

Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention

FY 2016 SDPI Community-Directed Kickoff Webinar

Ann Bullock, MD

Ann Bullock:

Thank you, Kelli. Thanks to everyone who's joining today. This is an exciting day. We're delighted that you all are with us to talk about FY 2016 for SDPI Community-Directed Grant Program. For those of you who don't know me, as Kelli said, I'm Ann Bullock. I'm the Acting Director for the IHS Division of Diabetes. I have worked with the IHS for 25 years. I've been involved with SDPI from the very beginning. Back in 1998, I was working at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina and we sat around the table and said, "Gosh, there's some new money coming out. How can we use these funds to help address diabetes in our community in the best way possible?" Just like many of you have done both come back in '98 and going forward to today. So we're excited that you all are with us.

This session is intended to help you get an overview of what we're looking forward to with FY 2016. The Funding Opportunity Announcement is not out yet but it will be very soon. So we wanted to give you all this background information so that you'll all be ready and waiting for that FOA when it comes out and we'll talk more about that in just a minute. So I'll make sure I can forward the slides here.

All right. So a little background, as most of you know, with FY 2016, SDPI will enter its 19th year. SDPI is 18 years old. It can vote. My gosh! It's been around a long time. Sometimes some initiatives that have gone over that long a period have a hard time with keeping the enthusiasm, keeping the energy going but so many of you have done such a great job at continuing to address diabetes prevention and treatment in your communities in so many varied and important ways. So even though we've been around a while, there's so much work left to do, even as we've accomplished so much.

As most of you know, attached to the SGR or doc fix bill, as it was called that passed the Congress and was signed by the President in April. Attached to that was a two-year authorization for SDPI continuing at \$150 million per year level that we've had since 2004, so we were all grateful for that. The IHS Acting Director then started a national Tribal consultation and urban confer process and sent out letters to both the Tribal leaders and urban Indian organization leaders. The DTLL went out March 19th. Actually, the urban letter went out May 3rd, I believe, and input was received from across the country. The Tribal leaders, diabetes community then met virtually at the IHS Acting Director on May 14th. The input from across the country was reviewed and the TLDC members provided Mr. McSwain with their recommendations about SDPI for 2016.

Mr. McSwain then consulted with many of us as well as considered all of that input from across the country and from the TLDC and then provided his final decisions on SDPI in letters to both Tribal and urban leaders dated June 29th. Those are all available on the IHS website, all of those letters if you haven't had a chance to review them.

So, with all of that, what's new for FY 2016? Well, first of all, I just want to go over those decisions that are in the Director's "Dear Tribal leader letter", because that will give us the framework for a lot of the changes we're going to be seeing for FY16. So first of all, one thing that may not have been familiar to most of you is that since the beginning of SDPI, there has been a set-aside of one million



dollars per year that had gone to some partnership programs done with the CDC's Native Diabetes Wellness Program. Those funds will no longer be assigned to CDC. That one million per year will go into the Community-Directed Grant Program pot of money.

The Director decided that there would be a new as well as competing continuation Funding Opportunity Announcement. What does that mean? Well, most of you may not know that since 1998, no Tribes have been able to enter SDPI. If you are not part of SDPI in 1998, ever since then the competitive applications that have happened since then in 2004 and 2010 were called competing continuations; meaning that the applicants that would be eligible were only the grantees that currently had funding. No Tribes that either had not gotten in 1998 or who had dropped out somewhere along the line were able to apply in any of those competitions. Not this time, all Tribal organizations, Tribes and urbans that are eligible will be able to apply in 2016. So this is exciting because there have been several dozen Tribes that for various reasons have not been in SDPI but would like to have the opportunity to enter SDPI, so that will be possible in FY16.

The Director decided there would be no changes to the national funding formula. This is the formula that divides up SDPI Community-Directed dollars to the Areas. Currently, that formula consists -- 30% of that formula was made up of the user population or the number of people so to speak that use our services in each of the Areas.

The diabetes prevalence is part of that diabetes burden. And then a Tribal small size adjustment makes up 12.5% of that formula. This is the same formula we've had going back to 2004. However, the data that goes into that formula will be updated. Since 2004, we've been using 2002 data for user population and diabetes prevalence. Starting with FY16, we're going to update that by a decade and use the fiscal year 2012 data for user population and diabetes prevalence. That will cause some shifts in some of the dollar amounts that are going to the Areas but they will be shifting more toward Areas that have seen increases particularly in user population, although diabetes prevalence has changed a little bit between the Areas, so both will factor in.

And then the fifth decision was that the SDPI Diabetes Prevention and Healthy Heart or what we call DP/HH initiatives will be merged into the Community-Directed Program so that DP/HH, we'll talk about more in just a minute, but those funds will become part of the Community-Directed Program for 2016. So a lot of changes, a lot of opportunity for some new energy and some new enthusiasm for SDPI. So let's keep talking about how this process will work. So as I just said, it will be a new and competing continuation; meaning not only current grantees but Tribes who were not currently part of SDPI will have the opportunity to apply this time around. That FOA will be posted on the federal register and available on Grants.gov soon. When we say soon, we're meaning very soon. It is in the final stages of approval up through IHS hierarchy and up to the department and we would be thinking that it may be posted possibly by next week even. We don't have an exact date yet but we will let you know by email when that occurs.

Once that happens, once it is posted in the Federal Register and in Grants.gov, then applicants will have 60 days to complete their applications. We'll be talking more about that today but particularly on some webinars, we'll be doing later this month. So those of you who will take a look at that FOA, we'll see that it is a five-year project period. Well, I told you just a few minutes ago that Congress has given us two years of money. How can we have a five-year project period? Well, all grants from the federal government are always contingent upon funds availability. So by putting out a five-year FOA, we all hope that our good work will continue and will convince Congress to continue to give us funding so that we might get five and hopefully more years of funds down the road. But by putting out a five-year FOA, that means we wouldn't have to have a new competition sooner than that. So, it is a five-year project period.

As we just said also, all recognized Tribes will be eligible to apply. Here's an important concept because many people have been confused by the term "competitive." It's an understandable confusion. Usually, we think of a competition as meaning that some people will turn in good applications and others will turn in better applications, and only those that turned in the better ones

will be funded and some people will lose. That's not the way this one works. The Community-Directed Grant Program, because the funds are divided up by a formula, it means that everyone who puts in an application, with a fundable score that meet all the application criteria will be funded. The competition is to achieve a fundable score on the objective review for the application process. This is not a competition against each other so that all applicants who successfully meet that criteria will be funded. That's the good news. Just like Community-Directed has been for quite some time, this is still true in 2016.

However, here is the caveat. It is a grant program. What that means is, is that we have to follow all of the grants rules and we have to turn in good applications. Applications must be complete, and when you look at this, it's an involved process. We know it is but it's essential that applications turned in are complete, of good quality, that you all describe what you want to do well and what you want to do is important and relevant and will serve your communities well, and that they are submitted on time. Grants regulations do not allow revisions after the application deadline date. I cannot say this strongly enough, please, please. Unlike 2010 where some people were able to make some revisions to applications after the deadline date.

That will not be possible here. The only exceptions to that, we'll talk about a little bit later, is if the vision of Grants Management has an opportunity to let someone know that they are simply lacking a minor missing component, perhaps like a fiscal audit document or a key contact form. They may, after the application deadline, let the applicant know that by email and allow them to submit that. But do not count on them doing that. They (DGM) may not have time for that and it would only be for very minor omissions to the complete application. I cannot stress this heavily enough. Applications which are incomplete, are not written well, are not describing good services and/or that are turned in late will not be awarded funding. That's the other side of this claim.

So on the one hand, everyone can be funded if they turn in great applications that are complete and on time, but the other side of it is that those who do not do that will not be funded. We don't want to see that. We want to see everyone have the opportunity to bring these funds to their communities to serve the people who need diabetes prevention and treatment services so much.

So, just a note on our DP/HH colleagues and the grant program, as I said, the decisions that DP/HH will be merged, those funds will be merged in the Community-Directed Program. Just so you know, our DP/HH colleagues are funded through September 29th 2016 because they have just applied for 2015 money. They received their money at the end of the fiscal year. So they have funding for about 15 months yet to go, even though none of that money will come from FY16 dollars, they are going to be funded well into, as you can see, FY16 with FY15 money. So they have time to adjust to this change. They are then able to request no cost extensions that can go as long as 12 more months.

So, for those who have significant unobligated balances, they could go as long as September of 2017 and then whatever they decide to stop or get through that 12-month period, there's a three-month grant closeout period. So depending on the amount of unobligated balances, they may have as many as two-and-a-half years possibly yet to go -- so ample time for figuring out how to transition staff and services. They have done such a great job since 2004 demonstrating just as Congress asked us to have them do. They have demonstrated that in Indian health sites that we have been able to translate diabetes science and successfully implement programs that reduce diabetes risk factors and which reduce cardiovascular disease risk factors in people who have diabetes. They have done a great job. It's time for all the rest of us to learn from what they have done.

So if any of you, any Community-Directed Program would like to implement activities or services, either identical to or very similar to those done by our DP/HH colleagues can certainly do so. You've always been able to and that continues in FY16. You'll hear more about the Best Practices, the new Best Practices on a future webinar but there are plenty of Best Practices that would allow you to report on a Required Key Measure that's relevant to a DP or HH type activity. Even outside of Best Practices, because not all of your SDPI dollars have to go into just your Best Practice work, and that's

true as it's been for years. You can propose some activities like the DP/HH activities as part of what you'll see in the project narrative. It's called *other activities or services not related to the Best Practice*. So there are ways that Community-Directed Programs can do that and the DP/HH toolkits will be available soon. The DP toolkit, we hope, will be online possibly within a month or so. HH will take a few months longer because we're working with the HH grantees to update some of the clinical tools that are attached to the toolkit.

So, we honor and thank our DP/HH colleagues and we all want to learn and benefit from what they've learned through the demonstration projects and then initiatives that they have done around diabetes prevention and cardiovascular disease risk reduction.

