

**FDPIR Funding Work Group  
November 6, 2006 Conference Call Notes**

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Not Attending</b>
Nancy Egan., WAFDPIR President/Shoshone-Paiute Tribes	Susie Roy, NAFDPIR Midwest Region Vice-President/Leech Lake Chippewa
Gale Dills, Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina	Elvira Jarka, FNS-MWRO
Lindsay Rayon, Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Chris Hennelly, FNS-SWRO
Red Gates, NAFDPIR Mountain Plains Region Vice-President/Standing Rock Sioux	
Tony Nertoli, NAFDPIR President/Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	
Thomas Yellowhair, Navajo Nation	
Melinda Newport, Chickasaw Nation	
Madeline Viens, FNS-WRO	
Don DeBoer, FNS-MPRO	
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 24, 2006 conference call -**

- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members if they had any suggested changes to the draft summary of the October 24, 2006 conference call. None of the attending work group members suggested any changes.

**Draft cover letter to the preliminary recommendation package -**

- Nancy Theodore reported that Madeline Viens had submitted minor word changes to the draft cover letter. Nancy asked if any of the other work group members had suggested changes. None of the attending work group members suggested any changes.
- Red Gates asked if the Tribal/State leaders would receive a separate letter advising them of the dates and locations of the consultation meetings. Response: The FNS Regional Offices will issue invitations to the Tribal/State leaders within each region. Also, Laura reported that FNS-HQ is still working with the Regional Offices on proposed dates and locations for the consultation meetings.
- Thomas Yellowhair asked if the Program Directors would receive a copy of the invitation letter sent to the Tribal leaders. Response: The FNS Regional Offices will provide the Program Directors with information on the dates and locations of the consultation meetings.
- Nancy Theodore reported that the FNS Regional Offices were asked to update the list of Tribal Leaders to reflect elections that were held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

**Attachment A: List of work group members and contact information -**

- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members if the contact information was correct. Thomas Yellowhair requested a change to his contact information.

#### **Attachment B: Background** –

- No additional changes were made to this Attachment during the conference call. Madeline Viens reported that she will be submitting suggested changes.

#### **Attachment C: Description of the preliminary recommendation** -

- Nancy Theodore advised Red Gates that in the previous conference call that an issue came up regarding the paragraph on the proposed recommendation addressing the issue of the North Dakota and Montana warehouses. The issue concerned whether the paragraph should be included in Attachment C or moved to another place in the package, or should it be in the package at all. Laura Castro suggested that the discussion be tabled until Red was present.

This issue was discussed by the work group members and the final consensus was that the paragraph should be removed from Attachment C and incorporated in a new attachment that presents the proposed recommendations and provides background information on the issue. Nancy told the work group members that Attachment E would be redesignated as Attachment F, and the new attachment would be designated as Attachment E.

- Madeline Viens reported that she will be submitting suggested changes.

#### **Attachment D: Q&As** -

- Linday Rayon commented on Question 3. Also, Madeline Viens reported that she will be submitting suggested changes.

#### **Attachment E: Request for Comment** -

- No additional changes were made to this Attachment during the conference call. Madeline Viens reported that she will be submitting suggested changes.

#### **Face-to-face meeting** –

Nancy Theodore reminded the work group members that the due date for comments will be March 16, 2007. She suggested that the work group select a week in April to meet to review the comments submitted and develop a final recommendation. One of the work group members had already indicated that she will be unavailable the week of April 23, so Nancy suggested that the work group select either the week of April 9 or the week of April 16. The general plan would be to travel on Monday and Friday and meet Tuesday through Thursday.

#### **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 final comments.
- Nancy Theodore also stated that she will contact the work group members about their availability for a face-to face meeting the week of April 9 or the week of April 16. The location will be determined at a later date.
- Per discussions in the conference call, Nancy Theodore will ask the work group members to provide their feedback on whether the Tribal/State leader package should specify the methodology for allocating **non-warehouse** administrative funds to MT and ND, or whether this issue should be addressed by the work group at a later date.