

**Tribal Leaders Consultation Working Group (TLCWG)**  
**Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)**  
**March 29 – 30, 2022**  
**In-Person and Virtual Meeting**

- I. Opening Prayer – Mr. Perry Martinez**
  
- II. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
  - Vice Chair Stella Kay, TLCWG Co-chair, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
  - Stacy Dean, Deputy Under Secretary of USDA Food, Nutrition & Consumer Services
  - Heather Dawn Thompson (Cheyenne River Sioux), Director, Office of Tribal Relations
  
- III. Introductions**
  - Vice Chair Stella Kay
  
- IV. Previous Business & Agenda-setting**
  - Acceptance of December 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - Approval of Agenda

**Summary of Agenda Topics Discussed**

- V. FDPIR Self-Determination Demonstration Project**
  - FNS and participating demonstration Tribes provided an update on the FDPIR self-determination demonstration project. FNS shared valuable feedback received from a group check-in meeting held in January 2022 with existing participating demonstration Tribes. Feedback shared and received was also reflected on a corresponding handout provided to all attendees in advance of the meeting.
  - FNS also shared its intention to award the balance of existing funds (\$2.2M) to existing participating demonstration Tribes who have expressed interested in food distribution extensions and budget modifications of their existing contracts.
  - FNS received an additional \$3.0M in FY22 appropriations to continue to support demonstration efforts, including expansion. During the consultation, FNS shared its tentative timeline of fall 2022 to release a second federal notice and expand the demonstration project to include additional Tribal Organizations.
  - Tribal leaders also shared their desire to see this demonstration project permanent and for an increased amount to be appropriated to continue to support it.
  
- VI. Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS)**
  - Tribal leaders asked how AMS will utilize tools provided by the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) to help source more traditional and native foods. AMS shared they have developed a partnership with IAC that involves AMS staff to participate in various events and webinars that IAC is promoting to its stakeholder base. The focus of AMS' participation at these events and webinars includes how native producers can become a certified USDA vendor, how to bid, and how to sell their product to USDA for various nutrition assistance programs. Furthermore, AMS shared it hosts "office hours" once a week for interested

vendors to ask questions and receive technical assistance. AMS also requested for Tribal leaders to please send any interested Tribal vendors directly to them: [NewVendor@usda.gov](mailto:NewVendor@usda.gov).

- AMS shared it hosted a webinar on February 17, 2022 on the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). The LFPA program is part of the “Build Back Better” initiative, authorized by the American Rescue Plan. The purpose of this program is to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency and the program will award up to \$400 million through non-competitive cooperative agreements with state and tribal governments to support local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers through the purchase of domestic local foods.
  - Under LFPA, a tribal government could enter into a two-year non-competitive cooperative agreement with AMS to purchase commodities from socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and distribute the foods to under-served communities. AMS shared there is latitude in the plans developed to participate in LFPA.
  - AMS also clarified that although only state and tribal governments can apply for LFPA, a Tribe could sub-award to another entity like a non-profit or 501(c) if they choose.
  - Tribal leaders asked if existing FDPIR infrastructure like an FDPIR warehouse, freezers and/or storage equipment can be used to support foods received under LFPA. FNS clarified that cost-sharing would need to be done.
  - The deadline for state and tribal governments to submit proposals for the LFPA was extended to May 6, 2022: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/lfpacap>.
  - Tribal leaders asked if USDA is interested in partnering with organizations to develop partnerships to better connect with Tribal producers that could become USDA approved vendors. AMS shared it is very interested in doing so and asked Tribal leaders to please share contacts with them directly.
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- Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) encouraged Tribes to apply to LFPA and shared views on how this opportunity ties into food sovereignty initiatives that many Tribes are interested in pursuing.
  - OTR also shared HUBZone, which is a federal contracting tool AMS could use to give preferences to producers located in HUBZone areas. All of Indian Country is considered being located in HUBZones.