So let's talk about the funding amounts more for 2016. So 25.4 million, and from here out in these slides, million will be abbreviated with just an 'm' after the number. So \$25.4 million will come from the merging of DP/HH funds in Community-Directed plus that one million dollars that used to go to the CDC. That's a total of \$26.4 million.

One million of that will go to the urban set-aside. In terms of funding our urban colleagues are a little bit different in that their funds do not come out of the general Community-Directed funding pool, they come from a set-aside within SDPI which since 2004 has been \$7.5 million per year which is divided among the urban grantees for their Community-Directed projects. They will get a \$1 million increase to \$8.5 million per year starting with FY16. The rest of that \$26.4 million will go into the Community-Directed Grant pool which funds the Tribal and IHS Community-Directed projects.

So this will include those Tribes that are not currently funded by SDPI, so the ones that since 1998 haven't been able to get in but who successfully apply now, so we'll be able to cover funds for them and the use of that more current data which if we weren't using extra funds, some Areas would get more, and some Areas would get less than they've been getting. That's not good. The TLDC said clearly they do not want to see any Area get less money and of course no one does. So, some of these funds will be used to hold Areas harmless, as it's called; meaning that we will offset any changes that would harm some Areas as some funds are shifted toward Areas that have seen an increase in either user population or prevalence.

So, no one will be harmed, no Area will be harmed by using the new data and some will benefit from it because they have more people who indeed need services. With those two things, we will still be able to bring an increase in funds for Community-Directed projects to all Areas. We can't say to all grantees because that depends on the Area formula although many grantees will for sure see an increase over what they've been getting in FY15 but the Areas for sure will see an increase which will vary depending on how the funding formula works with the newer data. So, how much will each individual grantee get? We won't know that until probably at least January. Why in the world is that? Well, we'll talk about in a second but first of all, you might say, "Well if we don't know until January, how do we apply?"

All of you who are current grantees should apply for the same amount of funding as you're getting now in FY 2015. If you are with a Tribe that has not been getting funding, not been part of SDPI, you will see in the Funding Opportunity Announcement that you will be asked to apply for what is the smallest grant amount given which is 12 thousand and something dollars per year. That number is in the FOA. Undoubtedly, many of those newer -- those new applicants, if they are successful, will receive more than that but the safest thing is to have you apply for the smallest grant amount and then we'll see later how that works out.

So, current grantees apply for the same amount as you've been getting in 2015. Then, as we go through this process in order to figure out what exactly all the Community-Directed grantees will receive, we will need to know, first of all, who has successfully applied. We hope everybody is successful. But there may be some sites who do not turn in quality applications that are complete and on time and so those, of course, will not be receiving funding, so we need to know who has successfully applied. Then Areas need to discuss the Area funding formula. I told you about the

formula from the national to the Area level, but Areas with their Area grantee Tribes have to discuss some critically important things about how the Area amount is then distributed to Area grantees and this varies considerably.

Currently, some Areas use simply a user population, divide up their money based on how many people are in each grantee site and they do it proportionally. Others use a formula that looks a lot like the national formula. Alaska, I believe, uses a formula which includes something that relates to how remote a site is. So there are many different variations on the formula and that's fine as long as the Area grantees all agree on the funding formula used for that Area. That's all that matters. It also matters that they decide on which data to use. We're going to use 2012 data; in the national formula but some of you may elect to use even more current data for whatever formula you use. For example, a user population-based formula might want to use the most recent user population data available which will be 2014. That is all up to the Area grantees to decide, and then some Areas may request what we might call some set-asides in order to provide some technical assistance to their grantees as long as the Area grantees are all in agreement then that will be fine too.

So those are all issues you'll be discussing with your Area Diabetes Consultants and others at the Area level as time goes by. That will happen a few months down the road most likely. So, that's another thing. So then once those decisions are all made and we know who has successfully applied, then the Areas will have to calculate the grant amounts for each grantee. So you can see this will take a little bit of time here coming up this winter. So grantees that through all of that formula calculation will be slated to receive more than they applied for will then have to submit some supplemental budget and program information to say how they plan to use those additional dollars. This will not be a full new application. Just some supplemental information but more will come on that much later. But just so you all know how we're looking at the grant amounts that will occur. So, bottom line for now, all of you apply, who are current grantees apply for the same amount that you're getting in 2015.

Okay. Budget period for FY 2016, this is another big change. Some of you have been hearing rumors about this. Way back when SDPI started, because it was difficult to get all of the applications done at one time and the funding all out, four budget cycles were created and have been going on for quite some time. Starting with FY 2016, we're going to go to one budget cycle so that this will be a lot simpler. It will help our colleagues in the Division of Grants Management to take care of their many commitments not just to SDPI but to other IHS Grants, and so we are going to a single budget cycle that will be based on the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.

So that is a big change but I think that once we've gotten through this first year, I think we'll all agree that it's simpler and more straightforward. Many Tribes use a calendar year, fiscal cycle or at least it will be closer to what Tribes are using for a fiscal budget cycle. So, we think that in the end, this will be a simpler and more straightforward for everyone, but transitions are always fun, right? So for current grantees, how will this affect your FY15 budget cycle? You guys have already applied for it on your 2015 money and even our cycle four grantees, you've gone through all that. How will this affect your 2015 budget? Well, cycle one is the one that goes from October 1 to September 30 each year and then you all -- therefore, if we made no changes, would run out of funding, so to speak between October 1st and December 31st before the new budget cycle kicks in. Well that doesn't work very well.

So what we're working right now, many of you know who are in cycle one that your Area Diabetes Consultant has been asking you and working with you to determine what your unobligated balance projection will be for the end of this current 2015 fiscal year so that any unobligated balances that you have, you will get a no cost extension to keep doing your services until December 31st 2015. For sites that do not have sufficient unobligated balances to cover that three-month period, we are determining what those amounts may be and we will provide supplements that will make sure that cycle ones all get through to the beginning of the new single budget cycle without any difficulties, without having any break in funding or difficulty with paying salaries and all those important things in those three months so that is being taken care of and that's being determined right now.

If you are a cycle one grantee that has not let your Area Diabetes Consultant know about this, you haven't sent in information about this, please do so right away because we need that information so we can work with Division of Grants Management to determine the amount of supplements that may be required here. For cycle two, you guys are the easy ones because the new budget cycle is your current cycle, so there will be no change for you. You've been on a January 1 to December 31 cycle. You guys are just going to keep rolling as you always have. For cycle three, there will be a three-month overlap for you because you've been starting, what, I believe April 1st, so there'll be a three month overlap with 2015 and cycle four, you'll have a six-month overlap.

So what does that mean? Simply that during those three or six months for you current cycle three and four folks, in your 2016 application, you'll just need to address very briefly how you will work with that overlap period. You've already committed to 2015 activities and services throughout the entire 2015 budget year. Those of course have to continue because you've already committed to those. So what you will do for 2016 with those overlap months, just let us know. Those are short periods. You may not want to start whole new services for that shorter time. So, if you have some onetime expenses related to diabetes, perhaps diabetes medications, diabetes issues, maybe a particular community service that you had in mind that can use some short-term money, you'll be able to use that overlap period to utilize those funds. So just mention in your 2016 application how you plan to address your three or six-month overlap if you are a current cycle three or cycle four.

So let's talk a little bit about the application and again we'll be talking a lot more about this in future webinars, so this is just a fast overview. As soon as those application materials are available, as soon as that FOA is out, read it. Read it from start to finish. Obviously, it's just scintillating reading; just kidding, FOA's never are but they are important. It's important that you understand what the eligibility requirements are. It's important that you know all the components that you will be required to submit and be responsible for. The FOA, includes things like the overall point value for that all important fundable score, a possible 100 points - you have to achieve a score of 60 or greater in order to be funded. So, the major categories for those point breakdowns within the application are there.

So please read that FOA as soon as it's available and as I've said, at this outset, we expect that FOA to be coming out within days. If not this week then next probably, but it is coming out soon, and once that hits the streets, you'll have 60-days to get everything in. You'll want to go to Grants.gov and download the Application Package which includes many of the forms that you will need to complete as part of your application. You'll also want to be sure that your organization is registered within Grants.gov and if you are not currently, it can take up to three weeks for you to complete all the steps necessary. So, start that as soon as you possibly can especially if your organization is not registered. You will need to complete the project narrative template so you'll want to take a look at that and fill that in as soon as you can. It's an important part. This is where you'll describe the activities that you want to do, the Best Practice you're picking, how are you going to select your Target Group, many important parts of the application.

We're going to have a lot of additional materials available on our website and if you know our website, www.diabetes.ihs.gov, we are going to do all we can to help you all through this process. So, there are a few process changes from last year, from our last year -- of course 2015 was a continuation year, and we're now to a competition year which we haven't seen since 2010. So, you'll notice in the FOA that we are using the term "cooperative agreement." A cooperative agreement is a form of a grant, if you will, and so we often just shorten it and call it a grant. Cooperative agreement actually is a term which more closely describes the relationship that IHS has with grantees and that we work with you very often. So when you see the term "cooperative agreement", just think grant and you'll be fine. They are very similar to each other and again we will often just use the term "grant" but you will see the term "cooperative agreement" in the FOA.

Most of you are familiar with submitting your continuation applications into grantsolutions.gov but for this competitive application, we have to use Grants.gov. So this will be a change from what

maybe you are used to and you haven't seen it since 2010, so we will be doing some trainings on Grants.gov and applications through that but you're going want to be sure, as I said a minute ago, that your organization is registered in Grants.gov. We will be talking more in a future webinar, the end of the month, about our new Best Practices so I don't want to say too much about that yet but they will be available on our website very soon and for those of you who are worried about this, almost all of you will be able to continue to do the same activities that you've been doing for your Best Practice work or you can change to doing new Best Practice work if you wish.

