



CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

July 21, 2011

ATTENDEES

Robin Danner
Heidi Cuny
Gerald Sherman

Lisa McComb
Bill Spurlin
Lisa Stebbins

Kim Pate
Donald Strickland
Lori Larson

NOTES

1. Appropriations for the CDFI Fund are currently at \$183 million and and \$12 million set aside. The CDFI Fund seems to be in favorable light by both the Republican and Democrat sides.
2. Donna Gambrell will announce the Hawaii NACA awards at the Native Hawaiian Convention. No news yet on a specific date for announcing the rest of the Native NACA awards.
3. August 22nd at the Native Hawaiian Conference NCAI will have a listening session / roundtable on access to capital.
4. The South Dakota Indian Business Alliance is currently starting a research project with CFED on the small business development environment on South Dakota's nine Indian Reservation's. Tanya Fiddler and Kim Pate will share results at a future meeting.
5. There are a number of groups working to ensure that HUD housing counseling programs stay funded. Robin Danner tossed out an idea to propose that the CDFI Fund fund this type of housing counseling. Tanya Fiddler suggested speaking with Beth Cooper to get any new information. Tanya Fiddler will draft a letter to support funding of housing counseling on behalf of NCN. Kim Pate volunteered to collaborate on the letter.
6. We have seven newly certified Native CDFIs. Our current membership has 25 out of 66 certified Native CDFIs on board.
7. NCN submitted a proposal to Northwest Area Foundation for a Social Enterprise training grant. We will hear the results in September. NCN is also in the process of submitting an SBA PRIME capacity building grant proposal. NCN received \$25K from Heron to help grow our membership. Tanya Fiddler has been speaking at National events and distributing NCN materials to raise awareness of the network.
8. Robin Danner presented the member profile on Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. A PDF of the member profile was sent out to NCN members.
9. Tanya Fiddler brought up the issue of collaboration and wanted to point out that it was a great way to have an edge on competition and to attract more funding.
10. Robin Danner announced the Native Hawaiian Convention and provided highlights.
11. Tanya Fiddler encouraged members to take the NCN survey and to send in their news stories, recent successes, or questions on challenges so that we could get this information out in our newsletter.
12. Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011.