

Minutes

Work Group members in attendance: FDPIR Program Staff: Joe Van Alstine (NAFDPIR President); Jaime Prouty (NAFDPIR Treasurer); Judy Fisch (NAFDPIR Parliamentarian); Perry Martinez (SWR VP), Connie Martinez (SWR), Carmen Robertson (NAFDPIR SWR Nutritionist); Theresa Gordon (NAFDPIR MWR Nutritionist); Jenelle Gimlin (WR VP), Lorraine Davis (WR), Desiree Jackson (NAFDPIR WR Nutritionist); Mary Greene-Trottier (MPR VP), Charles “Red” Gates (MPR), Jana Millner (NAFDPIR MPR Nutritionist); Jessica Creed-Capsel (FNS MPRO); Melissa Baker (FNS WRO); Lou Hankins (FNS SWRO); Samia Hamdan (FNS MWRO); Sara Hernandez (AMS); Pat Scott (DLA); Julie Skolmowski (Chief, NSAB, FDD), Matthew Martin (FNS), and Stephanie Cooks (FNS).

Work Group members not at the meeting: Marisa Mitchell (NAFDPIR Secretary); Susie Roy (MWR VP), Gloria Goodwin (MWR).

Visitors: Janice Fitzgerald (Chief, Household Operations, FDD), Alice McKenney (FDD); Dana Rasmussen (Chief, Policy, FDD), Barbara Lopez (FDD), Jeramia Garcia (FDD); Gail Labroschiano (DLA); Lisa (DLA).

- I. Update on USDA Foods for the FDPIR Food Package:**
 - a. Bison** - Three truckloads (\$1M) of bison are scheduled for delivery to the warehouses late September/early October 2015. A July Request for Proposals (RFP) for bison was issued and responses were due on August 18th. More information is expected by September 9th. **ACTION ITEM:** FNS will send an email update to the workgroup once the announcement is made.
 - b. Pork Chops** – Pork chops are in the catalog and will be fair-shared for a few months.
 - c. Cream of Mushroom Soup** – Two Tabatchnick representatives reached out to and visited Nevada FDPIR program staff to get feedback on customer acceptability of Tabatchnick cream of mushroom soup. Nevada conducted a short survey of the product to share with Tabatchnick staff. A workgroup member reported that participants prefer a national brand and want to see more mushroom pieces added to the soup.
- II. DoD Updates** – Fresh cranberries and clementines are scheduled for addition to the FDPIR food package in early to mid-November 2015. DoD will provide cost and pack size information so that these items can be added to the FFAVORS catalog as well as tribal and Federal database systems.
- III. FY 2016 FDPIR Food Package Work Planning** - The new NAFDPIR President, Joe Van Alstine, will be visiting FNS in September 2015. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for later this fall. Workgroup members will submit suggested dates, locations, and agenda items for the fall meeting to FNS by email. Members of the Nutrition and Health Expert Subcommittee of the workgroup will submit preferred dates for their next meeting. The subcommittee would also like to highlight some of the nutrition education work Regions/tribes have been doing at the workgroup’s fall face-to-face meeting. A workgroup member expressed interest in meeting with a top USDA official (in addition to Under Secretary Concannon or Administrator Rowe) during the face-to-face meeting.

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IV. Other Business

- a. Presidential visit to Alaska:** Desiree reported Leslie Wheelock was with President Obama on his recent visit to Alaska. Leslie addressed tribal members and assured them that Laura Castro and her staff were working hard and making good progress toward procuring traditional foods for FDPIR in FY 2015.
- b. CDC representative to the workgroup:** The NAFDPIR President recommended a CDC staff member for membership on the workgroup. He will provide the name and contact information to FNS for follow-up.
- c. Next meeting:** The next workgroup meeting will be the fall face-to-face meeting and will be scheduled after FNS receives feedback from workgroup members.

V. Meeting Adjourned