

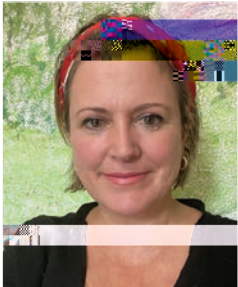
Our recommendations included engaging food safety programs at state, tribal, local, and territorial governments; increasing and appropriately funding food safety agencies; educating, credentialing, and training food safety regulators and industry workers; and adoption of the most recent FDA Food Code, among other recommendations.

We also commented on the challenges facing food safety programs. This feedback included difficulties created by the legal patchwork of federal, state, tribal, local, and territorial rules and regulations; limited capacity within organizations to track and surveil foodborne illness outbreaks across organizations; limited funding allocated to the Human Foods Program within the FDA budget; and current program oversight within the FDA structure. We expressed support for the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards to encourage the use of a standardized set of guidelines for food safety, as well as delegation of FDA authority and funding to state, tribal, local, and territorial food safety programs.

You can learn more about the FDA Operational Evaluation being conducted by the Reagan-Udall Foundation at <https://reaganudall.org/programs/operational-evaluation-fdas-human-foods-tobacco-programs>.

NEHA Staff Profiles

As part of tradition, we feature new staff members in the Journal around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know our staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to two NEHA staff members. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on pages 54 and 55.



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