

**FDPIR Funding Work Group
June 12, 2007 Meeting Notes**

Attending	Not Attending
Mary Trottier (Spirit Lake), representing the Mountain Plains Region Executive Board	Susie Roy (Leech Lake Chippewa), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Midwest Region
Linday Rayon (Muscogee (Creek) Nation), representing the NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Southwest Region	Tony Nertoli (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), NAFDPIR President
Thomas Yellowhair (Navajo Nation), representing WAFDPIR	Melanie Casey, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ (work group facilitator)
Nancy Egan (Shoshone-Paiute Tribes), representing the NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Western Region	
Red Gates (Standing Rock Sioux), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Mountain Plains Region	
Gale Dills (North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina), representing the Southeast Region ITOs	
Betty Jo Graveen (Lac Du Flambeau), representing the Midwest Region ITOs	
Melinda Newport (Chickasaw Nation), representing ONFACT	
Steve Hortin, representing Cindy Wheeler, FNS-SERO	
Madeline Viens, Assistant Director, Field Operations, FNS-WRO	
Chris Hennelly, Program Specialist, FNS-SWRO	
Elvira Jarka, Director, Special Nutrition Programs, FNS-MWRO (via conference call)	
Laura Castro, Chief, Policy Branch, FNS-HQ	
Don DeBoer, Senior Program Specialist, FNS-MPRO (via conference call)	
Nancy Theodore, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ (work group staff support)	
Robert Moore, Council Representative, Rosebud Sioux Tribe	
Ruth Reifel, FDPIR Director for Rosebud Sioux Tribe	
Tony Bruno, Community Food Bank, AZ	

- Yunus Lakhani, recently elected FDPIR Vice-President for the Western Region, and Joe Bluehorse, who attended the April 17-19, 2007 work group meeting and submitted a proposal that is still under consideration by the work group, were invited to the participate in the June 12 meeting but did not attend.

- Work group members discussed comments they had heard during the NAFDPIR conference. One work group member remarked that consultation had not been mentioned as a concern. Robert Moore, Council Representative from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, disagreed and noted that he urged USDA to continue to meet with the tribes that have concerns on a government-to-government basis. Following his statement, Robert Moore and Ruth Reifel left the work group meeting.
- The work group members reviewed the draft notes from the June 5, 2007 conference call and made a change to clarify that a work group member had suggested that the work group set a deadline for forwarding its recommendation to Roberto Salazar and the work group agreed to a deadline of August 6, 2007 (attached).
- Nancy Theodore provided the work group members with comments on the November 26, 2006 preliminary proposal submitted by the All Indian Pueblo Council in Albuquerque, New Mexico and comments developed by Yunus Lakhani on behalf of the WAFDPIR members. Nancy Egan provided the work group with comments developed at the WAFDPIR meeting in March 2007.
- The work group, led by Chris Hennelly, reviewed Proposal C and made some changes to the description in Attachment I (attached)
- The work group added the issue of capital expenditures to the Parking Lot.
- The work group discussed whether Proposal G should be eliminated. No consensus was reached. Eight members indicated their preference for eliminating Proposal G, and 3 members indicated their preference for not eliminating Proposal G from further consideration
- Nancy Theodore asked the attending work group members if they were in general agreement that the proposals under consideration by the work group represented three concepts:
 - ITOs/State agencies would submit budgets based on need and the total of those budgets would be compared to the annual appropriation. Budget adjustments would be made if the total of the budgets exceeded the appropriation.
 - FNS-HQ would determine by a formula the amount of funds each Regional Office would receive. The Regional Offices would work individually with each ITO/State agency on budget approvals based on the amount of funding available to each Regional Office.
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Nancy asked the work group members if it was a reasonable approach to develop a proposal that addressed each concept. There was some agreement by the work group members.

- Next conference calls:

July 11, 2007 from 2:30-4:30pm EST
 August 2, 2007 from 2:30-4:30pm EST

Attachments