

**Food Innovation Team
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020**

Today's meeting was held via WebEx due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members present included: Kathy Zeman, Jane Jewett, Lolly Occhino, Julia Selleys, Molly Herrmann, and Blake Nordin

Visitors present included: Levi Muhl, Nicole Droher, Jan Kelly, Jeff Luedeman, Alida Sorenson, and Natasha Hedin

Meeting started 9:00 a.m.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

1. Upcoming Dates

The next Food Innovation Team (FIT) Meeting will be Monday, July 20th via WebEx.

2. Case Review

FIT membership and visitors reviewed the Kaw Khang case, owned by Parinda Phumipraphat in Grand Marais, Minnesota. The business model and key issues were discussed at length. The system worked in this case to catch product that shouldn't have been on grocery shelves. However, the FBO, store owner, and kitchen manager were caught by surprise when the product was removed. This scenario highlights need for additional communication and education. Multiple opportunities for improvement were identified by FIT members and visitors. A draft recommendation report was created, and the report will be finalized and distributed. An update on the recommendation report will also be given at the MN Food Safety and Defense Task Force meeting by Jane Jewett.

3. Administration Discussion

- Natasha Hedin will submit updates for the FIT one-page flyer and circulate it to the group for comments and edits. Once the flyer is reviewed it will be ready for distribution and posting to the MDA website and the FSDF website.

4. Agenda items for July 20th:

- Case that covers dietary supplements (elderberry syrup)
- Case involving individual that stated they had approval to put CBD oil in an edible gummy
- Facility requirements of storage for packaged product, involving MDH, DLI, and MPCA – bring this issue before the FSDF