

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

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

▪ **Draft Notes from May 18, 2006 Conference Call**

Nancy Theodore asked if anyone had changes to make to the draft notes from the May 18, 2006 conference call. None of the attending work group members suggested any changes.

▪ **Plans for Upcoming Face-to-Face Meeting**

Nancy asked the work group members if they received the following:

- 1) May 19 email requesting their attendance at the face-to-face meeting; and
- 2) May 19 email that included a travel fact sheet (with information on the hotel)

Nancy reminded the work group members to make their hotel reservations (although the Hampton Inn has not set a deadline).

Nancy went over the travel schedule:

- Sunday, July 9 – travel day
- Monday, July 10 to Wednesday, July 12 – meet 9am-5pm Eastern time in Room 204A at FNS headquarters (3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA)
- Thursday, July 13 – travel day for those who do not travel home Wednesday evening

Nancy asked the Program Directors to provide her with the amount of their airfare as soon as their flights are arranged. She needs to determine the amount of funds that will be needed to reimburse the Program Directors for their travel.

Nancy also reminded the Program Directors to let her know if they need to travel on Saturday, July 8.

- **Extension of Comment Period for ITOs and State Agencies**

Nancy issued the revised letter to the ITOs/SAs on May 19, 2006, with a copy to the FNS Regional Offices. Nancy reported that she had not received any new comments since the last conference call and she asked if any of the work group members had received any comments. None of the attending work group members had received any comments.

- **Materials for Mountain Plains Regional Meeting**

On June 6, prior to the 3:00pm conference call, Nancy provided the work group members with copies of materials she prepared for the upcoming Mountain Plains Regional meeting. FNS staff in the Denver Offices had requested materials for a discussion of the 14 funding methodology proposals. Nancy revised the Powerpoint presentation used at the NAFDPIR conference to be a more stand-alone presentation. She also revised the chart of the 14 funding methodology proposals to show the step-by-step calculations for each option.

Work group members were asked to comment on the materials.

The following slide generated considerable discussion:

“In all Regions, except the Southeast and Southwest, the historical funding percentage is higher than the share of participation”

	Share of Funding	Share of Participation (FY 2005)
NERO	0.97%	0.38%
SERO	0.77%	1.35%
MWRO	10.96%	8.85%
MPRO	28.48%	23.80%
SWRO	27.03%	35.83%
WRO	31.79%	29.79%

Concern was expressed that the slide is misleading because it does not address other cost factors, such as tailgating.

This chart does not address cost factors because it **does not** address allocations to the ITOs/SAs. It was intended to show that **funding is not allocated equitably to the FNS Regional Offices**.

The current FDPIR funding allocation process involves the provision of funds to the **FNS Regional Offices** based on historical percentages. The chart was added to show the historical percentages and

demonstrate how funding provided to the **FNS Regional Offices** is not allocated equitably. The chart is not intended to address inequitable funding among the ITOs/SAs.

The membership of NAFDPIR recognizes that funding provided to the **FNS Regional Offices** is **not** allocated equitably when viewed in relation to the share of participation served by each Region. NAFDPIR Resolution 2006-03 acknowledges this inequity by requesting that “FNS direct any *new* national appropriations in FY ’07, above that of FY ’06, to the **regions currently under-funded, that is funded at a lesser percentage than the participation they are serving warrants.**” [emphasis added]

It was agreed that the narrative on the slide above the chart will be changed to “Comparison of Federal Funding and Participation by Region.”

- **Review of Agreements**

The work group continued its review of the agreements that had been made at earlier meetings and conference calls. The purpose of this review is to determine which agreements are still valid and which are no longer valid, because of lack of agreement or a change in position by the work group as a whole. It is hoped that this exercise will help work group to determine “where the work group is now.”

Attached is chart that shows the original “Agreements” and the changes made based on discussions in the May 18 and June 6 conference calls. The work group will continue its review in the next conference call scheduled for June 22.

- **To Be Done**

Task
On June 16, Nancy will forward the work group members an analysis of the comments received as of that date, with copies of the comments
June 22 conference call – the work group will continue its review of the agreements; discuss the preliminary comment analysis; and prepare for the upcoming face-to-face meeting
On July 6, Nancy will forward the work group members an analysis of all comments received by June 30, with copies of the comments
July 10-12 – the work group will meet to review the comments received; and develop a preliminary recommendation to be presented to the Tribal and State officials for comment

- **Future Conference Calls**

The next conference call is scheduled for June 22 from 3-4:30pm Eastern time