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Work Group members in attendance: FDPIR Program Staff: Tod Robertson (NAFDPIR President); Fi Davis (NAFDPIR Parliamentarian); Perry Martinez (SWR VP), Connie Martinez (SWR), Carmen Robertson (NAFDPIR SWR Nutritionist); Gloria Goodwin (MWR); Jenelle Gimlin (WR VP), Lorraine Davis (WR); Mary Greene-Trottier (MPR VP), Charles “Red” Gates (MPR), Jana Millner (NAFDPIR MPR Nutritionist); Lou Hankins (FNS SWRO); Samia Hamdan (FNS MWRO); Jessica Creed-Capsel (FNS MPRO); Melissa Baker (FNS WRO); Lena Milton (FSA); Ron Ulibarri (AMS); John Tolomeo (DoD, DLA); Julie Skolmowski (Chief, PSB, FDD), Matthew Martin (FNS), and Stephanie Cooks (FNS).

Work Group members not at the meeting: Jaime Prouty (NAFDPIR Treasurer); Anna Sterner (NAFDPIR Secretary); Susie Roy (MWR VP), Theresa Gordon (NAFDPIR MWR Nutritionist); Roxanna Newsom (Ad Hoc Vendor Pilot Advisor); Desiree Jackson (NAFDPIR WR Nutritionist).

Visitors: Janice Fitzgerald (Household Operations Branch Chief (FDD), Barbara Lopez (FDD), Erica Antonson (FDD), Jeramia Garcia (FDD).

- I. FDPIR Food Package Review Workgroup Webpage Updates:** The January 2015 meeting minutes have been posted to the FD Food Package Review Workgroup webpage. Members are encouraged to visit the webpage to view the updated information.
- II. Seneca Nation Shell Egg Pilot:** FNS HQ is working with FNS Northeast Regional Office and Seneca Nation staff this month to get feedback on shell egg distribution during the pilot. FNS will review any feedback received and share it with the Workgroup before deciding next steps for shell egg distribution in FDPIR.
- III. December face-to-face meeting follow-up:**
 - a. Bison** –Bison is being awarded today (April 2, 2015). FNS will provide more information once awards are final. Vendors(s) will need at least 3 months lead-time once orders are received to deliver bison orders to the national warehouses.
 - b. Pork chops** – Pork chops will be fair-shared to monitor take rates and inventory.
 - c. Blue corn meal and wild rice** – FSA received two responses from vendors to the Request for Information/Sources Sought for blue cornmeal and wild rice; one for wild rice and one for blue corn meal. FSA is compiling the information received into reports that FNS will share with the Workgroup.
 - d. December DOD Fresh produce requests** – DoD provided information for the produce items requested at the December face-to-face meeting. Some of the items are very perishable and have limited shelf-life therefore, they cannot be added to the food package. However, FNS will begin the process of adding clementines, fresh cranberries, and lemons to the food package. The clementines and cranberries will be seasonal items during the winter holiday season because they are only domestically available then. The lemons will be available year-round.
- IV. Food Package Wish list – frozen fruit and vegetables** - In previous meetings, the work group asked to add frozen fruit and/or vegetables to the food package. Limited storage space for frozen fruit and vegetable items may be a concern for some programs that are already storing

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frozen protein items. Workgroup members would like to discuss this issue at the NAFDPIR annual meeting and get feedback from the larger group during the food package General Session.

- V. NAFDPIR Annual Meeting Update** – The NAFDPIR Annual Meeting Planning Committee will be finalizing information for conference attendance. The Committee will provide registration and hotel information to FNS to share with USDA and DoD staff members who are planning to attend. **ACTION ITEM:** FNS will provide the planning committee with a detailed outline of the food package review General Session so the information can be shared with meeting attendees.

VI. Other Business

- a. FDPIR Food Package costs** – Since food costs have increased over the past year, a member thought it would be helpful for programs to share the cost of the FDPIR food package with tribal leaders and compare the benefit/value with food costs regionally. **ACTION ITEM:** FNS will check to see if information is available for the national dollar value of the food package and report back to the workgroup.
- b. Next Workgroup call:** The next workgroup meeting will be at the NAFDPIR annual meeting on June 16, 2015 in Albuquerque, NM.

VII. Meeting Adjourned