support public health; expand efforts to meet the needs of special populations; advance medical countermeasures and emergency preparedness; advance food safety and nutrition; promote public

health by advancing the safety and effectiveness of medical products; establish an effective tobacco regulation, prevention, and control program; and manage for organizational excellence and accountability. The Food Advisory Committee supports FDA's strategic priorities by providing advice to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs on food safety and nutrition issues. In addition, the committee recommends ways of communicating to the public potential risks and benefits associated with various issues and recommends different approaches that may be considered in addressing potential risks.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

The utilization of the Food Advisory Committee enabled the Agency to obtain required and frequently scarce professional services from medical and scientific experts not otherwise available to the Agency; and to obtain the services of these experts only on an as needed basis rather than on a full-time basis. The service of the Committee resulted in advice for the improvement of the public health, for which it is difficult to assign a financial value.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

26

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee made 26 recommendations from FY-03 through FY-18.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The function of an advisory committee is purely advisory in nature. Although, the FDA often accepts the recommendations from its committees, the Agency has the option of not implementing the advice.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The DFO provides quarterly notices to members and directs them to updates on the web, press releases, and communications from OC.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Center for Food Safety and Nutrition examined consumer advisories to assure that they are scientifically valid and understandable to the consumer.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A