

**FDPIR Funding Work Group  
August 20, 2007 Conference Call Notes**

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Not Attending</b>
Thomas Yellowhair (Navajo Nation), representing WAFDPIR	Melinda Newport (Chickasaw Nation), representing ONFACT
Mary Trottier (Spirit Lake), representing the Mountain Plains Region Executive Board	Gale Dills (North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina), representing the Southeast Region ITOs
Nancy Egan (Shoshone-Paiute Tribes), representing all FDPIR programs as NAFDPIR President	Madeline Viens, Assistant Director, Field Operations, FNS-WRO
Red Gates (Standing Rock Sioux), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Mountain Plains Region	Betty Jo Graveen (Lac Du Flambeau), representing the Midwest Region ITOs
Lindsay Rayon (Muscogee (Creek) Nation), representing the NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Southwest Region	Yunus Lakhani (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Assoc), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Western Region
Don DeBoer, Senior Program Specialist, FNS-MPRO	Susie Roy (Leech Lake Chippewa), NAFDPIR Regional Vice President for the Midwest Region
Cindy Wheeler, Program Specialist, FNS-SERO	
Chris Hennelly, Program Specialist, FNS-SWRO	
Elvira Jarka, Director, Special Nutrition Programs, FNS-MWRO	
Laura Castro, Chief, Policy Branch, FNS-HQ	

Work Group Staff Support: Nancy Theodore, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ
Work Group Facilitator: Melanie Casey, Program Analyst, FNS-HQ

- The previously scheduled August 14, 2007 conference call was canceled.
- The following information had been provided to the work group members prior to the conference call:
  - August 2 email from Nancy Theodore transmitting spreadsheets that show proposed Regional allocation amounts for Proposal I using FY 2008 proposed funding amounts;
  - August 9 email from Nancy Theodore transmitting draft notes from the August 2, 2007 conference call and revised Attachment I that included revisions suggested in the August 2, 2007 conference call;
  - August 9 email from Nancy Theodore transmitting Navajo Nation tailgating costs submitted by Yunus Lakhani;
  - August 10 email from Yunus Lakhani transmitting a description of his proposal;
  - August 10 email from Nancy Theodore raising issues and posing questions about the proposal suggested by Yunus Lakhani; and
  - August 10 email from Laura Castro transmitting comments on Proposal I.
- Nancy Theodore asked the work group members if they had any changes to the draft notes from the August 2, 2007 conference call, or comments about the August 2, 2007 conference call.

- A work group member pointed out a typo in the August 2 draft notes. Nancy Theodore will make the correction.
- A work group member asked about the following list of Items to be Accomplished that were included in the August 2 draft notes:
  1. Complete final recommendation to Roberto Salazar for proposals for a new funding allocation methodology;
  2. Resolve any remaining “parking lot” issues that pertain to any of the proposals in the final recommendation;
  3. Include in the package to Roberto Salazar a recommendation on additional consultation with Tribal and State officials

Nancy Theodore explained that the above items to be accomplished are in no particular order. Items 1 and 3, above, will be the two parts of the final recommendation to Mr. Salazar—the first part will be the funding methodology proposals that the work group wants Mr. Salazar to consider; and the second part will be the work group’s recommendation to Mr. Salazar on further consultation with Tribal and State officials.

In regard to item 2, above, some of the parking lot issues relate to proposals still under consideration and may be resolved in discussions of those proposals. Nancy was asked to provide the list of the parking lot issues to the work group. The list below includes items identified by the work group in the April 2007 meeting and in conference calls subsequent to the April 2007 meeting.

#### Parking Lot Issues

- Funding methodology for allocating Nutrition Education funding (identified in the April 2007 meeting)
  - Use of administrative funding by North Dakota and Montana State agencies in ordering, warehousing, and distributing commodities to seven independent ITOs (identified in the April 2007 meeting)
  - Address capital expenditures in a funding methodology (identified in the April 2007 meeting and June 12, 2007 conference call)
  - Serving different areas (urban vs rural) – Who can participate? (identified in the April 2007 meeting)
- The work group members discussed Proposal I and completed the description of the proposal for Attachment I.
    - There was some concern that Proposal I would provide too much funding to the Northeast and Southeast Regions. Cindy Wheeler explained to the group that both programs in the Southeast Region contribute a significant amount of funds above the 25% match. The Regional Office is working with both programs on their budgets and the ITO/State matching amounts may be reduced. This may mean that funds may no longer be returned by that Region.
    - One work group member remarked that if any ITO matches more than 25%, then there is a need for additional federal funds.
  - Because the factors in Proposals E and I did not sufficiently address all concerns, Chris Hennelly suggested an alternative proposal (to be labeled Proposal K) that combines Proposal E and I. Proposal K would have three factors. Each Regional Office would receive an allocation that is the sum of :
    1. The Region’s share of national participation (averaged over three years) [33.33% weight];
    2. The Region’s share of national number of programs [33.33% weight]; and
    3. The Region’s share of national number of programs with tailgating, home delivery, multiple warehouses and/or stores [33.34% weight].

The work group members discussed this proposal and completed the description of the proposal for Attachment I. Nancy Theodore told the work group that she would develop a spreadsheet that would show the Regional allocations under Proposal K using the funds projected to be available for FY 2008 [This was provided to the work group by email on August 22, 2007.]

- Next conference calls:

September 6, 2:30-4:30pm ET

September 17, 2:30-4:30pm ET