

**FDPIR Funding Work Group
October 3, 2007 Conference Call Notes**

Attending	Not Attending
Gale Dills (North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina), representing the Southeast Region ITOs	Nancy Egan (Shoshone-Paiute Tribes), representing all FDPIR programs as NAFDPIR President
Red Gates (Standing Rock Sioux), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Mountain Plains Region	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	Don DeBoer, Senior Program Specialist, FNS-MPRO
Melinda Newport (Chickasaw Nation), representing ONFACT	
Yunus Lakhani (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Assoc), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Western Region	
Betty Jo Graveen (Lac Du Flambeau), representing the Midwest Region ITOs	
Thomas Yellowhair (Navajo Nation), representing WAFDPIR	
Mary Trottier (Spirit Lake), representing the Mountain Plains Region Executive Board	
Chris Hennelly, Senior Program Specialist, FNS-SWRO	
Madeline Viens, Assistant Director, Field Operations, FNS-WRO	
Cindy Wheeler, Program Specialist, FNS-SERO	
Elvira Jarka, Director, Special Nutrition Programs, FNS-MWRO	
Laura Castro, Chief, Policy Branch, FNS-HQ	
Work Group Staff Support: Nancy Theodore, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ	Work Group Facilitator: Melanie Casey, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ
Rogelio Carrasco, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ	

- The following information had been provided to the work group members prior to the conference call:
 - Revised sample draft letter to Roberto Salazar transmitting the work group's recommendations (comments submitted by work group members had been incorporated)
 - Draft attachment to the transmittal letter that describes the proposals (comments submitted by work group members had been incorporated)
 - Chart comparing two approaches for reductions under Proposal H when the total budget request exceeds the available funding.
 - Spreadsheet for Proposal G
 - Draft notes from the September 17, 2007 conference call

- Nancy Theodore led a review of the draft notes from the September 17, 2007 conference call and asked the work group members if they had any changes to the draft notes from the September 17 conference call, or comments about the September 17 conference call. No changes to the draft notes were offered.
- Prior to the conference call, one of the work group members requested reconsideration of Proposal G because she could not support Proposals H or K. The work group reviewed the description of Proposal G included in the draft attachment to the draft transmittal letter to Mr. Salazar and reviewed the spreadsheet on Proposal G. This proposal was developed by the work group in its April 2007 meeting. It is based on the work group's preliminary proposal, which was forwarded to Tribal and State officials for comment in November 2006. The work group modified the preliminary proposal in its April 2007 meeting following a review and discussion of the comments submitted by the Tribal and State officials on the preliminary proposal.
- Nancy Theodore reminded the work group that it was not expected that each work group member support each proposal, but that each work group members support at least one of the proposals to be forwarded to Mr. Salazar. The 13 work group members participating in the call were asked if they supported at least one of the proposals—Proposal H (Proposal #1 on the draft attachment to the draft letter to Mr. Salazar), Proposal K (Proposal #2), or Proposal G (Proposal #3). All of the work group members participating in the conference call expressed support for at least one of the three proposals. Nancy indicated that she would contact the three work group members that did not participate in the conference call and determine whether they supported at least one of the three proposals.
- Nancy Theodore led a review of the draft transmittal letter to Mr. Salazar and the draft attachment. Several changes were suggested by work group members.
- Consultation Issue – Nancy Theodore asked the work group members what they wanted to recommend to Mr. Salazar in regard to further consultation. Some work group members pointed out that some Tribes did not consider the public meetings in January to be “consultation.” Following the group discussion of this issue, there appeared to be agreement that input should be sought from the individual Tribal leaders on the consultation process that the Tribal leaders feel is appropriate for each Tribe. Nancy reported that she would include this recommendation in the draft letter to Mr. Salazar.
- Next conference call:
October 9, 2007 from 2:30-5:00pm Eastern Time – The work group will complete its review of the draft letter (and attachment) to Mr. Salazar.