## **VII. FDPIR Access for Off-Reservation Lineal Descendants**

- Tribal leaders asked for clarification on policy related to off-reservation lineal descendants and their eligibility to receive FDPIR benefits and services if eligible to the program.
- FNS clarified that off-reservation lineal descendants that live within a Tribe’s FNS service area which is a Tribe’s reservation boundary including any approved near or urban areas, may apply for the program. Documentation of lineal descendant would be required.
- FNS also clarified that each FDPIR administering program would need to delineate that it accepts lineal descendants in their Plan of Operation. Furthermore, FNS provided the additional information in a handout on acceptable documentation to determine Tribal membership as examples:
  - An official card, letter, or other documentation issued by an Indian Tribe which indicates that the individual is a tribal member.
  - An official Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or Certificate of Degree of Alaskan Blood (both abbreviated CDIB) card.

- An official document (letter, memorandum, form, etc.) from a Bureau of Indian Affairs office or a Tribe/Nation which states the individual named in the document is the direct descendant (son, daughter, grandchild, etc.) of a federally recognized member.
- FNS will follow-up and provide this guidance to all FDPIR administering agencies through its Regional Offices.

### **VIII. Indigenous Representation in FNS Positions**

- Tribal leaders requested an update on position descriptions to include more indigenous representation and what progress has been made to encourage Native Americans interested in applying.
- OTR shared a broader effort they are currently involved in and working with Human Resources (HR) to restructure positions and skill sets required to incorporate more intensive Indian Country experience across USDA. OTR also shared that FNS is looking at incorporating indigenous food knowledge into position descriptions.
- FNS specifically shared that of its five positions dedicated to Tribal Affairs, it currently has one vacancy open, the Tribal Affairs Specialist for the Midwest Region. FNS also has a vacant nutritionist position in the Mountain Plains Region that would work closely though not exclusively with Tribes. Both positions are currently being looked at with HR to ensure the recruitment efforts reflect applicants with Tribal and indigenous knowledge.
- FNS shared the FY22 budget included funding for additional full-time staff dedicated to FDPIR at both the regional offices and national office.
- OTR also shared that their office has reached out to different Tribal entities that have food sovereignty initiatives to gather and learn more from their position descriptions to help inform USDA. OTR clarified that USDA does not have Indian preference for hiring like the Department of Interior.
- Tribal leaders asked what role do existing Tribal Affairs Specialists in the regions currently have. FNS shared that Tribal Affairs Specialists work across program areas to offer support and make connections with Tribes and assist in best meeting the needs of Tribal communities. The role works closing with program specialists and nutritionists within the various nutrition programs that FNS administers.
- Tribal leaders asked if Tribal Affairs Specialists can serve as a point of contact for SNAP-Ed state consultations. FNS clarified that they can certainly support those efforts, but they would not be the only contact.
- Tribal leaders asked that FNS share open position with Native entities. FNS agreed and shared that HR would also be reaching out and providing information to Tribal Colleges to assist with recruitment. FNS welcomes any other resources HR can use to help promote open positions.
- FNS shared it did a webinar series in October 2021 for leadership personnel at Tribal Colleges and Universities on FNS and what it is like to work at the agency, what it takes to apply, and the types of positions available. HR personnel were also on the webinars to talk about the hiring process. In December 2021, FNS did the same webinars for students to help build interest.

## **IX. FNS Office of Community Food Systems**

- FNS staff shared information on its Farm to School program and its history working with Native American communities to incorporate local and traditional foods and foodways into their school meals. Food sovereignty initiatives are supported through its grant program. FNS recently funded a grant to the First Nations Development Institute to support cohorts of Native farm to school stakeholders in Indian Country. Grant funds helped develop a suite of web-based resources, a webinar series, and targeted technical assistance for Native farm to school programs.
- FNS is continuously seeking opportunities to collaborate with Tribal and Native partners to better support food sovereignty and nutrition security through the Farm to School Program. FNS staff is working with OTR to help with the outreach and making connections.
- The Farm to School grant program takes a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all in farm to school programming. FNS shared it has updated its Farm to School Grant Request for Application (RFA) to give priority to organization serving Native American communities. Priority points give a “boost” in the scoring process if an applicant is an Indian Tribal Organization, or an entity led and staffed by Native Americans and serving Native American communities.
- FNS clarified that the grant program does require a 25 percent match which can be met by cash or in-kind. This requirement is by statute.
- FNS staff also shared it has an internal working group of national and regional office staff focused on native and tribal work. Staff attend and present at conferences focused on food sovereignty and native nutrition, and co-present with other Tribal organizations at various trainings and events throughout the year.
- Tribal leaders asked if the grants are for only one-year or if there are opportunities for multi-year to help with sustainability. FNS staff shared the 3 tracks available: state agency track, implementation track, and turn-key tracks and each have different period of performances with some up to two-years.
- FNS further clarified that the farm to school grants help fund building the infrastructure for Tribal schools to be able to do the direct procurement of food but not to do the actual purchase of Indigenous food.