Some of the names of the Best Practices will change and there will be -- we will no longer be telling you where you need to do your Best Practices like the school-based, you can still do school activities but that won't be in the name of the Best Practice anymore. For those of you who've been doing case management, you can still use that as a great tool but you can use it now to help move the needle if you will or improve the Required Key Measure on a number of Best Practices. But the activities you do can stay very much the same so I want reassure everyone about that. The big change for the Best Practices, once you get used to a little bit of the name changes that we're going to collect data a little bit differently on your Required Key Measure so that we can combine that data across the country and show Congress just what the Community-Directed programs are doing and that you all are making a difference and we've never had that before, so this an important and exciting change for the Community-Directed Grant Program.

As it is a competitive application, once you all have turned in your applications which will be due sometime mid-September, we won't know that exact date until that FOA is released because it will be 60 days from then. But once those applications are turned in, there will be an eligibility review done by Division of Diabetes and also DGM and a full Objective Review Committee process. For those of you who have applied for other grants like through NIH or CDC or other entities, you are familiar with Objective Review Committees. They are pretty much what they sound like. They are committees of people who need to read each application, comment on that application, the committees discuss the applications, and then a score is determined based on that Objective Review Committee evaluation. That's where that fundable score, we hope they're all fundable score, will come from. So that Objective Review Committee process will take several months to get through the probably more than 400 applications we are looking to receive. So, that can take several months. It will take us through October and November of this year, almost certainly to get that accomplished. It's a huge, huge task.

Here's an important issue. I mentioned earlier that unlike 2010 when some people are able to turn in applications and then revise and revise even after the deadline, that won't be possible. But technical assistance to individual applicants also will not be able to be given by any of us involved with this grants process not by the Division of Diabetes, DDTP, not by Division of Grants Management and not by your Area Diabetes Consultant. If you contact one of us with the question of, "How can I find that recording of that webinar I missed?" We're happy to guide to where that will be. But if you have a question about how can I best fill out my project narrative template, I don't know what activities we should be doing, that's not something that we can provide TA on. So because the grants regulations are crystal clear that we cannot do individual technical assistance in that manner, we and DGM, our grants management colleagues will be providing multiple webinar trainings during the application period.

This webinar today is just a kickoff for that. We will be doing many more trainings. I'll show you a schedule of the next two which will be the end of this month, and then we will have several a week during August and into September so that you will have lots of advice about how to navigate through this very important and sometimes complex process of doing this application. So, we hope that with all of these multiple webinar trainings and all the resources that will be in our website that you all will have the information and help that you need to turn in great applications that will have sufficient fundable scores, so that we can provide funding. That's certainly our hope for everyone.

So we encourage you all to take advantage of all of those resources when you can't join these live sessions. As you are hearing, they will be recorded and available on the website once we are able

to get them into a format that can go up on the website. So usually within about a week or so after the live training, it'll be available as a recording on our website. But please understand that no individual technical assistance can be given. So if you have questions, and we'll talk about that in a minute, that you'd like answered as we will do here today, we will take questions that are provided on the live the webinar and then we will also take questions that you send in by email that we can then incorporate into the next webinar or into our Frequently Asked Questions document because it's critically important that all applicants receive any and all training and TA that is provided.

It's not fair if one applicant receives more training or help than another applicant, because if that other applicant does not achieve a fundable score then they would understandably not be happy that another site was given technical assistance that they were not and that helped the other site to be funded when they weren't. So that is why this is critically important that we provide all training to everyone and so that's the approach we're taking. We've been planning for this for months so we will do our best.

There are a number of resources for you all and once you have these slides, you'll be able to go to these links but you can just type these in and of course into your browser, you can go to Grants.gov once this is available, once we send out the email and the FOA is available on the Grants.gov website. Make sure you then download the Application Package. Check on that registration information we've been talking about how important that is, especially if you are an entity that has not applied before but all of you need to confirm that your organization is registered or if you're not registered to get registered and it can take up to three weeks for that to occur. There are number of steps that are required. There's technical support available regarding Grants.gov and that information. Those contact email and phone number are there. Our colleagues in the Division of Grants Management are excellent and are happy to help you with all the things that they're allowed to help with. So, please contact your Grants Management Specialist for your IHS Area if you're not sure who that is. When the FOA comes out, they will be listed there by Area, and there's the DGM phone number also.

So stay informed, keep checking the Division of Diabetes website and when you go to our website, you will see this new icon, that little turquoise thing with a little fillable application form in there and that SDPI Community-Directed FY16 grant application logo. That will help you to find things more quickly. We will have links from our homepage to the application webpages or you can go directly to the application webpages through that link there. So, stay informed, stay with us. The email lists are critically important. If we don't have your email, we can't let you know what's going on. So, please make sure we have it, the email address to reach us, with questions or to make sure you're on the email list is there, it's ihssddtspdcommunity@ihs.gov and that's also the same address that you should submit questions that you'd like to have answered at upcoming webinars if it's in between webinars and you think of a question you'd like to have us address. So, please stay informed, stay in contact so that we can do the best we can to help you through this process.

So I mentioned the next two upcoming webinar trainings. The next one will be on Tuesday, July 28 at three o'clock Eastern. This will be regarding the Community-Directed application orientation. So by then the FOA will be out and we can orient you to the application itself and to the process in more detail than we're doing today. And then on Thursday, July 30th, that same week, just two days later, we will give you an overview of those new Best Practices and tell you all about them and help you have the information you need to in order to select the Best Practice that you all would like work on at your individual sites. And then as I said before, we will be doing multiple webinars in all through August and into early September up until shortly before the application deadline, whenever that is in mid-September.

So we will send an email when the FOA is released. If we have your email, you'll receive that notification so be sure we have it. And once again, please, please be sure to get your application done early. You can turn in your application, for example, 30 days after the FOA is released and then spend the next 30 days going back in and checking it, being sure you've gotten everything submitted, taking a look at the wording you've used. Did we propose our activities that are good activities for our community? Did we describe them adequately? Think about it. Revise. You can

revise things up until the application deadline. So getting everything done early is really in your best interest because you can go back in and go, "Gosh! We forgot to submit something," and get it in or "Gee, we didn't do a very good job describing that really important community-based activity we hope to do. We better spruce that section up." You can do that. So early is critically important. Please turn everything in early or at least on time. We would love it. It would be great if every applicant achieved a fundable score. That is fine. We'll be delighted to have that occur.

We're not rating on a curve here guys. As long as everyone turns in a fundable application and get the fundable score, you will receive funding. So with that, we've covered a lot of information here and we intentionally scheduled ample time for questions and answers. So as Kelli said at the outset, please put any questions you have into that bottom left chat box that says "Enter Questions Here" and we will get to as many as we can. I'm seeing that we have available to also answer questions the Deputy Director for Division of Diabetes Carmen Hardin and also our great colleague in Division of Grants Management, Tammy Bagley is with us as well for grants-related questions.

So we're just going to take the questions pretty much in order and some of our folks behind the scenes are putting in those questions into a separate box, so we'll be trying to take them one at a time. So Kelli or Karen, can you guys put the first question up? It was there and it just disappeared.

Kelli Begay:

Yes, we're getting that.

Ann Bullock:

I'm actually scrolling up through the question tracker and we can do it that way, too.

Okay. Amy Ward asked, "2012 funding numbers, audit numbers, or Tribal community numbers as a whole?" Right, so the 2012 data will be diabetes user population which is an official number that IHS does every year. That's not something Division of Diabetes does. That's something IHS does. It's a very formal process that has a number of steps to it to ensure that we get the best possible user population numbers, not only for SDPI but for many things. Those user pop numbers are done. So, user pop numbers come from IHS. The diabetes prevalence numbers come from the national data warehouse and so that's where the prevalence numbers come from so they do not come from the audit, the diabetes audit; they come from those two sources.

Helen says, "If a program is not successful in the application process during this round, will they be able to apply next year?" Well, next year 2017 will be a continuation year, Helen, and so unfortunately, there would not be an opportunity until the next competition for anyone not successful this year that's why it's critically important for everyone to do a great job this year.

Rudy Papakee asked, "Will applications be awarded 100% of requested amount if they successfully submit application criteria or is it based upon the score?" The amount that will be funded will be the amount that is in 2015 and everyone who's a current grantee will apply for the same amount that they have received in 2015 so that's the number that should be applied for. So if an applicant successfully applies, they will receive that much funding again in 2016. Then, as we've talked about there may be and likely will be many sites that will receive an increase over that based on the new funding coming in and they will be notified to provide supplemental information. So assuming they applied for the amount they receive in 2015, and they have a fundable score in their application, then they will indeed be funded at that amount. So the amount of funding is not based on the score, so thank you for asking that question, it's critical to clarify that. The funding score does not determine how much you get; the application score determines whether you will be funded. Sixty or above, you're funded. Under 60, gosh, we wish that doesn't happen.

Okay. Ray A. says, "If we submit our application prior to the deadline, will we be notified if our application needs revisions or additional information prior to the deadline?" No, pretty much that

won't be possible. There are going to be so many applications. I do want to bring in Tammy Bagley. Tammy can you -- this is a good opportunity for you to say hi to everyone and to maybe address that question a little bit more, Tammy?

Tammy Bagley:

Good afternoon everyone. No, we will actually not have an opportunity because of the volume of the applications to look at them before we actually start the objective review this time because it's so late in the year. So, once you submit your application, unless like Ann mentioned earlier, I highly recommend that you take that time to go back and review the funding announcement and look at your application and make sure it clearly states an answer, all the criteria, the way you want to submit in your application because we will not have enough time to go back and kind of look at -- we see documentation and kind of contact you to get that from you.

Ann Bullock:

Great, thank you Tammy. So that's why it's important for everyone to submit early and then go back yourselves and check. There will be a checklist included with the application materials, so you won't have to be guessing about, "Gosh, did I get everything?" There will be a list so that you can compare what you've submitted against. So, please do use that application checklist. It's not a requirement to use it but please do use it.

