

**FDPIR Funding Methodology Work Group
April 6, 2006 Conference Call Notes**

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

▪ **Work Group Changes**

Nancy Theodore reported that Laura Castro is on leave for the next four months and Lillie Ragan, Assistant Chief of the Policy Branch, will be taking her place on the work group. Also, Sharon Thompson, St. Regis Mohawk, who was representing the ITOs in the Northeast Region, is no longer able to participate on the work group. Nancy asked staff at FNS' Northeast Regional Office to ask James White, Acting Director of the Seneca Nation Food Distribution Program, if he would like to represent the Northeast Region.

▪ **Draft Notes from the March 30, 2006 Conference Call**

Nancy Theodore asked the work group members in attendance if they had any comments or changes to the draft notes from the March 30, 2006 conference call. Madeline Viens requested a change to the section on funding provided to the North Dakota and Montana State agencies. The Oregon Housing and Community Services has assumed more functions in overseeing the local agency operations and now retains approximately 20% of the allocated funds for State-level administration. No other comments or changes were provided, so the notes are approved, with the change above, and will be posted on the FDPIR Funding Work Group website.

▪ **Facilitator for the Work Group**

In the March 30, 2006 conference call, the work group agreed to add an FNS employee who is a trained facilitator to the work group. Several members requested that the facilitator have a background in budgetary matters. Nancy reported that it may be difficult to match up the two qualifications among FNS employees—experienced as a facilitator and has a budgetary background. She reported that Marty Schnoor, facilitation coordinator for FNS, explained that it is better if a facilitator doesn't have a great

deal of knowledge of the subject matter. Nancy asked the work group members which qualification was most important. The work group members unanimously agreed that experience was most important. Nancy reported that Marty Schnoor had given her the names of two experienced facilitators. Nancy will contact the two individuals and report back to the work group on their availability.

- **Additional Suggestions for Proposed Funding Methodologies**

Nancy reported that she did not receive any additional proposals as of the established deadline of COB April 5, 2006. She asked Tony Nertoli if he still intended to submit a proposal. He responded that he did, but did not have an estimated time frame. The issue of the circular reference in Option 2 was not resolved as of the conference call.

- **Content of the Package to the Program Directors**

On April 5, 2006, Nancy provided the work group members with a draft package to the Program Directors, which included a cover page, background, a chart listing the methodologies considered, and contact information for the work group members.

The work group members began to review the package. The contact information was reviewed and corrections noted. The work group members reviewed the cover page paragraph by paragraph and changes were suggested. The work group then reviewed the background piece and was able to complete most of page 3 in the time remaining in the conference call.

Nancy told the work group members that she would make the changes decided on by the work group and provide the members with a new draft. [Nancy forwarded a revised draft to the work group members late on April 6, 2006.] In the upcoming April 13, 2006 conference call, the work group will continue its review of the package. If the review is concluded on April 13 and all necessary decisions are made, Nancy hoped to be able to issue the final package on April 14 or April 18 (Nancy will be out of the office on April 17).

- **Preparation for the NAFDPIR Conference**

During the review of the draft package to the Program Directors, questions were raised about the presentation to be made during the General Session on Monday, April 24 at 2:45pm at the NAFDPIR annual meeting.

The work group needs to decide how the presentation will be made (i.e., who will make the presentation; what will be included in the presentation; will all members of the work group be available to answer questions and respond to comments). These issues will be discussed in the upcoming April 13 and April 20 conference calls.

- **The next conference call is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 from 3-4:30pm Eastern time.**