## **X. CARES Act Expenditures**

- During FY20, FDPIR received an additional \$100.0M in CARES Act funding to support both facility/equipment improvements (\$50.0M) and additional food purchases (\$50.0M) to enhance the program’s ability to respond to the pandemic. The federal obligation period for these funds was across two federal fiscal years, FY2020 and FY2021.
- FNS shared it has a small balance of CARES Act facility/equipment funds remaining of less than \$2.0M. While these funds are no longer available for new grants, the funds may be used for upward adjustments of existing CARES Act grants.
- FNS also shared it is continuing the CARES Act Bonus Food Package. Interested ITOs can distribute up to 21 additional units of food per person, per month across all FDPIR food categories. The bonus package is currently available through September 2022.

- Tribal leaders asked if the CARES Act Supplemental Administrative Grant, which has a period of performance through September 30, 2022 can be extended. FNS said it would take it back for review.

## **XI. SNAP-Ed Consultation**

- FNS provided an update on its SNAP Education (Ed) and SNAP Employment & Training (E&T) state consultations and shared a “Memorandum on Tribal Consultation Requirements” has been drafted to serve as a reminder to SNAP State agencies of the obligation to engage in ongoing consultation with Tribes. The memorandum includes guidance and resources to assist States to adequately engage with Tribes on those aspects of SNAP program operations that impact participants in Tribal communities.
- The memorandum is nearly complete and will be reviewed by USDA’s Office of General Counsel (OGC). Then, subsequently, the draft will be shared with Tribal leadership for review and input.
- The final memorandum will be accompanied by a training webinar and ongoing technical assistance to ensure effective State-Tribal Consultations.
- Although State SNAP Plans are due to FNS on August 15, 2022, these training webinars will guide States through the rest of FY2022 and into the following years.
- FNS wants to encourage States to begin the consultation with Tribes as early as possible. Right after their current SNAP plan is approved, they can begin reaching out to Tribes on next year’s plan.
- The memorandum and training webinar is being planned in consultation with OTR.
- FNS shared that while the requirements to consult on SNAP-Ed and SNAP E&T are mandatory, the training webinar, like other SNAP webinars offered, is not mandatory at this time. FNS believes it will have robust attendance based on its engagement with state agencies on SNAP-related topics. The webinar will also be recorded and FNS will ensure all SNAP state agencies have the opportunity to review the content and receive technical assistance from FNS.
- FNS also shared it wants to ensure there is a consistent definition and understanding of consultation for all states and would like Tribal leadership input on best practices to further help develop and inform state agencies.
- OTR also offered to share USDA’s materials on consultation. Materials such as the departmental regulation, consultation action plan, and upcoming consultations may be found on OTR’s consultation website: <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations>.

## **XII. Nutrition Education Funding for FDPIR**

- FNS provided an update on the FY22 appropriations bill which included an additional \$4.0M dedicated for nutrition education in FPDIR. This amount was added as an upward adjustment to FDPIR’s administrative base line. FNS shared this is a starting point and additional resources can be considered as FNS works with Tribal leadership to expand and develop nutrition security.
- FNS is seeking feedback from Tribal leadership on allocation options for the increased nutrition funds. FNS provided examples of distributing the funds based on an initial fixed base amount and then distributing additional funds based on proposals for specific projects received from FDPIR programs. FNS assured Tribal leaders that these funds would not be distributed competitively through grants.gov like the Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) funds. These funds will also be managed out of the National Office.