All right, so question number five, "Will the Best Practices be released before the FOA so we can thoroughly review them?" They will be coming out. Well the FOA, as we said, it will be coming out within the next few days to a week or so. So the FOA will be out very soon. The Best Practices will be up on our website either just before or about the same time as the FOA so very close but we will get them. They're not long to review. They're not like the old ones that some of them are going multiple, multiple pages. Each one is really short, not even a full webpage, very, very succinct. So, it will not take you long to go through them so that's the good news on that.

Tammy, I'm seeing another question that we haven't gone to yet but it's an important one. I had said that they can go in and make some adjustments in Grants.gov to their applications. Can you address more the ability to make changes when something is submitted in Grants.gov, changes before the application deadline?

Tammy Bagley:

Sure. When you submit your initial application in Grants.gov, it will take that application and that will be your first application. If for some reason you want to update it or make changes and revisions to it and you resubmit it in Grants.gov, when we pull it down into our office, we'll see two copies of that application and we normally discard the first one because we're assuming that if you went back in, you made a revision or you made a change. So, you have an opportunity to go in but each time you do it, it will show -- if you do it five times, you'll have five different versions of your application. So we discard the first four and take the last version.

Ann Bullock:

Wonderful! Thank you, Tammy. So indeed, you can go in and make sure you've got the very best application you possibly can submit. Agnes Thomas asked, "Is the time period for submitting the grants 60 days? Are those business days or calendar days?" And Tammy, that's calendar days, correct?

Tammy Bagley:

Right, mm-hm, that's correct.

Ann Bullock:

Right. So if the FOA comes out, like I said the next week or so, it will be a mid-September date for the application deadline.

Tammy Bagley:

A part of the reason that it is the calendar days is because Grants.gov is open 24/7 except for holidays, so they can go and submit the application anytime.

Ann Bullock:

Right, great point. If you happen to enjoy working on weekends or late at night or that's just the only time you can find to do it, you and Grants.gov will both be awake to do it.

Stephanie Starks says, "I'm a cycle four grantee. Will they be taking leftover funds when the new grant period begins? How will that be working?" Well if Tammy can talk about more, SDPI dollars do not go away but we hope they get used. Tammy, can you talk more about that?

Tammy Bagley:

Yes, the SDPI dollars are X year funds, so your dollars will not go away from any of your budget period. What we can do is moving forward into that current budget period that you're in when you get refunded into this new cycle. So you still have your same amount of funding. It will not go away from your grant or your project.

Ann Bullock:

Great, thank you. So that doesn't matter what budget cycle you're on, that is the case. So even though the cycle fours will have a six-month overlap, that does not mean you're going to lose any money. You will not lose funds. We hope that you find great ways to serve your community by using those funds as Tammy was just saying.

Dawn Giberson said, "Is there an expectation that current HH grantees choose or not choose an HH-related Best Practice?" Well as the DP/HH initiatives per se will be wrapping up their work over the next 15 months to two-and-a-half years, there will be no current HH grantees to who will be doing separate work from their Community-Directed. But if what you mean, Dawn, is will the Community-Directed site that also currently has an HH initiative grant -- if they would like to, they have their choice as always as Community-Directed whether to pursue an HH-like activity or not. It is completely up to the site.

We hope that some of you will take advantage of all that's been learned by our DP/HH colleagues and propose activities that are like what they've been doing, but that is not a requirement for anyone.

Rachel Pyne. "Will Albuquerque have someone review our grant application before we submit the revised feedback and recommend revisions?" Ms. Pyne, not only will Albuquerque not be able to do that, but no Area will be able to do that. No Area Diabetes Consultants will be able to provide any feedback on individual applications, I'm afraid. That's part of that not providing individual technical assistance.

You are certainly welcome to work with people within your Tribe if you have a grant writer on staff or on contract. Whatever your Tribe or site wishes to do to get that assistance in that manner is certainly fine, but no one within this process, no one at DDTP or DGM will be able to provide feedback on individual applications. That's something that is really forbidden by Grants Regulations. Tammy, do you care to comment on that anymore?

Tammy Bagley:

No, you're absolutely correct, because this is an open competition and we cannot appear to be biased to any one of our grantees. They will not have any pre-reviewing of the application prior to coming to the objective review.

Ann Bullock:

Right, thank you. So, Arlyn Pittler -- I'm sorry if I mispronounce anyone's name along the line, but I say your names so you can perk up your ears and know we're hitting your question. If we are a sub-grantee, will we be judged individually (for a completeness, etc.) or as a group of all the sub-grantees? There are three that we know of, situations where there will be a primary grantee with sub-grantees. They are in three different Areas of the country, and no matter where you are, when a primary grantee elects to take on sub-grantees, the primary grantee is the one that is responsible for every aspect of the application and for monitoring and reporting on everything, including for their sub-grantees.

Sub-grantees will need to provide all of the same application information as the primary grantee about their own particular project, and they will need to give that information to their primary grantee so it can be submitted together. So the sub-grantee, it's the weakest link kind of thing. If you have a sub-grantee as part of a project that does not turn in a great application to their primary grantees, then the primary needs to say to the sub, "Hey, we need this better. This needs to be stronger because our entire application needs to be strong." So it's up to the primary grantee to work with each of their proposed sub-grantees to be sure their application is excellent.

Tammy, any other thoughts on that?

Tammy Bagley:

No, that's actually very correct. It is really the responsibility of that primary to detail everything that the sub-grantees want to do, what services they're going to provide to them as the primary and that simply is the synopsis in the primary grantee's application that will be reviewed by the reviewers.

Ann Bullock:

Great, thank you. I always like to have those things come from you, Tammy. First of all, you're the authority and secondly, you say it so well. So, I really appreciate you being on today and for all the great partnership with Division of Grants Management.

Tammy Bagley:

Glad to help. That's what we're here for. And that's another thing I want to express to all the grantees on the line. Please feel free to call our office with questions. I would rather have you call and do what we can to walk you through the process. There is no question that can't be answered. We will help you as much as we can and we'll work hand in hand with you to try to help you submit your applications.

Ann Bullock:

Excellent. And Tammy is meaning that separately from providing advice on your individual application but everyone is here to help you understand the process for the application, absolutely. So don't be afraid to ask a question. If someone can't answer it, they'll tell you but ask it, please.

Holly says, "What will they use for current data to determine funds? Will they use RPMS data? What if our Tribe does not entirely use RPMS?" Thank you, Holly for bringing up the RPMS issue. Don't worry for those of you who are at sites that do not use RPMS. That's not a problem. The data for

determining funds at the national to the Area level as I said is user population, diabetes, burden or related to prevalence and in the Tribal small size adjustments.

Two of those, the Tribal small size adjustment is a calculation, a very complex calculation that is used for many processes within IHS, not just SDPI. And as I said, user population is similar. I promise you that sites are very invested in making sure that their user population is counted. Even if they don't submit other data to the data warehouse, your Tribe almost certainly does provide information for those things. For diabetes prevalence, that does come from National Data Warehouse database. If you have a site that, RPMS and non-RPMS sites can contribute data to the National Data Warehouse. Again, RPMS or non-RPMS does not matter there, but even if you're at a site that does not submit data to the data warehouse because it's optional still for Tribes and urbans to submit, but nevertheless, unless your site is so uniquely different from every other site in your Area, your diabetes prevalence for the whole Area probably would not change significantly or really even measurably if you did or did not, your Tribe doesn't submit to the data warehouse. So I really wouldn't worry about that and there's no penalty for being a non-RPMS site, so no problem there.

Eric Bradford says, "Currently, our local Tribe has a Community-Directed Grant and our IHS facilities both for diabetes prevention and Community-Directed Grant. Will both the local Tribe and our IHS facility be allowed to receive a new Community-Directed Grant if we complete a quality application?"

In general, I don't know your specific situation, Mr. Bradford, but Tribes are the ones that have the right to apply for SDPI grants. If the Tribe applies for the grant, then their local IHS facility associated with that Tribe will not be able to apply. If the Tribe elects not to apply, it may say to the IHS facility, "Okay, you all can apply," and then the IHS facility would be able to apply. So, Tribes have the first opportunity here for that. So there are some situations where facilities serve multiple Tribes and so, I don't want to make a statement about your particular site because I don't know which situation you are in -- where you're at, but in general, that is true. But if you're at a site where the IHS facility serves multiple Tribes, not just one Tribe, then there may be an exception to that, but in general, that is true.

Tammy, even if I don't call on you, if you have something to add, please jump on in.

Tammy Bagley:

Okay, I will.

Ann Bullock:

Peter Byrne says, "Do you know how long after the FOA is released we will have to turn in the application, I've heard, 30 or 60 days. I'm just worried because I'll be out of town for a month starting next week." Gosh, that isn't good timing, is it? It is 60 days as we've been saying. It is 60 calendar days from the date that the FOA comes out in the Federal Register and is posted in Grants.gov, 60 calendar days. So, even though you'll be out of town for a month, hopefully, some of your colleagues can start or if it still has to come down to you, you can do it in that other 30 days.

Agnes Thomas asks, "Will the previous carry-over affect the FY16 amount or will it be taken into consideration?" Tammy, thoughts on that one?

Tammy Bagley:

Will the previous carry over?

Ann Bullock:

Yes. Their unobligated balances.

Tammy Bagley:

Well, if you're a 10/1 grantee, I think they're going to be using some of those unobligated funds through October through December. But if you have carry-over left and you're reissued an award for FY16, you won't lose those funds. You'd still be a competing continuation grantee. So, you still keep those funds with you as well until they're expended.

Ann Bullock:

Right. Only if there are some sites that have had very large unobligated balances where DGM has done an offset, is that right, Tammy?

Tammy Bagley:

Yes. And that would be something that would be considered as the new budget periods come up each year as we go along in the new funding cycle. When we look at what the unobligated balances are, and kind of determine whether or not we need to do offsets with those grants and kind of work with you to make those decisions. That is a possibility.

