



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for March 21, 2019

Time: Start 1:30pm

End: 3:30 pm

Place: Albuquerque Area IHS

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

Committee Members: Angela Medrano, HSD Deputy Secretary; Theresa Belanger, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) NA Liaison; Megan Pfeffer, MAD Deputy Director (acting); Wayne Lindstrom, BHSD Director; Karmela Martinez Income Support Division (ISD) Director (acting); Brandon Smith, Sandia Pueblo; Sandra Winfrey, AAIHS; Dr. Leonard Thomas, AAIHS; Anthony Yepa, Cochiti Pueblo; Jean Pino, Zia Pueblo; Iris Reano, Cochiti Pueblo; Dr. Rufus Greene, San Felipe Pueblo; Rick Vigil, Tesuque Pueblo; Lynn Sarracino, Acoma Pueblo; Kimberly Washburn, Acoma Pueblo.

Call In: Emily Haozous, Ft. Sill Apache; Dr. Jill Jim, Navajo Nation; Dolly Narang, San Ildefonso Pueblo; Leonard Montoya, Ohkay Owingeh; Michelle Tafoya, Santa Clara Pueblo; Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo

Absent Members: Nicole Comeaux, Medicaid Director

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introduction of HSD Leadership	Former Governor Rick Vigil gave the invocation. Introductions were done.	None	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of minutes	December 10, 2018 minutes were approved. There were no comments or questions.	None	All	Completed
III. Governor's Health Care Priorities and Legislative Update	<p>Dr. Scrase said Michelle Lujan Grisham would like HSD to implement programs that get matching dollars from the federal government. New Mexico has a high Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate. The Affordable Care Act/Expansion added 250,000 people to Medicaid and brought \$10 billion to the NM economy.</p> <p>HSD Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every person entitled to benefits receives them • Rebuild the behavioral health network in New Mexico • Rebuild primary care and rural health services in New Mexico • Reduce bureaucracy for providers in New Mexico • Redesign how we do things. • Collaborate more (with Tribes) 	Ongoing	All	Ongoing
IV. Top 3 Priorities for NATAC members	Dr. Scrase asked each NATAC member for their top three priorities for NATAC. Priorities identified were:	Ongoing	All	Next NATAC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue/increase reimbursable services for IHS/Tribal clinics to bill • Increase behavioral health services (detox centers, suicide prevention for vets, trauma informed care, human trafficking, database for missing/sexually exploited people, expand treatment for behavioral and mental health, mental health first aid) • Meet with National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) to educate on ISD services • Explain benefits of Medicaid, BHSD, Child Support and ISD services • Work on ISD issues with Sandoval County ISD and Tribes • Increase Native Americans enrolled into Medicaid. Provide translation and transportation to ISD • Increase PE Determiners in Tribal communities • Improve literacy around Medicaid application process (what paperwork is needed at ISD) • Make navigating the health care system easier for people • Address the delay for Medicaid/SNAP eligibility decisions • Need for culturally informed care and more geriatricians • Need for more long-term care facilities in Rio Arriba county • Include urban Indian population for behavioral and medical services • Ask HSD to work with CMS on declaring UNMH as an "IHS like facility" • Increase the 100% FMAP funding through Care Coordination Agreements (CCA) with non-Tribal/IHS providers • Expand the 100% FMAP to long term care services • More one on one Tribal consultations • Have Governor Lujan-Grisham attend an All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) meeting • Work on barriers to change legislation • Status of MMIS-R • MCO contracts with Community Health Representatives (CHRs) needs downsizing • The State of NM meet the State/Tribal Collaboration Act • Update NATAC on the 1989 Consent Decree 			
V. ISD Update	<p>HSD received grant from Food & Nutrition services to provide more one on one services to people who need it. Plan is to implement within 24 months. There is also a proposed rule change to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) requirements for the Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD). NM would lose the statewide waiver as of October 1, 2019. Karmela provided the link for individuals/Tribes to submit comment on this. The comment period end date is April 2, 2019.</p>	Ongoing	Karmela Martinez	Next NATAC

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VI. Centennial Care Update	<p>HSD has requested that CMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove copayments for Medicaid Remove premiums for Medicaid Expansion adults Reinstate the 90 day retroactive eligibility <p>MAD is increasing the slots for community benefits by 1500.</p> <p>MAD is working on a home visiting pilot project in NM. The new Early Childhood Development Department will manage the pilot project</p>	Ongoing	Nicole Comeaux/ Megan Pfeffer - MAD	Ongoing
VII. BHSD update	<p>BHSD reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescriptions for opioids is going down and quantities are smaller New Mexico opioid associated deaths went from first in the nation to 17th place Tribal communities wanting training on dispensing Naloxone can contact BHSD. BHSD will send someone to the community PAX Good Behavior Games - a primary prevention tool, has been implemented this year in BIE schools State Targeted Response (STR) grant – grant gets people trained/certified to administer suboxone. Program is run through UNM Sate Opioid Response (SOR) grant – grant has greatly expanded harm reduction and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in New Mexico 	Ongoing	Dr. Lindstrom BHSD	Ongoing
Next Meeting	<p>June 27, 2019 - Santa Fe</p> <p>*First and third NATAC meeting will be in Alb. Second and fourth will be in Santa Fe</p>	Set up location	Theresa Belanger/OOS	Next meeting

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger
Recorder

April 30, 2019
Date