- Tribal leaders requested for FNS to reach out to Regions/ITOs/Program Directors who are the subject matter experts and can offer more concrete feedback. The NAFDPIR Board offered to work with FNS Regions and host meetings to have this discussion. FNS Regional Office staff and National Office staff will be present at these meetings.
- FNS also agreed to share several examples of what allocations could look like in advance of Regions meetings. Examples may include:
  - A fix base amount that every FDPIR program receives annually without negotiation
  - An amount based on caseload/participation
  - An amount based on poverty levels
  - Additional funds based on proposals for special nutrition projects
- Tribal leaders asked what the expectation of FDPIR programs is in regard to providing nutrition education. FNS discussed allowable costs and providing additional guidance in this area to help with consistency yet allowing flexibility.
- FNS discussed how these funds, like SNAP-Ed, can be used for more expansive activities and not just direct 1:1 nutrition education with FDPIR participants. SNAP offered to provide examples of what SNAP-Ed funds are used for to help inspire new ideas. Examples may be pulled from the Policy, Systems and Environment piece of SNAP-Ed because it goes beyond direct education.
- FNS also suggested looking at other opportunities for FDPNE funds. FNS would like to have more discussion on this with Tribal leadership.

### **XIII. Integrated Food Management System (IFMS) Updates**

- FNS staff addressed questions from Tribal leaders on what sources of funds are currently available to support additional requests for Tribes to pursue alternate information systems. FNS staff discussed reprogramming of funds as an option when existing appropriated funding levels are not sufficient to meet requests. Reprogramming is done with Congressional notification and/or approval.
- Tribal leaders discussed the draft policy proposed and expressed areas of concerns with language referencing funding availability. Tribal leaders suggested the policy state that “All requests are subject to the availability of funds.”
- Tribal leaders also wanted to better understand capacity issues that FNS may have. FNS staff clarified that it is mainly tied to staffing. The example provided was if four FDPIR programs submit requests to develop alternate systems, FNS may only have capacity to approve two. This capacity issue would cause a delay in approving the other two requests.
- Tribal leaders also stated that alternate system requests are not special projects, but administrative requests and should not require a proposal. FNS staff shared that these requests are new for FNS and are more involved in nature. Each request needs to be assessed to determine its viability from a technology capacity. FNS also shared that Sygnal, for example, which is an alternate system used by Chickasaw Nation to support FDPIR operations, would need to be assessed to ensure it meets all the requirements.
- FNS and Tribal leaders further discussed alternate systems, security protocols, and the interface requirement. FNS will also look to see if its state systems office has an IT life cycle steps to share. A representative from Chickasaw Nation also joined and provided information about the Sygnal system.
- Tribal leaders asked if they request to use Sygnal now, for FY23, will FNS approve the request? FNS agreed to provide the path forward to do so. FNS also indicated a need to look at the validation and interface specifications of the Sygnal system.

- Frank Dunn from Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians requested to be added to the IFMS user group. FNS agreed.
- Tribal leaders requested for the NAFDPIR Board to work on a re-draft of the policy language and send it to FNS for review and comments.
- FNS staff provided IFMS user group updates and costs, as requested by Tribal leaders.

#### **XIV. Scheduling Future Consultations**

- Summer 2022 – Potential date during the 2022 Tribal Self-Governance Conference (July 31 – August 3, 2022 in Burlingame, CA)
- December 2022 - Intertribal Agriculture Council’s Annual Conference (December 6 – December 8, 2022 in Las Vegas, NV)

#### **Follow-Up Items:**

1. On May 3, 2022, FNS provided guidance to all FDPIR administering agencies on the policy regarding off-reservation lineal descendants.
2. FNS will provide guidance to all ITOs on the CARES Act Supplemental Administrative Grant period of performance (September 30, 2022). The guidance will be provided through FNS’ Regional Offices.
3. FNS will share the SNAP-Ed “Memorandum on Tribal Consultation Requirements” with Tribal leadership for review and input once it clears OGC. Webinar details will also be shared.
4. OTR offered to share USDA’s materials on consultation. Materials such as the departmental regulation, consultation action plan, and upcoming consultations may be found on OTR’s consultation website: <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations>.
5. The NAFDPIR Board offered to work with FNS Regions and host meetings to discuss options for nutrition education allocations.
6. FNS will share several examples of what nutrition education allocations could look like in advance of any meetings with National and Regional Office staff. FNS will also provide guidance on nutrition education, allowable costs, and suggestions for other opportunities for use of FDPNE funds.
7. FNS will provide examples of what SNAP-Ed funds are used for to help inspire new ideas. Examples may be pulled from the Policy, Systems and Environment piece of SNAP-Ed because it goes beyond direct education.
8. FNS will look at and share a path forward for interested ITOs to submit requests to use Sygnal. FNS will also review and share any other resources from its state systems office that may be helpful for the discussion.
9. Tribal leaders requested for the NAFDPIR Board to work on a re-draft of the alternate system policy language and send it to FNS for review and comments.

