

Local Food Advisory Committee
Agenda for January 31, 2020
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Minnesota Farmers Union Building
305 Roselawn Ave. E., St. Paul, MN

- Preliminary discussion (10 minutes): How does FDA interact with state regulators in the case of food manufacturers licensed by MDA; or in the case of restaurants licensed by MDH that also offer a line of manufactured food?
 - Goal: invite FDA representative to a future LFAC meeting

- Legislative updates & discussion
 - Effort to streamline licenses
 - Reduce number of different license types
 - The “fleet” or “enterprise” licensing concept
 - How to proceed at this point
 - Cottage Food Law changes
 - Review information from Cottage Food conference on Jan. 22
 - Discussion of key points and proposed language

- Update on Blazing Trails workshops; request for help organizing more of them

- Some recent questions received by Jane Jewett or Kathy Zeman:
 - Sale of hemp flowers (buds) at farmers’ market by a farmer who is licensed as an industrial hemp producer
 - Beef jerky as a Cottage Food item – there was confusion about this at a northern MN farmers’ market
 - From a Blazing Trails workshop: a woman in Hennepin County has a “wellness center” in a renovated farmhouse on her property. She lives in a separate house on the same property. She offers wellness classes in the non-lived-in house; including cooking classes in the kitchen. Under what circumstances would she need a food license?
 - Questions about boundaries on license exemptions for faith communities
 - Any facilities requirements?
 - Creating a guideline for tribal school food service to butcher & serve wild game
 - Can there be a kids’ lemonade stand alongside or within parent’s booth at farmers’ market?
 - Is a handwashing stand needed for food sampling at a farmers’ market if sealed containers of samples are assembled elsewhere?
 - What is the dividing line between the exemption from food licensing when food is not your principal mode of business, and when food is a big enough percentage of your

business that you need a license for it?

- Alida Sorenson and Sarah Leach - discuss training for inspectors re: Cottage Food
- Update from Wendy Spanier from MDH on how the new Food Stand Exemption is playing out
 - How does this exemption relate to in-home “dinner clubs?” There was just recently another news article about one of these in Minneapolis.
- 2019 review with regulators – what types of activities are they seeing; what’s concerning?
Where might education be needed?