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| **6. Second Opinion Campaign - medium term** | | | | |
| **SITUATION:** Farmers, food entrepreneurs, food system advocates, and regulators in Minnesota have difficulty navigating complex food safety requirements and in state and local rules and regulations. Moreover, there is a disconnect in understanding around food safety practices and business innovations among these groups at the regional level. | | | | |
| **Summary:** Second Opinion Campaign to educate food entrepreneurs with a list of options for next steps if faced with a denial from an inspector. | | | | |
| **Ask:** Local food system organizations and agencies participate in creation and implementation of a statewide campaign that encourages food entrepreneurs to ask for a second opinion about licensing and regulatory rules. Needed funding is secured and agency-level infrastructure is identified or created to handle second-opinion requests. | | | | |
| **INPUTS** | **OUTPUTS** (Activities) | **OUTCOMES** | | |
|  | | Knowledge | Actions | Conditions |
| Funding  Local food system organizations/communications and outreach capacity  Resource documents for food entrepreneurs  MDA, MDH and Delegated agency infrastructure for handling second opinion requests | ID MDA/MDH/Delegated staff who will take on these job responsibilities and what department they’ll be housed in  Campaign strategy identified, planned, and implemented  Teach food entrepreneurs to get a second opinion by calling inspector’s supervisor, reaching out to MISA or RTC, or other organizations or food experts in MN.  Targeted outreach to food entrepreneurs  Work with local foods organizations to enhance campaign’s visibility | Increased MDA/MDH/Delegated inspector and staff knowledge of food entrepreneur questions/concerns    Improved entrepreneur perception/trust of MDA and MDH inspector intentions  Reduced confusion around requirements on the part of food entrepreneurs | Food inspectors field fewer points of confusion. | Efficient referral of entrepreneur food questions  Elimination of “dead-end” result for entrepreneurs who struggled within inspector’s requirements. |
| **ASSUMPTIONS:** The Second Opinion Campaign will make a measurable impact on food entrepreneurs and food entrepreneurs needing to ask for a second opinion will always be efficiently helped. | **EXTERNAL FACTORS:** The success of this project will depend on the success of the campaign and the willingness of food entrepreneurs to ask for a second opinion. Levels of fear around this topic will also affect project success. | | | |