



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for September 19, 2022



Time: Start 1:00pm **End:** 4:11pm **Place:** Virtual meeting

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

Committee Members Call In: Nicole Comeaux, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) Director; Shelly Begay, Tribal Liaison OOS; Theresa Belanger, MAD Tribal Liaison; Colinda Vallo, BHSD Tribal Liaison; Alex Castillo Smith, OOS; Lorelei Kellogg and Melodee Kohler, MAD; Elisa Walker Moran, Deputy Director MAD; Alanna Dancis, Medical Director MAD; Ezra Bayles, Taos Pueblo; Lena Gachupin, Kewa Pueblo; Ed Ackron, Santa Ana Pueblo; Lonna Valdez, Jicarilla Apache; Emily Haozous, Ft. Sill Apache; Leonard Montoya, Ohkay Owingeh; Ryan Martinez, Nambe Pueblo; Tracy Sanchez, Exec. Officer AAIHS.

Guest speakers: Elisa Wrede, OOS; Guarav Nagrath, Margo Swift, Kyle Edrington, Chris Dickerson, Craig Schneider – Health Mgt. Associates

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introductions	Leonard Montoya from Ohkay Owingeh provided the invocation for today's meeting. Introductions were completed.	Completed	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of June 21, 2022 minutes	No changes were noted. Minutes approved.	Completed	All	Completed
III. Medicaid Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1115 Waiver Renewal updates 	Based on feedback from a meeting that was held August 15, 2022 with NATAC members, the agenda and topics changed for this meeting. Nicole Comeaux provided updates on the Draft 1115 Waiver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NM Medicaid is a CMS and State partnership - \$4 out of every \$5 goes to Medicaid. • The 1115 demonstration waiver allows us to try new ideas (every five years) such as housing stability. • Nicole went over the list of notices that have been sent out and listening sessions that have been done up to now. • There are 16 new initiatives for this draft demonstration waiver, 2 of which are Tribally focused: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reimbursement for Traditional Healing – a budget amount that NA MCO members can draw down from with no questions asked. ➤ Continuous Medicaid coverage for children up to the age of 6. ➤ One MCO for Children in State Custody (CISC). MCO will be experts with this population of kids. Not specifically for NA kids. NA kids can stay in FFS or one of the 3 MCOs. NM TIC (Tribal Indian Child Welfare Consortium) felt choosing an MCO is difficult right now. IHS is always going to be one of 	Ongoing	Nicole Comeaux, MAD	Next NATAC

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	<p>the primary networks for providers. Tribal 638s and IHS want to be the primary provider for these kids. That includes urban Indian children.</p> <p>A question was asked “Who makes the choice of whether the Native American child is in an MCO, the specialized MCO or FFS?”</p> <p>Response: The resource family, the adoptive family, the Tribal worker or the family can make that choice.</p> <p>Ryan Martinez shared the difficulty he had getting their program set up with the MCOs. “Two of the MCOs have been amazing. One was challenging to work with. A lot of people don’t understand how a Tribal 638 works.”</p>	Set up a call with Nambe Pueblo and Kewa Pueblo with Conduent and BCBS	Theresa Belanger	2 weeks
<p>IV. Primary Care Alternative Payment (APM) Model</p>  <p>09.19.22 NATAAC Meeting.pptx</p>	<p>Elisa Wrede from OOS introduced Health Management Associates to talk about new ways to pay for primary care in NM. The change is coming from the Primary Care Council to revolutionize care in NM based on high quality primary care and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Equity • Payment Strategy • Work Force Sustainability • Health Technology <p>This design rewards performance for better outcomes. The team from HMA discussed an Alternative Payment Model for NM Medicaid.</p>	Theresa will provide HMA contact info to Tribal 638s and First Nations that may also benefit from this info	Theresa Belanger	Completed
V. BHSD Update	<p>Colinda Vallo, Tribal Liaison for BHSD provided the following updates 988. The average speed of response is 28 seconds. There are only 2 mobile crisis teams currently operating in Tribal communities – Navajo Nation and Jicarilla Apache Tribe. Colinda also mentioned RFP funding available for Tribes wanting to create their own mobile crisis team or join with other local Tribal communities to set it up.</p>	RFP information was shared	Colinda Vallo	Next NATAAC
<p>VI. Review of Tribal Notifications</p>  <p>Written Tribal Notifications for Q2 2</p>	Theresa Belanger briefly went over the list of Tribal Notifications that were sent out in the past 3 months	Completed	Theresa Belanger	Next NATAAC
VII. HSD Updates	<p>HSD is serving over 1 million New Mexicans. Field offices are open but for limited hours. Starting in 10/2022 ISD needs people to respond to notices to recertify. Electronic notices will also go out for active customers. Karmela sent out a letter in July regarding access to SNAP and Medicaid.</p>	Completed	Karmela Martinez	Next NATAAC

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VIII. NATAAC meeting recommendations	Shelly Begay discussed with team the changes NATAAC members would like to see in these quarterly meetings. We are planning to implement these changes in future NATAAC meetings. One of the changes is to have less time spent on updates and more time on technical assistance for Tribes in Medicaid billing, how to access information on Medicaid pilot programs, and discussion on topics that are more relevant to Tribal NATAAC members. Ezra Bayles will assist Theresa and Shelly on developing the next NATAAC agenda.	Agenda based on NATAAC membership needs	Theresa Belanger, Shelly Begay, Ezra Bayles	Next NATAAC
IX. Kevin S.	<p>Cynthia Aragon provided an update on the Kevin S. settlement in which the State of NM was sued on behalf of 13 former foster children. Under the settlement CYFD/HSD agreed to do 4 things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A - Trauma-Responsive System of Care • Appendix B - Least Restrictive and Appropriate Placements • Appendix C – Indian Child Welfare Act • Appendix D - Behavioral Health Services <p>https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&p=e4d9d8ef2dc6cbc3JmltdHM9MTY3MDE5ODQwMCZpZ3VpZD0wNGQyMTIjYi1IMmNhLTY2OWUtMDE4OC0xNzE0ZTNmNzY3NmImaW5zaWQ9NTIzNA&ptn=3&hsh=3&fclid=04d219cb-e2ca-669e-0188-1714e3f7676b&psq=Kevin+S+settlement+with+NBM&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9jeWZkLm9yZy9rZXZpb1zLXNldHRsZW1lbnQtZG9jdW1lbnRz&ntb=1</p> <p>A question was asked “How are we meeting the needs of urban Indian children in State custody?” CYFD response “CYFD will need to work with resource families to enable children to be in touch with their Tribes. Tribes need to be invited to all of the meetings.”</p>	Cynthia Aragon, CYFD		
X. Closing, meeting cadence for 2022	<p>Meeting cadence for NATAAC for 2022: December 19, 2022 1:00 pm Theresa will send out an email before next NATAAC requesting help with the agenda items. Meeting adjourned 4:11 pm</p>	Send email one month before next NATAAC to develop agenda	Theresa Belanger MAD	Next NATAAC

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger

September 26, 2022