



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for June 21, 2022

Time: Start 1:00pm **End:** 3:40 pm **Place:** Virtual meeting

Chair: Shelly Begay, Human Services Department (HSD) Native American Liaison

Committee Members/Call In: Nicole Comeaux, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) Director; Stephanie Moore Combs, Steven Chavez, Vida Tapia ISD; Shelly Begay, Tribal Liaison OOS; Theresa Belanger, MAD Tribal Liaison; Colinda Vallo, BHSD Tribal Liaison; Lorelei Kellogg and Melodee Kohler, MAD; Ezra Bayles, Taos Pueblo; Lena Gachupin and Craig Sandoval, Kewa Pueblo; Ed Ackron Santa Ana Pueblo; April Reuben and Patrick Aragon, Laguna Pueblo; Lonna Valdez, Jicarilla Apache

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introductions	A moment of silence was in place of the invocation. Introductions were done. New BHSD Tribal Liaison – Colinda Vallo was introduced. She will be sharing her time between IAD and BHSD. Colinda mentioned the Tribal 988 calls that occur monthly, and anyone is welcome to attend. We need Tribal input at these meetings.	Completed	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of March 21, 2022 minutes	One change was noted – Ed Ackron is with Santa Ana Pueblo not Sandia. The other change was that the meeting began at 1:00 pm not 2:00 pm Changes was made to the minutes.	Completed	All	Completed
III. Medicaid Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1115 Waiver Renewal updates • Tribal Listening Sessions • PHE updates (Melodee) • Post-Partum • Legislative Proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A formal Tribal Consultation is scheduled for June 24, 2022 from 10-12 This is a Tribal consultation on implementation of the 988 system for Mental Health emergencies. The meeting is a hybrid between in person and zoom meeting. Tribes have the option if they want to participate in 988. For the consultation, MAD is encouraging Tribal leadership, Tribal law enforcement, and Emergency Response Services to attend. 988 goes live in July 2022. We have been working with Stephane Poston on communication to Tribal communities. • Waiver Procurement - Effective April 2022 CMS approved extending post-partum Medicaid beyond the current 60 days to 12 months. (NM has the highest maternal mortality of any state.) This coverage is for miscarriages as well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ezra from Taos Pueblo asked if the home visiting program is going to be included in the waiver or is it still a pilot project? The response was we want to get information out to stakeholders to expand past the pilot program and offer this service statewide (Alanna Dances). 	Ongoing Request for NA numbers completed (6,000-7,000)	Nicole Comeaux, MAD *NATAC members will get with their Tribal leadership and see if they have received the information that was sent out on this. Lorelei Kellogg, MAD	Next NATAC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Public Health Emergency (PHE) – Lorelei Kellogg said CMS will give us 60 day notice when they plan to end the PHE. We will have at least one more extension since we didn't receive communication by May 15th. We expect another extension and the earliest people would transition off Medicaid would be January 1, 2023. MAD is projecting that 90,000 people would not be eligible for Medicaid once the PHE ends, and of that group about 6,600 Native Americans would lose coverage. MAD has been sending out information but only 10% of the 90,000 have responded. A turquoise envelope will be sent out as well for people to respond. If they are not eligible for Medicaid, they will be referred to the Exchange for coverage. Theresa is already working with IHS to get people renewed for Medicaid now and assisting with referrals to the Health Insurance Exchange whenever possible. The federal government changed the income guidelines to 150% for free coverage. Posters will be going out. Please post them and help us get as many people as possible coverage. • Tribal Listening Session was held April 26, 2022 via zoom/in person. Ezra asked how often the 1115 Waiver is renewed. The 1115 Waiver is renewed every 5 years. At the last NATAC Cynthia Aragon, attorney with CYFD, went over the Kevin S. Settlement. The new waiver is recommending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Single MCO to cover all Children in State Custody (CISC) ○ Recommend changes for Traditional Healing Services More Tribal input will be sought on these recommendations. • Please let us know of any legislation you would like us to support for 2023. Everet Apodaca is our legislative contact. His email is everet.apodaca@state.nm.us 		Nicole Comeaux	
IV. Income Support Division (ISD) updates	<p>Stephanie Moore Combs and Steven Chavez provided updates today. NM has the highest percent of SNAP recipients. For 2 years applications didn't have to be updated. As of 01/01/2022 applications are now required. We were able to extend the SNAP renewals due to the wildfires. Everyone will be extended to 6/2022. ISD is aligning SNAP and Medicaid renewals so that both are due at the same time. ISD is also applying for any federal waivers that they can.</p> <p>The State of New Mexico will be submitting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) State Plan for FY22-24 and would like to engage tribal departments such as Tribal elder and/or senior centers, Tribal WIC programs, Tribal Day schools, and Tribal Special Diabetes programs to engage with staff on a listening session scheduled for July 19, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm. Invitations to Tribal leaders have been sent out notifying them of this listening session.</p>	None	ISD – Karmela Martinez Shelly Begay	Next NATAC

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V. NATAAC	<p>Shelly Begay started by saying “The NATAAC Tribal communities are the nuts and bolts of NATAAC and we want you to collaborate on what you need from NATAAC.” A discussion began</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Americans benefit from Medicaid and how the State benefits from the 100% FMAP. • How do we know what Tribes can/can’t bill to Medicaid? It is difficult to navigate. • Should NATAAC be where Tribes can say “These are the problems we are having. How can you assist?” • Some NATAAC members see this as an advisement group. There is a difference between seeking advice before something is implemented vs. informing Tribes after the fact. • We need to be more interactive at NATAAC. For example, New Sunrise RTC needs to get going again. What is happening with that? Why is it closed? • NM needs to accommodate services for our adolescents. • How can we prompt conversation? It is pretty quiet at the Tribal Consultations. • The TAG (Tribal Advisory Group) runs the agenda. For example, TAG members (brought up) Community Health Aides and makes recommendations and IHS does/doesn’t accept the recommendations. • We need to have a separate meeting before NATAAC to see what members want to discuss at the next NATAAC. • “I feel the meetings have veered since the PHE.” Suggestion: BH goal – to increase available crisis intervention services in Native communities. PHN/CHR reimbursement – where is that at? The agenda needs to have a place where (NATAAC) goals can be discussed. <p>Nicole – Tactics would be where we assign who would do what. Group agreed to keep the current NATAAC goals. Nicole will send some ideas on how CHRs can get reimbursed.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Theresa will ask NATAAC members for agenda items.</p> <p>Nicole will get some ideas on how to reimburse CHRs</p>	Shelly Begay - OOS	Next NATAAC
VIII. Closing, meeting cadence for 2022	<p>Meeting cadence for NATAAC for 2022: September 19, 2022 1:00 pm December 19, 2022 1:00 pm Theresa will send out an email before next NATAAC requesting help with the agenda items. Meeting adjourned 3:40 pm</p>	Send email one month before next NATAAC to develop agenda	Theresa Belanger MAD	Next NATAAC

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger July 11, 2022