Ann Bullock:

Right. So the advice here is, we have to get through this very big transition year, but we certainly encourage you as we've been saying, please use your unobligated balances going forward. Get those spent in ways that are good for your community so that you can keep your unobligated balances down and won't have to worry about things like offsets for very, very large unobligated balances. Is that right, Tammy?

Tammy Bagley:

That's correct. That's absolutely correct.

Ann Bullock:

Great. Sunny Stone asks, "When will FY16 funding be available for spending upon accepted application for cycle 1 since 1/16 is three months past cycle start date?"

So we were talking about how we're going to take care of cycle 1 a little bit ago, so I'm assuming that Sunny joined the call after we talked about that. So, cycle 1's hopefully have all been working with their Area Diabetes Consultants to look at their unobligated balances to see -- because many have plenty to get them through those three months with a no-cost extension for those that do not have sufficient unobligated balances to fully fund what they need to do for that quarter. We are working with our colleagues in DGM and will be working on some supplemental funding for those sites. So no cycle 1 will be punished because they're first and we're going to a new budget cycle. So that process is already in the works. If you have not gotten with your Area Diabetes Consultant on this, please do so.

Dee Sabattus "Hey, Dee! In previous years, because of the size of our grant, we've experienced problems uploading our grant on to Grants.gov applications process. Will we have an opportunity to submit paper copies of our full application to DGM or DGO?" Tammy, that's a great question for you.

Tammy Bagley:

Awesome question. The answer to that is, possibility. Now, what we like to do because it is required that you submit electronically through Grants.gov, that is the HHS rule and policy for submitting new applications. However, that's the reason why we request that you start early, because if you are having some issues with getting your application in Grants.gov, the main thing you want to do is

make sure you contact them and let them know what issues you're having so they will have a record of when you actually initially started to submit your application and they'll also work with trying to help you get that application into Grants.gov. And if it turns out later down the line, then we have to issue you a waiver to submit beyond the electronic process and send us a paper copy. I would definitely have to have some type of documentations from Grants.gov showing that you did at least try to submit through Grants.gov, and if you get a tracking number from them when you call, that would be the information that I would need to kind of help me assess approving you to deviate from the required electronic process.

So if you're having any kind of issue with submitting the application, we recommend you definitely call the Grants.gov help desk and get that tracking number because that would be a way for you to see later on what you actually did to try to submit your application, what kind of problems you're having whether it's the system, whether it's the Area you're submitting from, and then I would have to make a determination about submitting on a waiver. So always start early because that really will help you with contacting Grants.gov.

Ann Bullock:

Great. Thank you, Tammy. So we know USET does have many sub-grantees so we understand that is a particular issue there. So, thank you for addressing that. LTBBF, "How will Tribes know how their respective Area will distribute funds? Who will be contacting Tribes to discuss these formula determinations from each Area and who within the Tribe will be contacted?" That will be somewhat an Area process. Certainly, your Area Diabetes Consultants would be the key person to stay in touch with about that as Areas make a determination.

However, many Areas have been doing this for quite some time. They've discussed which data to put in to their formulas and things like that for the last few years. So it's not like this is a completely foreign process for many Areas, but your Area Diabetes Consultant would be the best person to stay in touch with in regards to how your Area will work that. So I would refer you to them because that's not something that we at DDTP or DGM are a part of.

Margot Wright asks, "What happens to the cycles that overlap FY16?" As we talked about a little bit ago, cycle 3 will overlap by three months, cycle 4 by six months, and cycle 3 and 4 have already committed to activities through the end of their 2015 budget and project periods, so they will continue those activities. When they put in their 2016 applications, we just would like them to tell us briefly what they will do with those overlapped periods. And as you said earlier, those are especially the three months, but even the six months, that's a pretty short time, not enough time to implement and carry out a brand new activity probably, unless it's small but certainly, fine for one-time acceptable cost like buying diabetes medications or orthotics for your diabetic population and other sorts of things. There are many types of expenses that will be fine for cycle 3 and 4 to use with the FY16 money that will overlap with their 2015 money.

As always, it's a Community-Directed option so you will have lots of options there for how you will handle that overlap period. Just let us know in the application -- and as long as it's an acceptable use, it will be fine.

Lois Brown says, "Will success of SDPI-DP work be considered in Area funding allocation decisions?" We're delighted with how well some sites have done DP and HH work. Many sites have been particularly good within that but that's not a consideration for how funding will be distributed for Community-Directed. We would expect that a site that provided strong DP or HH activities is probably a strong site that will only bring even more strength to their Community-Directed work, but it will not be a factor in funding allocations.

Cynthia Hobbs said, "Our organization has been its own entity for a year, yet we don't have a single financial audit. Will that affect the outcome of the grant application?" Tammy, could you answer that one? They don't have an audit yet because they're still new.

Tammy Bagley:

No, that shouldn't affect the outcome of the application. They should still plan to apply.

Ann Bullock:

Great. And we know that there are some Tribal entities that have been recently Federally recognized or who have only recently developed healthcare programs that would have those kinds of audits and other sorts of documentations. So, as Tammy said, we're delighted to have those new applicants come into the SDPI process as well, and that you will not be penalized for being new. You just have to let us know those things in the application.

"When is the application for FY16 funding due?" Julie King's question. As we've been saying, it will be 60 days from when the FOA is released. Right now, we're anticipating that again within the next week or so. So there will be a deadline date of somewhere in mid September which we will know the exact date once we know the date the FOA is released.

Regarding Best Practices, Stephanie Stark asked, "Will they have other activities like in the past?" If I understand your question correctly, just as is currently true in 2015, your Best Practice work does not have to be all of what you do with your SDPI dollars. It has to be one thing you do, and for some sites, it may be the whole thing that you do. But for many others, it's just one of several things you use your SDPI dollars for, and that will continue to be the case in 2016. In fact, the project narrative will explicitly ask you about those other activities, so you can tell us about them. That will be great.

Lena Newell asks, "Who do you contact for TA help if needed?" As we've been saying, it depends on the type of TA help you need. If it's anything related to grants, as you just heard Tammy Bagley say, please call Division of Grants Management. Once the slides are up, their contact information will be there, and it will be on our website. If it's an issue about how to find the trainings or resources available around all of this, please contact Division of Diabetes. If it's a problem with uploading to Grants.gov, or completing any of the forms on Grants.gov, as you saw on the slides, it will be available soon with this recording. You'll have contact information for them as well.

So it really depends on the type of TA help that you need. But if it's individual help with your application in terms of describing your activities or how can we talk about what we do in this way, that's the sort of thing that kind of TA won't be able to provide. But otherwise, there'll be lots of TA about process issues.

Marilyn Epley asks, "What is a fundable score?" As I said a little while ago, out of a total score of 100, a fundable score will be 60 or higher. And in the FOA, you will see how at least the major categories are broken down within the total possible score of 100 to hopefully achieve for everybody, a fundable score of 60 or above.

Lyndsay Killian says, "Can I be added to the webinar/budget information list? We're in transition and do we need to be on all webinars?" Yes. Please, as we have been saying, please make sure your email address -- that we have it.

Kelli or Melanie, I assume that anyone who signed in with their email today, if they are not already in our database, they will be added to it, is that correct?

Kelli Begay:

Yes, that's correct.

Ann Bullock:

So, sign in here. If you have not, otherwise, once this recording is out, you'll see that there's an email address at IHSDDTSPDPIcommunity@ihs.gov email. That will be a great place to send that to. So that we're sure that we have your email address so we can let you know about everything that's upcoming because we certainly want to do that.

South Dakota Urban says, "IHS/Tribes to meet their goal, apply for the same amount they received in the past. Does it apply to urbans?" Yes. Thank you for asking that clarification. The same is true for urban programs. Just like Community-Directed for IHS and Tribal, we'll be receiving more funds overall as I mentioned. Urbans overall will receive a total of \$1,000,000 above what was given to urbans in 2015, but because it's not yet known how many of you, we hope all, but how many of the urban applicants, eligible applicants will achieve a fundable score. We don't know exactly how much of an increase each individual program will get. And just like the Areas, the urban programs will need to work with IHS' office of Urban Indian Health Programs to determine whether they wish to make any changes to their funding formula as well. So for all of that reason, yes, urbans should apply for the same amount they received in 2015, just like their IHS and Tribal colleagues.

Mr. Bradford asked, "If the site has both a current Community-Directed grant and a current DP or HH grant, then the 16 application should be for total funds for both current grants?" Thanks for asking that clarifying question. No, DP/HH is a very separate entity, and as you've been hearing, it will be winding down over the next up to possibly, two and a half years, certainly at least, the next 15 months. So no, the amount that Community-Directed applicants should apply for is the same amount that that Community-Directed applicant received in 2015. That does not include any DP or HH funds that may have gone to that community or organization.

South Dakota Urban says, "Is there any funding difference for an application of score 60 and one that might score 89, or once you score 60, you get your fully funded grant?" Yes, 60 and above, that's the threshold. What your score is above that does not determine how much funding you get. We'd love everyone to have these beautiful fabulous applications and everyone get 100, but it just matters that you get 60. Get 60 or above and then you will be funded at least at the amount that you received in 2015. But hey, it's great to be even better than that, because those applications that have higher scores, they really are coming from programs that really have a vision for what they're going to do in a clear path for how they want to get there.

So please, do this as you always have done. Do the best by your communities and aim for a high fundable score, not because the score itself matters above 60, because above 60 is all that matters for funding, but because the activities and projects that you want to do to your community have that kind of quality and vision to them.

Stephanie Stark asks, "Is there a time they release FOAs like 5 a.m. or they are just submitted as it comes along?" Well Tammy, I believe it's going to be released first of all, in the Federal Register. I don't think there's a particular time. It's kind of when it gets there, isn't that right?