#### **ENCLOSURES:**

- Written comments submitted by Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska dated April 20, 2022
- List of Attendees

**List of Attendees**

**USDA and Tribal Consulting Officials**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Tribe/USDA</b>
<b>Stella Kay</b>	Vice-Chair and Co-Chair	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
<b>Stacy Dean</b>	Deputy Under Secretary	USDA

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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Tribal Organization/Affiliation</b>	<b>Tribal Leader/Proxy</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Abel	Sanchez	Coeur d'Alene	No	Virtually
Alec	Tiger	Blue Stone	No	Virtually
Alice	Kassanavoid	Comanche Nation	Yes	Virtually
Amber	Torres	Walker River Paiute Tribe	Yes	Virtually
Amber	Holland	Big Fire Law	No	Virtually
Amelia	Arkansas	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	No	In-person
Andrey	Khalkachan	Alaska Sustainable Community Kitchen	No	Virtually
Aneva	Hagberg	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	No	In-person
Audrea	Estes	LBST Commodities	Yes	Virtually
Barbara	Lopez	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Beverly	Collins-Hall	American Indian Mothers Inc./Cherokee Indians of Robeson and Adjoining Counties NC and SC	Yes	Virtually
Bonnie	Akaka-Smith	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Food Distribution Program	Yes	Virtually
Brian	Howard	USET Sovereignty Protection Fund	No	Virtually
Candice	Skenandore	Oneida Nation	No	Virtually
Charles	Gates	Standing Rock Sioux tribe	Yes	Virtually
Chatavia	Young	n/a	No	In-person
Chauna	Cota	Temoak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Yes	In-person
Cheryl	Kennedy	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Cheryl	Sanders	Lummi Tribe	No	Virtually
Cheryl	Kennedy	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Cheyenne	Robinson	Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	Yes	In-person



Chris	Roper	Indigenous Agriculture LLC	No	Virtually
Christina	Riley	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Christopher	Purdy	USDA AMS	No	In-person
Cindy	Long	USDA Food and Nutrition Service	No	In-person
Clarissa (Claire)	Brown	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Courtenay	Oconnell	none	No	Virtually
David	Halquist	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	No	Virtually
Deb	DuMontier	CSKT	No	Virtually
Diane	Kriviski	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Doreen	Bell	Fort Belknap Indian Community	No	Virtually
Earl	Barbry	Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of LA	No	Virtually
Edith	Baker	Onoo Po Strategies	No	Virtually
Elizabeth	Lober	USDA-AMS	No	Virtually
Elizabeth	Dawson	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Erica	Antonson	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Erin	Parker	Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative	No	In-person
Ethan	Green	Cherokee Nation	No	Virtually
Fanny	Brewer	Cheyenne River	No	Virtually
Fidelis	Davis	Osage Nation Food Distribution Program	No	Virtually
Frank	Dunn	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	No	In-person
Gary	Besaw	Menominee Tribal Department of Agriculture and Food Systems	Yes	Virtually
Geneva	Becenti	NM Indian Affairs	No	Virtually
George	Gover	Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	Yes	Virtually
Gloria	Coronado	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	No	Virtually
Gregory	Nothstine	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)	No	Virtually
Gwen	Holcomb	N/A	No	Virtually
Heather Dawn	Thompson	USDA OTR	No	Virtually
Jaime	Prouty Nolan	Comanche Nation of Oklahoma	No	In-person
James	Henry	OIED	No	Virtually
James	Mountain	Pueblo De San Ildefonso	No	Virtually
Janell	Conway	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Jay	Allison	Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone of Nevada	Yes	In-person
Jeff	Wingate	USDA/SWRO	No	Virtually
Jeffrey	Harris	USDA OTR	No	In-person
Jennifer	McLaughlin	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	No	Virtually

