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BREAKOUT SESSION 2:
BIA CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

Moderator: Roger Drapeau
Recorder: Pamela Norris

Handouts: BIA CSC Policy Update Power Point Presentation
FY 2007 CSC Shortfall Report
BIA CSC National Policy Recommendation
CSC Issues Summary from Sonosky, Chambers et al.

Harry Rainbolt:

- Brief history of the evolution of DCSC Policy into comprehensive CSC Policy.
- Policy ends pro rata distribution; establishes permanent CSC workgroup.
- Review of 3 CSC funding pools: 1 = ISD fund; 2 = main CSC fund; 3 = new approps. Description of funding patterns of past couple of years.
- Basically, the only way to get 100% funding is to either drop the indirect rate or pray for new approps.
- Over recoveries go back into pool 3.
- Will not meet congressionally mandated due date for shortfall report but won't miss it by much. Office under staffed.

Rhonda Butcher:

- Report on CSC Workgroup efforts to date.
- CSC implementation issues: FY 2008 shortfall report incomplete; no consistency among the Regions; inaccurate, particularly regarding exclusions; no consistency re: schools within policy; lack of understanding of policy in Agencies and at Tribes; over-recoveries in 2008.
- Workgroup knows what needs to be done but just can't get it done.
- Workgroup dates: May 19 meeting with Carl Artman; June 20th completion of CSC shortfall report; July 21st workgroup meeting in Albuquerque; July 22nd CSC Training Presentation to Awarding Officials.
- CSC Workgroup is not a consultation venue.
- Shortfall report not a high enough priority within BIA. Administrative staffing is a problem.

Greg Anderson:

- Policy issues for consideration: Pool 3 distribution at 50% bottom up and 50% across the board vs 100% bottom up.
- Over recoveries should be returned to pool 3 for national distribution instead of remaining at the Region.
- IDS should be distributed as first come first served instead of pro rata.
- Start up funds in year one only vs rolling over into pool 3.
- Want TBAC assistance to prioritize CSC and change the ISD fund to recurring annually at 2 million.

Nick Longley:

- Review of FY 2007 Shortfall Report.
- Description of process of CSC Indirect Rate negotiations with NBC.
- Great fluctuation in funding - 11 tribes over-recovering and some tribes way under funded. Need a statistician to straighten this out.

Comments:

- FY 2007 SG Shortfall Report prepared by Nick Longley is the best we've seen.
- Concern about confusion between pool 2 process and assessment of a Tribe's need. Need to collect Indirect Cost Rate information early in fiscal year to assess need before dong anything with pool 3. Waiting for the shortfall report is too late.
- Move cautiously before deciding to fund in any other way than 100% bottom up.
- Regarding "first come first served" policy – learn something from the problems with the old IHS ISD queue list.
- Has anyone determined what a Tribe's FY 08 need is? No – not yet.
- Need to pursue a fixed cost component to account for inflation. DCSC doen not compensate for it.