Tammy Bagley:

Right. That's correct. They don't have a specific time for release. It will just be on the day that it hits on and it's usually three days after we send it down to be posted. You'll see it on the Federal Register first so that may be your first place to check. And three days after that, you'll probably see it within one or three days posted on the IHS Grants Policy website, and I'm sure DDTP will post it on their website and it will also be in Grants.gov. So it will be in several places where you can go and take a look at it. The applications of course will be only in Grants.gov.

Ann Bullock:

Great, thank you for that, Tammy. Maggie Miller asks, "Is the format of the application the same as in the past or is it finally updated to be more functional?" Well, Ms. Miller obviously has not been a

fan of the previous applications. A lot of it is really dictated by general grants policies and requirements that come down to us from the department. So I'm not sure which part you've been unhappy with in the past. The project narrative which we do have control over, we think and hope that you will agree with us that it is very much related to the activities that you need to tell us about and the information we need to collect.

So we certainly hope that the parts we have control over, you will find it to be useful and helpful. But many of the things that have to be included in the application are things beyond our control. Tammy, other thoughts on that?

Tammy Bagley:

No. I kind of agree with you. There are a lot of things that we'd like to have in there a little differently, but unfortunately, we do have to follow the standard guidelines for HHS and OMB for all of our agency's funding announcements. But hopefully, it will be very constructive and user-friendly when you take a look at it.

Ann Bullock:

Great, thanks. Liz Hunt has a similar question. "Will the new application be significantly different from the current?" If by current you mean, different from the continuation application that you filled out for 2015, then the answer to that is definitely, yes. A competitive application is much bigger, harder, complex, lots of things more than a continuation application. If by current you mean, the current continuation application, yes, it is significantly different because it is a competitive new FOA application.

One of the Me-Wuk Indian Health Team asks, "On the narrative portion of the grant, should we be keeping it simple or is more better?" We'll talk a lot more about this in our webinars of the last week of the month that we've announced, but it's somewhere in between. As complete as is needed to clearly convey the activities that you intend to do, the target groups you intend to select, et cetera, but going on and on is not helpful. Imagine you are a member of an objective review committee team and you are looking at an application where war and peace looks like a short magazine article. You're going to get tired and your eyes are going to cross. So, imagine if you are a grant reviewer, what is it you would want to see? We'll talk more about this. We need to assume though that some of our grant reviewers on those objective review committees may not know a lot about Indian health or certainly, about your particular site, so where you need to include information on that, please do. But there's no point for going on and on. I remember hearing that Charles Dickens was paid by the word which is why some of his books are as long as they are. We are not paying you by the word here. Use the ones that are needed to convey what you need and they will be grateful if you don't go beyond that.

Having brought up the issue of objective review committees however, I do want to mention, and Tammy can help comment on this, that we will be looking for objective view committee reviewers and we would love to have some of you be objective review committee members. Obviously, you won't be reviewing your own applications or that of your Area compadres, but we will be glad to have people who wish to participate in the grant review process because many of you know this situation better than most, and who better to help us with this process than you. Tammy, other comments on that?

Tammy Bagley:

No. I agree with you, 100%. We will welcome anyone who wants to be a panel member or a reviewer. If you would send your name and email to paul.gettys@ihs.gov, we'll make sure we put you on our list and forward your names on to DDTP, and even some of our other IHS programs that are definitely looking for panel members to serve on their program review.

Ann Bullock:

So, Paul Gettys -- Melanie has put Paul Gettys' email address into the "enter questions here" chat box. So it's paul.gettys@ihs.gov. We would love to have some of you all --many of you all on our objective review committees. That would be fabulous, so please do. As Tammy said let Mr. Gettys know if you are interested in being a reviewer on this application.

All right. Dr. Glifort asked, "Will we make available the collection of Q&A today for later reminder?" We will have a transcript of this recording as part of -- that's part of why it takes us a week to get these up on the website. It's not that we don't get around posting them, it's that it takes us a week to get recordings transcribed. So a transcript of this recording which will include all of the Q&As will be available on the DDTP website in about a week.

Someone who didn't give a name said, "Recommendation was made to go into Grants.gov and start completing forms ahead of time where the form is located. Would it be better to wait for the entire package to start completing? Will the application be in the same package format as 2010?" They need to wait until the FOA is released to go into Grants.gov, is that right Tammy?

Tammy Bagley:

Yes, that's correct. You have to wait until we post the application package according to the funding announcement number and we don't usually do that until after it shows up in the Federal Register. At this point, I don't really recommend going into Grants.gov and starting an application because it won't be pointed in the direction of the Special Diabetes 2016 funding announcement.

Ann Bullock:

Right. So when we said "early," we didn't mean ahead of the FOA. We meant within minutes -- well, soon after the FOA is available to go into Grants.gov and check on registration and all the rest of those things. Thanks for that enthusiastic question, but give it a couple of days until we let you know that the FOA is available and it's posted in Grants.gov.

Tammy Bagley:

I will say just in terms of the registration process, they can start that at any time. In fact, it's recommended that they start that as soon as possible just to make sure they have all their credentials to be able to upload their application and submit their application to Grants.gov.

Ann Bullock:

Well, that's a great point, Tammy. Thank you for making that. That is important. So for those of you who do want to get a jump on this, you can't go in and get the FOA and the application package, but you can start making sure that your organization is registered at Grants.gov. You don't have to wait for the FOA for that. Thank you. That is a critically important point. Thank you.

We're about to hit question number 37, and 75 have been submitted and we have only five minutes left. So if it's okay for some of you, we can go a little bit past 4:30 eastern, but we may or may not be able to get to every question so we will look at the questions we don't get to, to make sure that we're answering them on future webinars. So just know we are keeping track of all your questions. We're doing our best to get to as many as we can.

Judy Reuter says, "Will a current progress report with data to date be part of the application?" I'm not sure what you mean by that, but we will not be looking for data that come from your 2015 work because that would be biased against the sites that have not had an SDPI grant in 2015. Certainly, if you are looking to talk about the work you've been doing, that is fine, but we'll not be requiring

data in that same sense to be part of the application. If I'm not catching the drift of your question, let us know.

Lauren Daniels asked, "You said that we can change our grant content after we submit it. It's not something normally offered in Grants.gov, will it be an exception?" Actually, the reason I asked Tammy to address that question, Ms. Daniels, a little bit ago is I saw that question pop up so I think you've already had your answer which is that you can go back in before the application deadline date and edit your application. It will show up as a second application. DGM will look only for the most recently submitted application, so the answer is yes, it can be adjusted and that's the way it would happen.

Jessica Cupp says, "What kind of prevention activity should be justified at DP as not the Best Practice chosen? Should diabetes prevention Best Practice be added as Best Practice on a single audit item Best Practice like Eye Care?"

We'll be talking a lot more about the Best Practices, and I think it's the July 30th webinar, but there's no Best Practice that is the full Diabetes Prevention Program activities. Sites that are wishing to do prevention work will most likely be choosing either the nutrition education or physical activity education Best Practice, and there's a wide range of activities that can be proposed to meet the required key measure criteria for those Best Practices. So, no worries. People can continue to do both whatever they are doing for their wellness activities in their communities even if they don't have the resources do a full Diabetes Prevention Program and Native Lifestyle Balance Intervention. And of course they can continue to do other activities such as making sure that they're taking of as you suggest, Eye Care or whatever other activity they wish.

Julie Flesch says, "Leftover, after all qualifying clinics receive their funds or funds that are left over, will that be distributed amongst the qualifying programs or does it make this competitive based on performance? Are smaller than can be more efficient and larger programs struggle always with funding?"

There will not be leftover funds in terms of once we go from national to Area level, all of the grant funds will go to the Areas. At the Area level, the Areas will not be divvying up the funds until it is known who has successfully applied and all of that other information that we talked about, what the funding formula is, et cetera.

The Areas will divide up all of the funds to the successful applicants in their Area so there will not be leftover funds. We certainly understand that many of you understandably feel that the quality of your services are very good, and is it possible to give extra funding to sites that are especially strong? It's not part of the Community-Directed project.

Ever since 1998, Community-Directed funds have been divided up by formula realizing that we have large sites, small sites, everything in between. We have strong sites and sites that struggle, but that everyone, all of our American Indian/Alaska Native people need services related to diabetes prevention and treatment. The other thing we know is that over the years, and you all know how it is. Like me, you all are at local sites and you know that sometimes, you have strong staff who really do a great job, and then you lose some of them and you go through a period where you struggle until you can rebuild and regroup and get back to being strong again. We don't want to penalize sites that are going through those upheavals because they come to almost all of us, if not all of our programs. We do not take into consideration some measure of quality in that sense beyond the quality of the application and making sure the people are meeting all of the grants requirements. That's the level of quality that we can do with this kind of program.

Jeanette Mann says, "Has everyone received their 2015 award letter? Sorry, just signed in, in case this is already addressed." Have all the NOAs for Cycle 4s gone out for 2015? Tammy, do you know?

Tammy Bagley:

I'm not so sure. I have to actually check in the office and see.

Ann Bullock:

Okay. So, if all the Cycle 4s for 2015 haven't gone out, they certainly will very soon. So perhaps, Ms. Mann, if you're looking for your award letter, if that's the case; check with your grants management specialist to make sure that there's no glitches in getting your Notice of Award if you're a Cycle 4 grantee.

Stacy Cullen said, "I was advised to go ahead and ask for letters of support from our Tribal board of directors. Will both Tribal letter support and Tribal resolutions be accepted or should I wait for the FOA to find out which is preferred?"

Ms. Cullen, we will certainly be addressing that in the upcoming webinars, but since you bring that question up now, and for many of you, this does take some time. The answer to that question is, again, this would be in the FOA -- if you are an urban Indian organization, you will need a letter of support from your board of directors. If you are an IHS applicant you will need a letter from your facility, preferably, your chief executive officer or his or her designee. If you are a Tribal applicant, you will need a Tribal resolution, and you will need a resolution from every Tribe that you serve. If it's just one Tribe, one resolution. If your program serves more than one Tribe, you'll need more than one resolution. We know that takes some time to achieve to get on Tribal councils, agendas, et cetera. Since you're asking that question, we'll go ahead and discuss that right now.