Jennifer	Colosimo	Midi Enterprises	No	Virtually
Jessica	Shahin	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Jodi	Hayes	Modoc Nation	No	Virtually
Joe	Van Alstine	National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations	No	In-person
Joe	Stensgar	Airfresh Seafoods	No	Virtually
Joey	Sanchez	Pueblo of Santa Ana	Yes	Virtually
John	Enggren	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
John	Shairs	centerline co., Inc.	No	Virtually
John	Mitchell	Chippewa Cree Tribe	No	Virtually
john	simermeyer		No	Virtually
Josh	Protas	MAZON	No	In-person
Judy	Goforth Parker	The Chickasaw Nation	Yes	Virtually
Julie	Skolmowski	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Julie	Brewer	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Kameron	Runnels	Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Council	Yes	Virtually
Karen	Wright	self	No	Virtually
Kari	Lawrence	Intertribal Agriculture Council Inc	No	Virtually
Kathie	Ferguson	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Kathleen	Elliott	Muscogee Creek Nation	No	Virtually
Kathryn	Fairbanks	Leech Lake Ojibwe	No	Virtually
Kathy	Young	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Kathy	Sweitzer	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Katie	Clifford	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Kelli	Case	IFAI	No	In-person
Kelly	Beym	New Mexico State University Student Intern	No	Virtually
Kiley	Larson	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Kodee	Goseyun	San Carlos Apache Tribe	No	Virtually
Kristin	Garcia	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Kristy	Criss-Lawson	The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	No	Virtually
Kwatsitsawi M.	Meloche	VISTA Seminars.	Yes	Virtually
Kyle	Key	The Chickasaw Nation	No	Virtually
Lacey	Cannon	Indigenous Regeneration	No	Virtually
Latashia	Redhouse	Intertribal Agriculture Council	No	Virtually
Laura	Castro	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Laura	Blumberg	LTBB	No	Virtually
Lawanda	Bronson	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla	No	Virtually

Leah	Duncan	Cherokee Nation	No	Virtually
Lisa	Ganuelas	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Yes	Virtually
Lisa	Sutherland	Alaska Federation of Natives	No	Virtually
Lisa	O'Brien	MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger - Ally organization	No	Virtually
Lisa	Lone Fight	Three Affiliated Tribes	No	Virtually
Loren	Stiffarm	Island Mountain Development Group	No	Virtually
Lorraine	Van Brunt	Colville	No	Virtually
Lynda	Zambrano	NWTEMC/NTEMC	Yes	Virtually
Marisa	Fuller	Omaha Nation Food Distribution	No	In-person
Mary	Greene Trottier	Spirit Lake Tribe	Yes	In-person
Meghan	Squires	USDA	No	Virtually
Mia	Hubbard	N/A	No	Virtually
Michael	Ladd	N/A	No	Virtually
Michele	Morris	Navajo Department of Health	No	Virtually
Monika	Lacka	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Morgan	Berquist	Three Affiliated Tribes	No	Virtually
Nicole	Miera	CDHS	No	Virtually
Patricia	Wellington	none	No	Virtually
Patrick	Perez	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
PERRY	MARTINEZ	Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Inc.	No	In-person
Rachael	Collins	Chickasaw Nation	No	Virtually
Rachel	Schoenian	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Raven	WilderSurber	Hoopa Valley Tribe	No	Virtually
Rebecca	Chandler	The Chickasaw Nation	No	Virtually
Rebecca	Oien	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	No	Virtually
Roxanna	Newsom	National Food and Nutrition Resource Alliance	No	Virtually
Samantha	Holland	n/a	No	Virtually
Sandra	Pilgrim-Lewis	State of Michigan DHHS Division of Victim Services	No	Virtually
Sean	Harte	Menominee Tribal Member	No	Virtually
Shannon Mai - ANHB		Alaska Native Health Board	No	Virtually
Shenique	Bridges	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Sonya	Begay	Navajo	No	Virtually
Stacy	Dean	USDA	No	In-person
Stella	Kay	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Yes	In-person

