

**FDPIR Funding Work Group
May 4, 2007 Conference Call
Notes**

Attending	Not Attending
Nancy Egan (Shoshone-Paiute Tribes), representing the NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Western Region	Don DeBoer, Senior Program Specialist, FNS-MPRO
Gale Dills (North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina), representing the Southeast Region ITOs	Mary Trottier (Spirit Lake), representing the Mountain Plains Region Executive Board
Linday Rayon (Muscogee (Creek) Nation), representing the NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Southwest Region	Susie Roy (Leech Lake Chippewa), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Midwest Region
Red Gates, NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Mountain Plains Region	Melanie Casey, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ (work group facilitator)
Thomas Yellowhair (Navajo Nation), representing WAFDPIR	
Tony Nertoli (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), NAFDPIR President	
Melinda Newport (Chickasaw Nation), representing ONFACT	
Betty Jo Graveen (Lac Du Flambeau), representing the Midwest Region ITOs	
Elvira Jarka, Director, Special Nutrition Programs, FNS-MWRO	
Chris Hennelly, Program Specialist, FNS-SWRO	
Madeline Viens, Assistant Director, Field Operations, FNS-WRO	
Cindy Wheeler, Program Specialist, FNS-SERO	
Laura Castro, Chief, Policy Branch, FNS-HQ	
Nancy Theodore, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ (work group staff support)	

- Nancy Theodore invited the work group members to share any comments they had as a follow-up to the April 17-19 meeting. The following comments were offered:
 - Concern by Tribal officials and work group members that the analysis of the written comments prepared for the work group did not include identifying information on the person/entity that submitted the comments;
 - Concern by Tribal officials that there not be a reduction of funding for any ITO/State agency;
 - Concern by Tribal officials that FNS Administrators do not visit the ITOs/State agencies or Regional Offices; and
 - Concern by Tribal officials that they were not contacted when the work group was originally convened

- The work group reviewed the draft notes of the April 17-19, 2007 meeting and made the following modifications:
 - Included the modified meeting ground rules as Attachment D; and
 - Added a chart that shows the results of work group's rating of Proposals B-G on objectivity, equitability, and easiness to understand (see page 2 of the draft notes);
- The work group began a review of Attachment H of the April 17-19 draft meeting notes. Attachment H provides draft descriptions of the proposals developed at the April 17-19 meeting.
- The work group revised the format of Attachment H to eliminate the columns for "Advantages" and "Disadvantages" and include a column for "Meets the Criteria," a column for "Does Not Meet the Criteria," and a column for "Other Considerations." Attachment H is relabeled as Attachment I.
- The work group completed an initial review of Proposals B and D using the new format of Attachment I. The draft description of Proposal B was modified to reflect that the review teams would use standard negotiation guidelines. A review of Proposals C, E, F, and G will be completed in upcoming conference calls
- The work group discussed whether "equitable" was an appropriate term. It was suggested that the term might be misinterpreted to mean "equal." Due to lack of time remaining in the conference call, Nancy Theodore suggested that the work group address this issue in the next conference call.
- The Webster's Third New International Dictionary (unabridged) defines "Equitable" as: characterized by equity; fair to all concerned; without prejudice, favor, or rigor entailing undue hardship.
- "Equity is defined as: a free and reasonable conformity to accepted standards of natural right, law, and justice without prejudice, favoritism, or fraud and without rigor entailing undue hardship; justice according to natural law or right; fairness; impartiality
- "Fair" is defined as: characterized by honesty and justice; free from fraud, injustice, prejudice, or favoritism; equitable; just; impartial; unbiased
- "Fairness" is defined as: the quality or state of being fair; fair or impartial treatment; reasonableness
- Upcoming conference calls:
 - May 16, 2:30-4:00pm Eastern time
 - June 6, 2:30-4:00pm Eastern time