

## Minutes

**Work Group members in attendance:** FDPIR Program Staff: Tod Robertson (NAFDPIR President), Jaime Prouty (NAFDPIR Treasurer); Fi Davis (NAFDPIR Parliamentarian); Perry Martinez (SWR VP), Connie Martinez (SWR); Jenelle Gimlin (WR VP), Lorraine Davis (WR); Desiree Bergeron (WR); Kathy Sweitzer (FNS MPRO); Sharon Hadder (FSA); Ron Ulibarri (AMS); Stephanie Cooks, (FNS).

**Work Group members not at the meeting:** Mary Greene-Trottier (MPR VP), Charles “Red” Gates (MPR); Anna Wright (NAFDPIR Secretary), Susie Roy (MWR VP), Betty Jo Graveen (MWR); Lucy Atteberry (MPR); Carmen Robertson (NAFDPIR SWR Nutritionist); NAFDPIR MWR Nutritionist – vacant; Lou Hankins, (FNS SWRO); Melissa Baker (FNS WRO), Samia Hamdan (FNS MWRO); Sara Hernandez (AMS), Lena Milton (FSA); and Patti Schock (FNS).

**Visitors:** Laura Castro (Director, FDD); Janice Fitzgerald (Chief HH Ops, FDD); Matthew Martin (FDD), Barbara Lopez (FDD); Jeramia Garcia (FDD); Andre Orange (FDD); John Tolomeo (DoD), Sylvia Sanchez Duran (DoD); other ITO program directors attending the NAFDPIR conference.

- I. **Welcome/Member Roll Call** – The meeting opened with member/visitor roll call.
- II. **Updates to past meeting minutes and the FY 2014 work plan**–Workgroup members will review past meeting minutes and the FY 2014 work plan and provide any comments/edits to FNS by June 20th.
- III. **FNS Product Status Updates**
  - a. **Nutrition and cooking information for parboiled and regular rice:** Perry Martinez sent rice information out to Southwest Region ITOs however; responses have not yet been received. Western Region reported their ITOs would like to keep the regular long grain white rice. Perry Martinez asked that FNS send a reminder email to Regional VPs that can be forwarded to programs. **ACTION ITEM:** FNS sent out an email reminder to workgroup Regional VPs on June 19<sup>th</sup> as requested.
  - b. **Complaints updates** -Navajo Nation will be submitting complaints in the system for unsealed macaroni packages, problems with the tops on rolled oats packages, and canned apricots with no juice and few apricots.
  - c. **Traditional Foods** – The NAFDPIR Board plans to survey ITOs to determine preferences for commercially available traditional foods of interest. Bison, wild rice, and blue cornmeal remain traditional foods of interest.
- IV. **DoD Fresh Update**
  - a. **Shell egg pilot** – Seneca Nation has received a letter of invitation from FNS to participate in the shell egg pilot beginning October 1, 2014. FNS and the Northeast Regional office will work with Seneca Nation to provide technical assistance for safe handling, storage, and distribution of the shell eggs. FNS will provide an update to the planned shell egg pilot with Seneca Nation at the September meeting.
  - b. **Fresh produce for FDPIR** – Programs have been requesting DoD provide fresh whole cantaloupes and small watermelons to FDPIR. **ACTION ITEM:** DoD will provide nutrition, perishability, and cost per case information for the workgroup to review at the September call.