Stephanie	Jerome	Haseya Advocate	No	Virtually
Syd	Colombe	Intertribal Agriculture Council	No	Virtually
Tammy	Jones	Native Village of Ouzinkie	Yes	Virtually
Tatanka	Petite	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	No	Virtually
Teresa	Jackson	OKTEP	No	Virtually
Tiffany	Grant	Oklahoma Tribal Engagement Partners	No	Virtually
Tim	English	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Tracy	Fox	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Tribal Administration	Pueblo of Acoma, NM	Pueblo of Acoma	Yes	Virtually
Trish	Solis	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Vallee	Sain	Santa Clara Pueblo	Yes	Virtually
Vincent	Bresette	Red Cliff FDPIR	Yes	Virtually
Vista	Fletcher	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
w	h	big fire law	No	Virtually
Wendi	Lewis	Hopi	Yes	Virtually
Wilbur	Woodis	Navajo	No	Virtually
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William	Jones	Lummi Indian Business Council - Lummi Nation	Yes	Virtually
william	ludwig	USDA FNS	No	Virtually
Wuttooantam	Foundation	Wuttooantam Foundation	Yes	Virtually
Yvonne	Fish	Bureau of Indian Affairs	No	Virtually

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Alonso	Rodriguez	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Amanda	Ammon	Yurok Tribe	No	Virtual
Amber	Torres	Walker River Paiute Tribe	Yes	Virtual
Amber	Holland	Big Fire Law & Policy Group LLP	No	Virtual
Amelia	Arkansas	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	No	In-person
Andrey	Khalkachan	Alaska Sustainable Community Kitchen	No	Virtual
Aneva	Hagberg	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	No	In-person

Angela	Kline	FNS	No	Virtual
Audrea	Estes	LBST Commodities	Yes	Virtual
Barbara	Lopez	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Becky	Chandler	The Chickasaw Nation	No	Virtual
Bonnie	Akaka-Smith	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Food Distribution Program	Yes	Virtual
Brian	Howard	USET Sovereignty Protection Fund	No	Virtual
Britni	Beck	Ute Mtn Ute Tribe	No	Virtual
Candice	Skenandore	Oneida Nation	No	Virtual
Charles	Gates	standing Rock Sioux Tribe	Yes	Virtual
Chatavia	Young	n/a	No	In-person
Cheryl	Sanders	Lummi Tribe	No	Virtual
Cheyenne	Robinson	Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	Yes	In-person
Chris	Roper	Indigenous Agriculture LLC	No	Virtual
Christina	Riley	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Christopher	Purdy	USDA AMS	No	In-person
Clarissa (Claire)	Brown	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Claudeen	Tallwood	Navajo Nation	No	Virtual
Crystal	Williams	Coushatta Tribe of LA	Yes	Virtual
David	Halquist	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians	No	Virtual
Deb	DuMontier	CSKT	No	Virtual
diana	gries	mesquakie	No	Virtual
Diane	Kriviski	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Doris	Chin	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Elaine	Wilson	Diné Nation	No	Virtual
Emerson	Shenandoah	USET SPF	No	Virtual
Erica	Antonson	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Erin	Parker	Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative	No	In-person
Ethan	Green	Cherokee Nation	No	Virtual
Fidelis	Davis	Osage Nation Food Distribution Program	No	Virtual
Frank	Dunn	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	No	In-person
Gary	Besaw	Menominee Tribal Department of Agriculture and Food Systems	Yes	Virtual
George	Gover	Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	Yes	Virtual
Gloria	Coronado	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	No	Virtual
Gordon Sam	Sam	MBCI Choctaw Food Distribution	No	Virtual
Gregory	Nothstine	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)	No	Virtual
Gwen	Holcomb	n/a	No	Virtual

Heather Dawn	Thompson	USDA OTR	No	Virtual
Jaime	Prouty Nolan	Comanche Nation of Oklahoma	No	In-person
James	Henry	OIED	No	Virtual
James	Mountain	San Ildefonso	No	Virtual
Janell	Conway	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Jay	Winter Nightwolf	Jay Winter Nightwolf - LIVE TV Broadcast	No	In-person
Jeff	Wingate	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Jeffrey	Harris	USDA OTR	No	In-person
Jennifer	McLaughlin	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	No	Virtual
Jennifer	Colosimo	Midi Enterprises	No	Virtual
Jessica	Shahin	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Jessica	Luna	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Jill	Jim	Navajo Nation Department of Health	Yes	Virtual
Joe	Van Alstine	National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations	No	In-person
Joey	Sanchez	Pueblo of Santa Ana	Yes	Virtual
john	simermeyer	US Gov't	No	Virtual
Josh	Protas	MAZON	No	In-person
Judy	Goforth Parker	The Chickasaw Nation	Yes	Virtual
Julie	Skolmowski	none	No	Virtual
Kameron	Runnels	Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Council	Yes	Virtual
Karen	Wright	self	No	Virtual
Kari	Lawrence	Hidatsa	No	Virtual
Kathie	Ferguson	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Kathleen	Elliott	Muscogee Creek Nation	No	Virtual
Kathryn	Fairbanks	Leech Lake Ojibwe	No	Virtual
Kathy	Young	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Kathy	Sweitzer	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Katie	Clifford	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Kelli	Case	IFAI	No	In-person
Kelly	Beym	New Mexico State University	No	Virtual
Kiley	Larson	USDA FNS	No	In-person
Kimberly	Yazzie	Navajo	No	Virtual
Kodee	Goseyun	San Carlos Apache Tribe	No	Virtual
Kristin	Garcia	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Kristy	Criss-Lawson	The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	No	Virtual
Laura	Castro	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Laura	Griffin	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Laura	Blumberg	LTBB	No	Virtual

