

**FDPIR Funding Methodology Work Group
April 26, 2006 Meeting Notes**

Attending	Not Attending
Tony Nertoli, NAFDPIR President/Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa	Lillie Ragan, FNS-HQ
Lindsay Rayon, NAFDPIR Southwest Region Vice-President/Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Don DeBoer, FNS-MPRO
Susie Roy, NAFDPIR Midwest Region Vice-President/Leech Lake Chippewa	
Red Gates, NAFDPIR Mountain Plains Region Vice-President/Standing Rock Sioux	
Nancy Egan, WAFDPIR President, Shoshone Paiute, replacing Ray Capoeman, NAFDPIR Western Region Vice-President/Quinault Nation	
Thomas Yellowhair, Navajo Nation	
Melinda Newport, Chickasaw Nation	
Gale Dills, Eastern Cherokee	
Chris Hennelly, FNS-SWRO	
Madeline Viens, FNS-WRO	
Elvira Jarka, FNS-MWRO	
Nancy Theodore, FNS-HQ (staff support)	
Melanie Casey, FNS-HQ (facilitator)	

Melanie Casey, the newly appointed facilitator, introduced herself and set the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda

Group Norms

Purpose/Goal

Summarize comments from the April 24, 2006 briefing at NAFDPIR General Session

Timeline/Elements

Group Norms:

Make sure everyone is heard

Stay in the game

Wait your turn

Consider the greater good—best interest of all ITOs

Be open-minded

Be part of the solution

Summary of Comments from the April 24 Briefing at the NAFDPIR General Session:

- Extend initial comment deadline to 5/30
- Need for consultation with Tribes and States
- Need to consider Treaty Rights
- Need to consider all cost drivers
- Allow Tribes 180 days to comment
- Need to ensure that smallest ITOs are protected
- Need to consider diversity of operations
- Need to incorporate flexibility to address changing needs over time
- Some programs have high staff cost due to large number of senior staff
- Some programs have extensive transportation costs (tailgating)

Where the Work Group is Now:

PURPOSE/GOAL

- do the best for the programs
- figure out how to adjust year-to-year
- cause the least hurt

FOR DISCUSSION

- how to fit the cost factors into a formula
- implementation plan
- how to measure
- how to build in annual input

TO-DO LIST:

Action	Status
Summarize comments from April 24 briefing at NAFDPIR General Session.	Completed (see above)
Redraft letter to Program Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change comment deadline date to 5/31/06 ○ Prepare in letter format (issue pdf version of letter by email to ITOs/States) ○ Clarify steps that will happen: request for comments; develop preliminary recommendation; issue preliminary recommendation for comment from ITOs/State agencies and Tribal and State officials ○ Clarify that comments from Tribal/State officials are also welcome at this time 	Draft forwarded to work group on May 3; on May 10 suggestion made to further extend the comment period due to inability of work group to meet until at least July
Schedule next conference call for 5/18/06 from 3-4:30pm (Eastern time).	Completed; reminder forwarded to work group members on May 3
Determine work group members availability for a face-to-face meeting in June or July.	Survey on availability from June 12 to August 11 sent out on May 4; survey on availability from August 14 to September 29 sent out on May 10
Explore need for travel funds for FNS Regional Offices and FNS-HQ. Travel expenses for ITOs/State work group members will be reimbursed from FDPIR reallocation funds held at FNS-HQ.	Cost analysis completed on May 10 for three locations--Alexandria, VA; Dallas, TX; and Oklahoma City, OK;

WHAT WILL HELP US TO GET THERE:

Action	Status
Summarize agreements	Completed; forwarded to work group members on May 5
Discuss agreements	
Compile comments received from Program Directors/Tribal Officials on methodologies to be included in the preliminary recommendation	
Discuss comments	