



**U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Public Meeting:  
Closer to Zero Action Plan: Impacts of Toxic Element Exposure and Nutrition at Different Crucial  
Developmental Stages for Babies and Young Children  
November 18, 2021  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm EST**

Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0966

**AGENDA**

- 9:45 AM** ***Event Link Live for Participant Login***
- 10:00 AM** **Greeting & Housekeeping Items**  
*Jessica Rowden, MA, CHES, Health Communication Specialist, Communications and Public Engagement Staff, FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)*
- 10:05 AM** **Meeting Overview**  
*Kellie Casavale, PhD, RD, Senior Nutrition Advisor, Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling, FDA CFSAN*
- 10:10 AM** **Opening Remarks**  
*Janet Woodcock, MD, FDA Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs*  
  
*Susan Mayne, PhD, Director, FDA CFSAN*  
  
*Pamela Starke-Reed, PhD, Deputy Administrator for Nutrition, Food Safety and Quality Utilization of Agricultural Products at the Agricultural Research Service, USDA*
- 10:30 AM** **Setting the Stage: The Closer to Zero Action Plan**  
*Conrad Choiniere, PhD, Director, Office of Analytics and Outreach, FDA CFSAN*
- 10:40 AM** **BREAK**



10:50 AM

**Panel 1: The Impact of Toxic Element Exposures at Different Crucial Developmental Stages for Babies and Young Children**

**FDA Moderator:** *Karlyn Middleton, MS, Branch Chief/Supervisory Toxicologist, Contaminant Assessment Branch, Division of Risk & Decision Analysis, Office of Analytics and Outreach, FDA CFSAN*

**4 Panelists:**

- **Laura Dishaw, PhD**, Toxicologist, Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, US Environmental Protection Agency
- **Sean Deoni, PhD**, Director of MRI Research, Department of Pediatrics, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
- **Margaret Karagas, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
- **Jennifer Lowry Sample, MD**, *Pediatox, LLC*

12:10 PM

**BREAK**

12:30 PM

**Panel 2: The Role of Nutrition in the Closer to Zero initiative**

**FDA Moderator – Kellie Casavale, PhD, RD**, Senior Nutrition Advisor, Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling, FDA CFSAN

**4 Panelists:**

- **Heather Hamner, PhD, MS, MPH**, Health Scientist, Nutrition Branch, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC
- **Karen E. Peterson, DSc**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, Professor of Global Public Health, the University of Michigan School of Public Health
- **Xiaobin Wang, MD, MPH, ScD**, Zanyvl Krieger Professor and Director, Center on the Early Life Origins of Disease, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and School of Medicine
- **Katarzyna (Kasia) Kordas, PhD**, Director, MPH Concentration in Epidemiology; Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health; Co-Director, Community for Global Health Equity, School of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Buffalo

1:50 PM

**BREAK**

2:05 PM

**Open Public Comment**

**Moderator:** *Jessica Rowden, MA, CHES, Health Communication Specialist, Communications and Public Engagement Staff, FDA CFSAN*

**Panel of FDA SMEs:**

- **Conrad Choiniere, PhD**, Director, Office of Analytics and Outreach, FDA CFSAN
- **Kellie Casavale, PhD, RD**, Senior Nutrition Advisor, Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling, FDA CFSAN
- **Paul South, PhD**, Director, Division of Plant Products and Beverages, Office of Food Safety, FDA CFSAN



- **Sherri Dennis, PhD**, *Director, Division of Risk and Decision Analysis, Office of Analytics and Outreach, FDA CFSAN*

**3:45 PM**

**Wrap-Up and Looking Ahead: What's Next for Closer to Zero**

**Conrad Choiniere, PhD**, *Director, Office of Analytics and Outreach, FDA CFSAN*

**4:00 PM**

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