Lawanda	Bronson	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla	No	Virtual
Leah	Duncan	Cherokee Nation	No	Virtual
Lisa	Ganuelas	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Yes	Virtual
Lisa	O'Brien	MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger - Ally organization	No	Virtual
Lisa	Lone Fight	Three Affiliated Tribes	No	Virtual
Lisa	Powers	Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians	Yes	Virtual
Margaret	Johnston	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Maribelle	Balbes	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Marisa	Fuller	Omaha Nation Food Distribution	No	In-person
Mary	Greene Trottier	Spirit Lake Tribe	Yes	In-person
Meghan	Squires	USDA	No	Virtual
Melinda	Butaud	Institute for Indian Development Inc., Chitimacha, Coushatta, Jena Band of Choctaw, Tunica Biloxi, United Houma Nation	No	Virtual
Mia	Hubbard	N/A	No	Virtual
Michael	Ladd	N/A	No	Virtual
Michele	Morris	Navajo Department of Health	No	Virtual
Monika	Lacka	USDA	No	Virtual
Nicole	Miera	Dine	No	Virtual
Patrick	Perez	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
PERRY	MARTINEZ	Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Inc.	No	In-person
Rachael	Collins	Chickasaw Nation	No	Virtual
Rachel	Schoenian	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Raven	WilderSurber	Hoopa Valley Tribe	No	Virtual
Rebecca	Oien	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	No	Virtual
Ronald	Ward	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Roxanna	Newsom	Native Food and Nutrition Alliance	No	Virtual
Sandra	Hicks	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe	No	Virtual
Sandra	Pilgrim-Lewis	Lakota	No	Virtual
Sasha	Gersten-Paal	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Shannon Mai - ANHB		Alaska Native Health Board	Yes	Virtual
Shenique	Bridges	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Stella	Kay	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Yes	In-person
Susie	Enoch	Occaneechi	No	Virtual
Tammy	Jones	Native Village of Ouzinkie	Yes	Virtual

Tara	Maudrie	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	No	Virtual
Tatanka	Petite	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	No	Virtual
Teresa	Jackson	OKTEP	No	Virtual
Terrence	Adams	Lummi Indian Business Council	Yes	Virtual
Tiffany	Grant	Oklahoma Tribal Engagement Partners	No	Virtual
Tim	English	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Torey	Powell	USDA	No	Virtual
Tracy	Fox	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Tribal Administration	Pueblo of Acoma, NM	Pueblo of Acoma	Yes	Virtual
Trish	Solis	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Usha	Kalro	None	No	Virtual
Vallee	Sain	Santa Clara Pueblo	Yes	Virtual
Vincent	Bresette	Red Cliff FDPIR	Yes	Virtual
Vista	Fletcher	USDA FNS	No	Virtual
Vista	Fletcher	USDA FNS MWRO	No	Virtual
w	h	Big Fire Law	No	Virtual
Wendi	Lewis	Hopi	Yes	Virtual
William	Reynolds	St. Croix Chippewa of Wisconsin	Yes	Virtual
William	Jones	Lummi Indian Business Council - Lummi Nation	Yes	Virtual
Wuttooantam	Foundation	Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation 501c3	Yes	Virtual
Yvonne	Fish	Bureau of Indian Affairs	No	Virtual