You will not be able to substitute a letter of support from a Tribe. You will have to have a signed Tribal resolution. We know that these processes I just said take some time, so starting on that now is good. If you cannot get the full signed Tribal resolution by the application due date, then you must submit a draft resolution as part of your application package before the application deadline date and then there will be a date on the FOA by which the final signed travel resolution must be submitted. Some of you -- and I think I saw one of the questions popping up on the chat is that some of you have resolutions, your Tribal organizations that have resolutions from your component Tribes that kind of give you an overall resolution to apply for things like SDPI. If that's the way you operate then those would be acceptable in lieu of a new resolution from every Tribe. You would need to submit the resolution that gives you that authority though, as part of your application. Tammy, did I leave anything out on that? Tammy, are you still with us? She might have had to drop off. But you will see in the FOA that that is spelled out, but it will sound -- hopefully, looks just like what I just said.

We have a similar question. "If we are both DP and HH Community-Directed in 15, will we submit the combined funding amounts." Okay, that's similar to what we already answered. The answer is, "no." DP/HH funds are completely separate and independent of the Community-Directed program. When you apply for FY16 money as a Community-Directed program, you will apply for the same amount that you had in FY15 as a Community-Directed program.

Now, we're at the bottom of the hour. Many of you may have to drop off. We're at the end of the time we set up for this meeting, but we can keep going for a little bit longer since we still have many questions to address. Those of you who have to drop off and can't hear the rest, we understand. Again, this will be posted on our website within about a week with the transcript and the recording.

Hualapai asks, "Our Tribe had IHS funding to complete a community assessment. Based on the local administration of the BRFS, the Tribe's data on diabetes program significantly differ from local IHS data. Can we use the Tribe's prevalence data?" The short answer is, no, and you don't need to. The prevalence factors in to the formula at the Area level, not at the Tribal level, unless your Area has picked a formula that includes diabetes prevalence by site. So that would be something you'd want to address with your Area of discussions as to how you would want to look at diabetes

prevalence by site if it's part of your Area formula. So that's not an issue at the national to the Area level, so no worries on that.

Ray A. asks, "What source is to be used for the user pop?" As I said, IHS does a very formal, very complicated and very complete process every year to determine the official user population data for not only individual sites but for your Areas. It's the Area user population data that goes into the formula for SDPI just as it goes into other funding decisions. So the official user population calculation that IHS does is what is used for SDPI.

Travis Watts asks, "Can applicants begin the registration process in Grants.gov before the FOA is released?" I'm sure Travis, you put that in after Tammy answered that question. The answer is, yes. You can do the registration process in Grants.gov before the FOA is released. You can go into Grants.gov right now and make sure your organization is registered and if it is not, to begin that process. Again, it can take up to three weeks for the completion of all of those steps, so, please do.

Jamie Sweet out in California says, "Will the Cycle 4 programs have the opportunity to drop the FY15 Best Practice midyear to move to the 2016 Best Practice?" Not exactly, Jamie. Everybody has already submitted applications for FY15 and we all have to live up to whatever we promised to do with our 2015 funds. So, rather than Cycle 4s dropping something, what they'll need to do as we've been talking about is just account in their FY16 application for that six-month overlap period and how they will use their FY16 funds during that time, whether it's to augment what they're already doing for FY15 or not. But as you're also suggesting in your question, will they have to do a 2016 Best Practice? Yes, they will. That's part of the deal for FY16. If they are doing the same Best Practice or same activities, at least as they are in 2015, then that's not a problem. If they are switching to a new Best Practice for 2016 because they want to change the activities they're doing, then they can run both in parallel for that time period. It's up to the site.

Hi, Bernadine! Bernadine Toya says, "Grants.gov was used prior to grantsolutions. If the program was already registered with Grants.gov, will the program need to register again?" All right, Grants.gov is used for competitive application. So anyone who did that in 2010 or has done it for a different grant program should check in Grants.gov to be sure that their organization is registered. Hopefully, they are still, but no way to know until you go in and take a look but hopefully, they are.

Gloria Zuniga says, "Will we submit the budget for the same amount we've been applying for in the past years?" Yes. As we are saying, all current SDPI Community-Directed grantees who are applying in 2016 should apply for the same amount that they are receiving in 2015, yes.

Another question. "For new applicants, what audit is going to be required?" For sites that have not been part of SDPI in the past, some of you will be able to obtain audit reports from local facilities that have been maybe around longer than your health program has, and some of you will not. You will see in the FOA and in the project narrative that that is addressed. Don't worry, your situation is accounted for here. No one will be penalized if they are new applicants.

Arlyn Pittler asked, "Could you talk more about not losing funds you already have if you have more money than you thought at the close of 2015- you still keep and be able to use? We are Cycle 1."

So as we are saying, for our current Cycle 1s, to go to this new calendar budget year period there, we will need to get all of our Cycle 1s through that three months gap between the end of their 2015 and the beginning of their 2016 budget periods. If you have any unobligated balances, they must be applied to the three-month period. If you have unobligated balances beyond what is needed to take care of that three-month period, you will not lose those unobligated balances. As Tammy said, they will go forward with you. SDPI dollars do not go away. We hope that you will come up with great ways to serve your community by using a carry-over request to request to use those funds going into the new FY16.

This is Lisa Ledl, I think is the name. "As the specialty services program unfolds and we utilize a specialist, will they be a sub-grantee?" I'm afraid I'm really not following that question at all. Perhaps, you can type in something to clarify that. I'm not sure what you mean by "specialty services program unfolds."

Arlyn Pittler asking, "Can a sub-grantee change and be a primary grantee? Would we have to do anything special?" In FY16, in many ways, everything starts from scratch. If a site -- a Tribe has been a sub-grantee to a primary grantee and wishes now to be a stand-alone primary grantee, they may do so. They will need to read the FOA carefully, be sure that they are able to do everything that is required for a stand-alone primary grantee and of course, they'll have to submit everything that primary grantees do, but they would have to submit basically, the same information even as a sub-grantee to a primary. So, there will not be a significant difference. The answer to your question is yes, sub-grantees can become primaries if they wish. And, they do not have to. They can remain part of a sub-grantee/primary grantee relationship if the primary grantee wishes to continue with that, or they can change. It is up to them. "Would we have to do anything special?" Beyond what I've just said, just applying as a primary after you're sure that you are able to do everything a primary stand-alone grantee has to do, that's what you have to do.

Molin Malacay says, "Where will new grantee funds come from? the Area?" I'm not sure what you're referring to. Are you talking about the funds that are coming from the addition of the DP/HH funds? Not sure, but the increase of funds from the national to the Area level will be coming from that merging of DP/HH funds and the Community-Directed and from that \$1,000,000 that formerly went to the CDC's Native Diabetes Wellness Program.

Margo Wright asked, "With the overlap of Cycle 4, do we have the option to budget no-funds with the FY16 for the first six months, or did you say we can use funds in 16 to fund other activities written in the 16 narrative?" The latter. If you have an overlap, please do good activities or purchase good one-time things for your community using the FY16 funds. You will need in your FY16 application to provide descriptions of activities that will encompass the entire budget period of January 1 to December 31, 2016. So, you certainly can do other things with those FY16 activities we've been talking about. It's up to you. You can use them to augment your 2015 activities or do something separate. It's up to you all, but your 2016 application will need to encompass the entire budget period.

Amy asked, "What if the grant has been taken away from the Tribe and is now in IHS's hands? The Tribe wants the grant back. Can we both apply?" I'm not sure on the status of the Tribe in regards to their finances taken away due to misuse of funds. We talked about that all federally recognized Tribes are eligible to apply. There are a few Tribes across the country that have had significant problems to the extent that they may not be able to be considered for new federal funds. That's something that we at Division of Diabetes have nothing to do with. That is something that the Tribe needs to work out with its Title I or Title V contracts or contacts, so I can't speak to your situation, Amy. But if the Tribe is one of those very few that has that significant of problems, then that needs to be clarified first.

But assuming that your Tribal site is okay to apply, as we've been talking about the Tribe has the right to apply for the grant first. If they elect to not apply for the grant, then they can allow their IHS facility to apply for the grant instead. I hope that answers your question. It depends on your specific situation with your Tribe.

Helen Bradbury asks, "Will we have to pay back funds out of FY 2016 if we need an additional amount of Cycle 1 grantees?" If a supplement is required -- and again, many of you will not need supplements as Cycle 1s because many of you have enough to carry you through for three months. But for those of you who do not, if a supplement is requested and granted, you will not have to pay it back because it is not your choice that we're going to a new budget cycle. It is because it works better overall for the grant program and the agency. So no one will be penalized by having to pay back any supplement funds.

But any unobligated balances must be applied to this. You can't say, "Well, gosh, we had something else in mind for our unobligated balances so we're just going to request more for our supplement." It won't work that way. You have to use your unobligated balances first. But any supplemental funds awarded will not have to be repaid.

"Cycle 3 mid-year reports due September 15th. Will due date be after the mid-year report due date?" We don't know for sure if this application will be due before or after September 15. It really depends on when this FOA is released. Again, that will probably be within the next week or so. Today is July 15th. I'm assuming that the application due date will be after September 15th because I think that would be --. Go ahead.

Melanie Knight:

This is Melanie. I just wanted to add on to that too. Gloria, we also did post some Q&A sessions. The mid-year report is a fairly short report. It's only three pages long. So take note of those Q&As. I know one thing that some ADCs and others are encouraging is to go ahead and knock that report out as quickly as possible so you guys can focus on your applications. But I just wanted to highlight that there are Q&As out for that mid-year report and that it is a fairly short report.

Ann Bullock:

Great. Thank you, Melanie. We know it's tough to be living up to your 2015 obligations while you're undertaking the large process of the 2016 competitive applications, so appreciate that you're often having to do more than one of these at a time. Your question is very understandable. And as Melanie is saying, at least we know that the mid-year report won't be too much of a burden on you.

