

**FDPIR Funding Work Group
June 5, 2007 Conference Call Notes**

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

- Nancy Theodore recapped where we are and what we need to accomplish:
 - The work group proposed seven alternative funding methodologies in response to comments received on the November 2006 preliminary proposal.
 - The work group is continuing to develop descriptions of these proposals (see revised Attachment I)
 - The work group needs to determine:
 - 1) which proposals are not viable and should be deleted; and
 - 2) if similar proposals can be combined.
 - The work group will develop a recommendation to forward to Roberto Salazar, Administrator of FNS, that will include:
 - 1) one or more funding methodology proposals
 - 2) a recommendation regarding further consultation with Tribal and State leaders

- Presentation on FDPIR Funding Methodology Work Group at NAFDPIR annual conference – Monday, June 11 General Session at 3:30pm
 - The work group discussed what should be included in the presentation.
 - Nancy Theodore will conduct a PowerPoint presentation that will include:
 1. a brief history of the work group;
 2. summary of the comments received from Tribal and State officials;
 3. report on status of the work group and proposed action plan (see below);
 4. description of the information that can be found on the FDPIR Funding Work Group website; and
 5. a report on the addition of members from Midwest, Southeast and Mountain Plains Regions.
 - Work group members attending the conference will contribute to the presentation, as appropriate.
 - Time will be available for the conference attendees to provide comments and ask questions.

- Proposed Action Plan-
 - A work group member suggested setting a proposed deadline for the work group to forward its final recommendation to Roberto Salazar. The work group agreed to a proposed deadline of August 6, 2007.
 - To accomplish this, the work group will meet June 12 from 4:30-6:30 Central Time in San Antonio, TX (in conjunction with the NAFDPIR annual conference)
 - The work group will also hold three conference calls to be scheduled between June 18 and August 3.

- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members if they had any changes to the May 24, 2007 conference call draft notes. No changes were offered.

- The work group members reviewed Attachment I (see revised Attachment D):
 - Proposal A was eliminated (too time consuming to implement and would not guarantee that adequate funding would be available for all Region Offices).
 - Proposal B was eliminated (similar features to Proposal H).
 - Discussion of Proposal C was postponed because Chris Hennelly was unable to participate in the conference call.
 - Discussion of Proposal D was postponed until Joe Bluehorse could join the work group in San Antonio, TX.
 - The work group members were asked to proposed modifications to Proposal E so that the proposal better meets the criteria for fairness.
 - Keegan Bordeaux will research the availability of cost of living indices for areas other than major metropolitan areas (Proposal F)
 - Step 2 of Proposal G was revised to specify that the inflation factor would be based on the National inflation factor.

- Upcoming meeting:
 - June 12, 4:30-6:30pm Central Time, San Antonio, TX –
Work group members should bring any comments they receive at the conference to share with the work group.

Attachment