

**FDPIR Funding Work Group
October 24, 2006 Conference Call Notes**

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

General comments from the work group members -

- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members if they had any general comments. None of the attending work group members had any comments to offer at that point.

Draft summary of the October 5, 2006 conference call -

- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members if they had any suggested changes to the draft summary of the October 5, 2006 conference call. None of the attending work group members suggested any changes.

Draft cover letter to the preliminary recommendation package -

- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members if they had received an alternative version of the draft cover letter that she had emailed to them prior to the conference call. The alternative version was based on comments received from work group members on the draft cover letter emailed to the work group on October 11 and 20, 2006.
- Several work group members suggested minor word changes and corrections.
- Tony Nertoli suggested that the paragraph that indicates that the work group's final recommendation will be forwarded to FNS officials should identify the decision-making official to whom the recommendation will be forwarded. Thomas Yellowhair and Nancy Egan expressed agreement with Tony's suggestion. Laura Castro said she would check to see who should be identified.

Attachment A: List of work group members and contact information - (previously designated as Attachment B)

- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members to review the information on Attachment A (title, phone/fax numbers, email address) to ensure that the information was correct and email her with any changes that need to be made.

Attachment B: Background - (previously designated as Attachment A)

- No additional changes were made to this Attachment other than the redesignation.

Attachment C: Description of the preliminary recommendation -

- Several work group members suggested minor word changes and corrections.
- Thomas Yellowhair questioned whether the paragraph on the proposed recommendation addressing the issue of the North Dakota and Montana warehouses should be included in Attachment C or should be located elsewhere in the package. Another question was posed as to whether that paragraph should be deleted completely. Nancy Theodore reminded the work group that this was a recommendation that the work group had agreed upon during the June meeting. Laura Castro told the work group that a meeting was being planned with the NAFDPIR Board to discuss this issue. Laura also commented that this issue should probably be tabled until later, especially since Red Gates was not available in the conference call to comment.
- Nancy Theodore reported on a comment submitted by Laura Castro that the package did not clearly state that the bulk of the Basic Grant Amount will be based on the ITO's/State agencies' share of participation. Nancy asked the work group to comment on Laura's suggestion that language be added on that point. There was general agreement among the work group members supporting Laura's suggestion to add such language.

Attachment E: Request for Comment -

- Work group members suggested minor word changes and corrections to Attachment E.

Attachment D: Q&As -

- Madeline Viens suggested the addition of a question/answer on the gradual implementation plan. There was general agreement among the work group members supporting this suggestion.

Remaining Issues:

Proposed comment period –

- Nancy Theodore and Laura Castro explained that the Regional Administrators had been asked to provide proposed dates and locations for the regional consultation meetings. Complete information had not been received yet from all the regions, but Laura pointed out that some of the proposed dates appeared to be clustered in January 2007. She indicated that FNS-HQ may need to work with the regions on the scheduling. Laura asked the work group which date they would propose for the end of the comment period, if it was assumed that all of the consultation meetings were completed by mid February and the package was issued by mid November. There was general agreement among the work group members that March 15, 2007 would be an appropriate comment due date, if the package was issued by mid November and all consultation meetings were completed by mid February. Nancy Theodore stated that FNS-HQ would work with the regions to ensure that all of the consultation meetings were held by mid February. [Since March 16, 2007, is a Friday, Nancy Theodore inserted March 16, 2007 in the draft cover letter as the comment period due date.]

Allocation of non-warehousing administrative funds to Montana and North Dakota –

- Nancy Theodore reported to the work group that FNS-HQ and Mountain Plains Regional staff had met to discuss a proposal for the allocation of **non-warehousing** administrative funds to Montana and North Dakota. The two State agencies oversee the operations of local agencies and require funding for administrative functions, such as monitoring, reporting, training, etc. This topic was not fully discussed by the work group due to time limitations. Nancy told the work group members that she would email them information on the proposal and it would be discussed in the next conference call.

Next Steps

- Nancy Theodore reported that she will make all the changes discussed in the conference call and send the revised draft package to the work group members. Nancy asked the work group members to provide her with comments.
- Nancy Theodore also stated that she would contact the work group members about their availability for another conference call that would take place by mid November.
- In the November conference call, final edits will be made to the package. The work group members will also complete discussion on the proposal for allocating **non-warehousing** administrative funds to Montana and North Dakota.