Kathy Canclini asks, "Is the old formula being used for urbans with 1,000,000 or larger pot of set-aside money being used?" Kathy, we've already talked with IHS' office of Urban Indian Health Programs and they will be talking with all of the urban grantees just like the Areas will be talking with their grantees, everyone who successfully applies to determine whether or not you all would like to continue to use the same formula you have been using, and which data to put into that formula. That will be up to the urbans as a group who successfully apply for 2016.

Just like we've been encouraging people to talk with their Area Diabetes Consultants, if they're IHS or Tribal about how that Area process will work, I would stay in touch with the IHS Office of Urban Indian Health Programs regarding the conversation that will take place among the urban grantees.

Amy Ward says, "New Tribal resolution for the grant or use the past SDPI Tribal resolution of support?" It depends on what that past Tribal resolution said. If it said that you can apply for SDPI grants without coming back to the Tribal council and you can do that up well beyond 2016, then what you have may work. If it was a one-time permission to apply for a grant from the Tribal council, then you would need a new one. So it totally depends on what that Tribal resolution says and what dates it grants you all the authority to put in an application on behalf of the Tribe.

Someone without a name said, "I heard currently that we can go into Grants.gov now to complete standard forms." You can go into Grants.gov now as Tammy Bagley said a little bit ago, to confirm or start the registration process for your organization.

If you are not sure or even if you think you're sure that your organization is registered, it's better to confirm it by going into Grants.gov. If you are pretty sure your organization is not registered, please go in and start this because it does take several weeks for it to happen. So you can go in to work on the registration. You can't get to the FOA until it's released, or the Application Package. But the registration, you can.

Lori Tait says, "I would like to know if we no longer have our AOR, what to do?" Okay, AOR, help me with that abbreviation.

Melanie Knight:

Authorized representative.

Tammy Bagley:

Hi, Ann! I'm here. I'm back with you guys.

Ann Bullock:

Just in time to talk about an AOR.

Tammy Bagley:

Yes. As Ann mentioned earlier, you do need to go into Grants.gov and make sure you check to see who you have registered as you AOR. And if you're going to appoint someone else to be that representative for your organization, they're going to have to be registered with Grants.gov as well. The only one who can approve an AOR for your organization will be your EBIZ point of contact. And if you contact Grants.gov, they will be able to tell you who is listed probably as your EBIZ point of contact. They would then have you submit the name of whoever is going to be your new replacement AOR and then they will send an email message directly to the EBIZ point of contact who will, in a sense, open up that email message and approve that person electronically.

It is a process, as we said before. That's their way of verifying that the EBIZ point of contact, who is the person who is going to speak for your organization, actually does give the authority to your newly appointed AOR which would be the authorized representative, the ability to act and speak and submit an application on behalf of your organization. So you want to contact Grants.gov and see who you have listed, and by all means, update that information with them. If you no longer have certain people listed as the AOR with your organization, you want to make sure they disable them so that they're not doing anything in Grants.gov on behalf of your organization without your permission.

Ann Bullock:

Excellent, great timing, Tammy. Because Grants.gov lingo is not one I'm as familiar with, so great timing to answer that question. And about that, Urban has been putting in a nice brief tutorial in the "Enter Your Questions here" chat as well. "AOR, Authorized Organization Representative." So if we didn't have enough alphabet soup already, here's one more. Good to know. Great.

Kathy Canclini again saying, "Will the other activities be forced into the Best Practice format with the stats and target pop, et cetera?" "Forced into," interesting terminology. The Best Practices of course have clinical or educational areas that you all would choose to focus on and will need to pick a Target Group for and figure out how to report back data on a Required Key Measure which we'll talk more about in future webinars. The other activities still need to have their own "Who will you be serving" and "how will you assess or evaluate whether you're successful with those other activities?" so you won't have to do the Required Key Measure, there is no RKM for the other activities but you should have a plan for how you're going to evaluate whether that other activity was successful, whether it produced the results you hoped to get.

It will be a similar format to how we'd like you to think about your other activities as the Best Practice, but there will not be an RKM; and while we want you to pick a Target Group, not quite as formal one as for the Best Practice, but something similar because we all want our activities to have a goal and

then we should measure to see whether we're working successfully toward that that goal with whatever activity, whether it's a Best Practice or otherwise. So it will be similar to, but not the same.

Hi, Monica in California! "Will the 2015 Diabetes Web Audit Report be a required attachment? Is this dataset the one to be used for setting baselines?" That's something we'll talk a lot more about later. But Karen Sheff, if you're on and can give a quick answer to that, would you?

Karen Sheff:

Sure thing. Well, Annual Audit Report for 2015 will be a required attachment for applications as to whether this dataset is the one to be used for setting baselines, in this case the Target Group for grantees may not be the entirety of everyone that's in their Audit. So the Audit data is good to use for planning and maybe guiding some of your planning process.

But in terms of that being the baseline value, for some people it will be and for some people it won't. And as Ann said, we'll be going over that a lot more in some of our future webinars.

Ann Bullock:

Great, thank you. I knew you'd give a better answer than I could in a short time. Thank you, Karen.

A clarification requested. "For FY16, we request the amount of SDPI funds we received in 2015 and do not include the amount we also receive for HH." That is correct. DP/HH are separate and have nothing to do with funding for Community-Directed. If your site has currently a DP or HH Initiative grant, that is a separate thing. When you apply for 2016 Community-Directed funding, you'll apply for the same amount as you received in your Community-Directed grant for 2015.

Liz Hunt says, "We have had our Community-Directed grant for over five years and it has stayed the same but our costs have increased. Please clarify if we cannot request more funding." Ms. Hunt, we covered this in the slides. And again, we're going to have to wrap up here in just a couple of minutes, we're at the top of the hour. But when we started in the slides, we addressed that. The funds from DP/HH that will be merged into the Community-Directed for FY 2016 will indeed increase the amount of money that's available at the Areas. Whether every single grantee will receive an increase remains to be seen, but many will.

And so, we completely understand your point that, effectively, you've lost dollars because of the cost of inflation. The number looks the same but what you're able to buy with it has changed quite a bit since 2004 when the last funding amounts were determined for grantees. We completely feel that pain. Mr. McSwain, the IHS Acting Director has as well. That was one of the things that factored into his decision to combine the DP/HH funds with Community-Directed, because without an overall increase in SDPI, the only way we could provide some relief and provide some more funding for at least many Community-Directed grantees is through that.

So we agree, please don't request more than you're getting now, as we talked about in the slides. So if you weren't online with us at that point of the presentation, you might want to listen to the recording when it's available. But there will be more information later about sites that do end up with an increase in funds over what they apply for and they will just need to provide a short supplemental budget and program information on the use of those funds.

Jessie Hecocta -- hope that's close. "Should we expect to pay Tribal training in our new application submission?" If you are planning training or travel as part of what you do, it should be part of your budget, yes. Of course, make sure it's reasonable and in accordance with the objectives of your grant.

Tammy, since you've joined us back in, we're coming up close to the top of the hour and we're going to have to hop off at that point. We're already almost a half hour over our time. But Tammy, any last-minute thoughts on those or other issues?

Tammy Bagley:

No. What you said about the budget was correct. I think the concern for me is just to make sure that we're stressing this Grants.gov login which is really very important to have the credentials there. That is the basic start of the process so that's very important to start early and make sure they have those credentials in and the AOR and the EBIZ point of contact set up so that they can submit their applications before the deadline.

And also, to remember to contact either one of the two offices between grants and your program office, Ann. In case anything comes up, we're here to help. Oftentimes, we can help you with getting through the process of logging in and helping you submit your application. As soon as you know you're having a problem, definitely make sure you get in contact with the Grants.gov website and get that tracking number and then call. Even Paul can help you, or anyone in the grants office can try to help you spearhead through getting that application in.

Ann Bullock:

Wonderful. Thank you for bringing that point up yet again, Tammy. It's so important that people get right on that registration process. And as you've been hearing and as Tammy told us a little bit ago, you can start that now. The registration in Grants.gov, you can start right now. The rest of it in Grants.gov will come when the FOA is released which we'll let you know about.

One last question from Shanna, "Will there be a cap on IDC or indirect cost rates?" That has to do with the approved indirect cost rate your Tribe has negotiated. We do not determine IDC. The indirect cost rate agreement is negotiated and approved and that is the indirect cost that you should be using in your application if you're requesting indirect cost.

With that, we're two minutes to the top of the hour. They've nicely put up the slide again that has our two upcoming webinars. Please put them on your calendars. Tuesday, July 28 at three o'clock eastern, we'll be talking much more in depth about the Community-Directed application, the FOA itself, the application itself, walking you through all of that. Melanie Knight will be doing a lot of that for us. She is very knowledgeable in those things, and we'll hopefully have one of our colleagues from DGM available again as well. They're so helpful, we appreciate that.

On Thursday, July 30 at three o'clock eastern, we will talk in depth about the Best Practices, the new Best Practices. We'll show them to you. They're much briefer as we've said. And indeed, you'll be able to continue the same activities that may be called something different, or not, some of them have very similar or same names. But you'll see how we're going to be able to better collect data using these new Best Practices. Please do plan to join us. Or at the very least, please plan to listen to the recordings when we have them up about a week later.

We know we that we got to question number 71 out of I think, about 85. There were about 14 questions we did not get to. We will review those questions and we will be sure that we provide answers on those upcoming webinars. We will do the very best that we can to answer all questions on these webinars.

Thank you to all of you. We hope that every one of you that comes from an eligible organization submits an application that will have a score of 60 or above and everyone gets funding. We think that would be just the best outcome possible here, because all of our communities need SDPI funds and your good activities to work on diabetes prevention and treatment with our community members.

With that, I thank all of you. I thank my DDTP crew who did a great job making sure everything flowed well here. And we very much thank our colleague Tammy Bagley and DGM for being here with us today and for their partnership so that we can all work together to make SDPI work. Thank you, everyone.