**Joint Educational & Problem-Solving Forums 2x per year in 8 locations in MN**

**Summary:** MDA/MDH/Delegated staff and food entrepreneurs located in 8 regions of Minnesota hold in-person meetings twice per year to share information, work out food safety solutions, and build relationships within the region.

**ASK for MDA** – Facilitate meeting attendance by food inspectors operating in the regions; facilitate attendance by state-level meat inspections staff.

**ASK for MDH** – Open the FSP meeting structure to this regional in-person meeting 2x/year; facilitate regional meeting attendance by MDH staff based in the region.

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| INPUTS | OUTPUTS (Activities) | OUTCOMES |
| Funding to support travel, honoraria, food, etc. MDA/MDH/Delegated Authority leadership support for attendance by staff within the regionsCommitment from MDA/MDH/Delegated Authority staff with regions to attendMDH Food Safety Partnership existing meeting infrastructure opened to this forum 2x/yearMDH’s 8 regional offices opened to this forum 2x/yearCEUs ??Meeting coordination/facilitation team managed by Renewing the CountrysideSustainable ag & local food organizations, trade associations willing to assist with outreach communications, logistics, hosting (MISA, MFMA, SFA)Food entrepreneurs committed to attending | Targeted outreach to food entrepreneurs to encourage attendanceTargeted outreach to regional MDA/MDH/Delegated staff to encourage (require) attendanceDevelopment of food entrepreneur case studies within regionsDevelopment or compiling of resource documents based on feedback from the regional meetingsOngoing revision of meeting design/content based on evaluation & feedback by attendeesMeeting agendas may include:\* Presentations by food entrepreneurs about their businesses (case studies)\* Panel discussions\* Q & A from the field\* Informal networking & discussion time\* Presentations by regional regulators re: food safety issues and best practices\* Problem-solving around licensing or food safety issues | Increased food entrepreneur knowledgeand inspector knowledge includingon issues of food safety and business practicesIncreased MDA/MDH/Delegated inspector and staff knowledge of food entrepreneur questions/concernsBetter coordination/alignment among foodregulatory agencies within regionsImproved food entrepreneurperception/trust of MDA/MDH/DelegatedintentionsImproved MDA/MDH/Delegated perception of food entrepreneur willingness to comply with food safety provisionsIncreased food entrepreneur knowledge and reduced confusion around licensing and food safetyIncreased efficiency for food inspectorsfielding fewer points of confusion |