



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for June 27, 2019

Time: Start 1:30pm

End: 3:30 pm

Place: Santa Fe

Chair: Dr. David Scrase, Secretary, Human Services Department (HSD)

Committee Members: Angela Medrano, HSD Deputy Secretary; Nicole Comeaux, Medicaid Director; Theresa Belanger, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) NA Liaison; Megan Pfeffer, MAD Deputy Director; Chris Habgood, Deputy Director BHSD Policy and Prevention; Karmela Martinez Income Support Division (ISD) Director (acting); Dr. Leonard Thomas, Albuquerque Area IHS; Anthony Yepa, Cochiti Pueblo; Jean Pino, Zia Pueblo; Iris Reano, Cochiti Pueblo; Rick Vigil, Tesuque Pueblo; Emily Haozous, Ft. Sill Apache; Leonard Montoya, Ohkay Owingeh; Ezra Bayles, Taos Pueblo; Erik Lujan, All Pueblo Council of Governors

Call In: Dr. Jill Jim, Navajo Nation; Mary Scott, Laguna Pueblo; K. Dempsey, Navajo Area HIS, Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo

Absent Members: Dr. Rufus Greene, San Felipe Pueblo; Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo; Brandon Smith, Sandia Pueblo

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introductions	Former Governor Rick Vigil gave the invocation. Introductions were done.	None	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of minutes	There was a typo on page one under Governor's Health Care Priorities and Legislative Update. There was a correction to the minutes under ISD updates. There was a request for comment on the proposed work requirement at the federal level for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) for SNAP benefits which ended 4/02/2019. Corrections have been made to the March minutes.	None	All	Completed
III. Introduction of Human Services Leadership	Secretary Scrase introduced three new members to NATAC – Russ Toal HSD Deputy Secretary, Nicole Comeaux Medicaid Director, and Chris Habgood BHSD Deputy Director.	None	Secretary Scrase	Completed
IV. Indian Health Service Presentation	Dr. Thomas from Albuquerque Area IHS presented on the history and status of IHS. IHS has been here since 1955 and serves federally recognized Tribes. There are 12 regional areas within Indian Health Service and Albuquerque Area is under the Dallas Regional Office and the Navajo Area is under the Phoenix Regional Office. Albuquerque Area IHS serves almost 84,000 patients. The following are some Preventive Health Initiatives IHS is working on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on reducing diabetes and cardiovascular disease • Telehealth 	None	Dr. Leonard Thomas	Completed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Awareness (zero suicide) • Coordination of efforts with internal and external partners • Increase in pediatric wellness (breastfeeding, up to date immunizations) • Improve patient care to achieve a Patient Centered Medical Home 			
V. All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) Update	Erik Lujan from the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) said APCG passed a resolution fully supporting CHRs and their funding. This includes monitoring contracts with CHRs and helping CHRs contract with MCOs.	Schedule meeting with CHRs and HSD	Erik Lujan	Next NATAAC
VI. MCO issues - Community Health Representative (CHR) contracting	<p>Jean Pino provided information on the role of CHRs in Tribal communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHRs have been serving Native communities for over 50 years • Each CHR works under the Indian Health Care improvement Act under IHS • Each Tribe is unique when it comes to CHR duties • Currently there are five contracts between CHR programs and the MCOs • The contracts are very lengthy and difficult to understand • The contracts need to be reviewed by the Tribal legal team before Tribal leadership can sign them. Tribe and legal team have other priorities so contracts take time for a legal review 	Ongoing	Jean Pino Iris Reano	Ongoing
VII. Highlights of the State Tribal Leaders Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a directory of all cabinet secretaries and liaisons, including key contact numbers and description of services provided • Provide training to Tribes for Medicaid eligibility and Medicaid enrollment • Funding should be provided directly to Tribes rather than funneled through state or local agencies 	None	Russ Toal/Theresa Belanger	Completed
VIII. Medical Assistance Division (MAD) Centennial Care 2.0	<p>Nicole Comeaux provided the following Medicaid updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement regarding provider rate increases eff. July 1, 2019 • The Medical Assistance Division move from Pacheco Street to Plaza La Prensa in Santa Fe • The CC 2.0 amendment was submitted in March 2019 to CMS. MAD is still waiting for final approval from CMS reinstating retroactive Medicaid to 90 days rather than 30 days 	Next meeting	Nicole Comeaux	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) plan was approved by CMS in May, 2019 			
IX. Behavioral Health Services (BHSD)	<p>Chris Habgood had the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate increases for BH services is effective January 1, 2019 Supported Housing is starting July 1, 2019 BHSD is going out and providing technical assistance for services 	Next meeting	Chris Habgood	Ongoing
X. Income Support Division (ISD)	<p>Karmela Martinez provided the following ISD updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She is proposing a space at the Tribe so a case worker can take applications and verifications and conduct interviews. This will hopefully make the application process less intimidating ISD is creating a Tribal Monthly Statistical report to show services received by the Tribe There are federal changes coming to the Food Stamp program related to Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD). These changes will be as early as October 2019 or March 2020 	Next meeting	Karmela Martinez	Ongoing
Other	Former Governor Vigil asked about the BHSD Tribal liaison position. That position will be rolled into the HSD Tribal liaison position which is currently open. The website is https://careers.share.state.nm.us Native American Liaison (HSD/OOS #7278)	None		Completed
Next Meeting	Next meeting scheduled for August 14, 2019 at 1:00 pm at AAIHS	Albuquerque Area IHS, Directors Office	Theresa Belanger/OOS	August 14, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger
Recorder

July 24, 2019
Date