

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee**

**Session 3  
April 23, 2014**

The meeting started with an opening prayer and welcomes by HUD and the committee chairs. FirstPic went over logistics including work room and caucus room assignments.

**Committee Review and Approval of Proposed Agenda**

The Committee approved the agenda as written, but agreed that they would have the flexibility to continue with questions and answers about ACS as needed.

**Committee Review and Approval of Minutes from Second Session: September 17-19, 2013**

The Committee approved the minutes for September 17, 2013, September 18, 2013 and September 19, 2013 by consensus.

**Proposed Meeting Procedures**

The detailed proposed meeting procedures are in the full document titled "Meeting Process Design with Related Organizational Protocols Sections."

***Issue 4: Flow of Discussion on a Matter***

The tribal co-chairs struck out bullet two on 15 minutes of open discussion to meet Committee members' concerns about limiting discussion. The facilitator will announce that the clock is starting when the Committee brings up an issue for discussion.

**Description of the FCAS and Need Work Groups**

***FCAS Work Group***

The FCAS work group is open to adding new items. They agreed that they will address an issue based on a motion and a second, and if the discussion ends without consensus, they will take both the majority and minority opinion back to the full Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

***Needs Work Groups***

The needs work group is comprised of two subgroups. The work group established operating guidelines about how each subgroup results are transmitted to the full work group and the whole Committee. The needs work group will start prioritizing items and

defining issues around the items. The subgroups will report to full work group each day and include agenda items for the next day.

There also is a drafting work group.

### **Presentation and Review of American Community Survey (ACS) Data**

Presented by an official from the American Community Survey Office (ACSO) of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Mr. Treat gave an overview of ACS: how it is administered, data collection and sample design, data availability and data products. ACS is a large national survey that uses continuous measurement methods to produce detailed population and housing estimates each year. It is designed to produce critical information on small areas; this information previously came from the decennial census. The ACS provides social, economic, demographic and housing data.

For Mr. Treat's complete presentation, please refer to "Census Bureau: American Community Survey" located under Session Documents on the website. For question and answers on Mr. Treat's presentation, please refer to the session transcript located in the Session Documents section on the website.

### **Presentation and Review of ACS Data Run**

HUD did a simulation that incorporated 2010 census data for person counts and ACS data collected from 2006-2010 for the household need variables. The base for comparison is 2000 census data "aged" to reflect 2010 conditions. The simulation is an analysis of allocation changes which would occur if new census/ACS data were to be used in the formula rather than aging 2000 census data with the growth factor. The simulation also incorporates successful census challenge data. The comparison used exactly the same FCAS file, tribal enrollment, cost variables and formula area definitions.

Overall, the national total and average allocations change very little. However, there are changes in grants for individual tribes. Tribes in the Denver region lose 8.6 percent and tribes in the Phoenix region lose 7.4 percent in needs allocation in the simulation. The two major reasons for the changes are: (1) tribes' shares changed due to changes in person counts and in household characteristics, and (2) the growth factor didn't fully predict changes that occurred because of migration, within different areas in each county, and between single and multi-race AIAN. However, using the growth factor worked better than not using it.

For HUD's complete presentation, please refer to "ACS Simulation presentation" on the website. For question and answers on HUD's presentation, Committee Members can refer to the session transcript located in the members tab on the website.

## **Other Business**

A committee member entered a resolution of opposition to using ACS data.

The facilitator reviewed the protocol for sending a substitute committee member.

After the lunch break, the committee members broke into regional caucuses for 45 minutes, then went to their work groups at 2:50 pm.

## **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **Work Group Reports**

### ***Needs Work Groups***

The Needs work group prioritized items.

Subgroup 1 will address statutory intent and requirements, data source, and needs variables; subgroup 2 will address minimum funding and definitions.

### ***FCAS Work Group***

The FCAS work group reviewed the issues in the matrix that hadn't been addressed, and opened the floor for new issues. The group listed nine major areas, prioritized them, and started working on the first area. However, the group will not necessarily discuss issues in order of priority, because they want to start by going after the low hanging fruit areas/issues. A full prioritized list of FCAS issues can be found on the website under the workgroups tab.