



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for September 25, 2019

Time: Start 1:00pm **End:** 3:30 pm **Place:** Medical Assistance Division (MAD) 1 Plaza La Prensa Santa Fe

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

Committee Members: Angela Medrano, HSD Deputy Secretary; Kari Armijo, deputy Medicaid Director; Theresa Belanger, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) NA Liaison; Megan Pfeffer, MAD Deputy Director; Chris Habgood, Deputy Director BHSD Policy and Prevention; Sandra Winfrey/Tina Valencia, Albuquerque Area IHS; Anthony Yepa, Kewa Pueblo; Jean Pino, Zia Pueblo; Iris Reano, Kewa Pueblo; Rick Vigil, Tesuque Pueblo; Leonard Montoya, Ohkay Owingeh; Dr. Rufus Greene, San Felipe Pueblo; Valyn Candelaria/Valerie Namoki James, San Felipe Pueblo; Sam Peinado, ISD Bureau Chief, Program Policy Bureau

Call In: Mary Scott, Laguna Pueblo; Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo

Absent Members: Nicole Comeaux, Medicaid Director; Brandon Smith, Sandia Pueblo; Dr. Jill Jim, Navajo Nation; Karmela Martinez, Income Support Division (ISD) Director; Ezra Bayles, Taos Pueblo; Emily Haozous, Ft. Sill Apache;

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. Two new members have been appointed: Mary Scott from Laguna Pueblo and Tina Valencia from the Albuquerque Area IHS.	None	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of June 27, 2019 minutes	Monica Vigil from Nambe Pueblo was at the last NATAC meeting. Theresa added her name to the minutes. Minutes were approved.	None	All	Completed
III. 2019 NATAC priorities: objective setting	Secretary Scrase went over the voting results that took place at the special NATAC meeting held August 14, 2019. The NATAC 2019 priorities are: 1. Increase the number of long-term care options. 2. Increase Medicaid reimbursable provider types (case manager/community health representatives/care coordination) and services for IHS and Tribal Clinics. 3. Increase BH services for Native Americans including community-based services for adults and children. 4. Increase Native American Enrollment in Medicaid. Secretary Scrase would like to work on these goals for the next few years. The Committee agreed but if other issues come up, they would like to have	Theresa will send the NATAC agenda a week before the scheduled meeting to request agenda items that members want to discuss	All	Ongoing

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	<p>them added to the agenda for discussion. The end of NATAAC meetings will be reserved for other discussions.</p> <p>Committee members expressed the need for a full day NATAAC meeting to discuss the goals and strategic planning for the priorities listed above. The next NATAAC meeting will be a special meeting held in Santa Fe at MAD, 1 Plaza La Prensa. This will be an in person working meeting with no call in option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHR's (Jean Pino) suggested that they will ask their leadership to be present at this meeting • Tribal representatives who work with substance abuse, long term care, crisis care, should be at this meeting (Anthony Yepa) • Data specific to Tribal communities would be helpful 	<p>Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019 9-4 at MAD 1 Plaza La Prensa Santa Fe</p> <p>Invites were sent out 10//31/2019</p>		
IV. Next steps	<p>SANTA FE NATAAC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION (MAD) LOCATION, 1 PLAZA LA PRENSA, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO (South of the BHSD offices at Plaza La Prensa on the frontage road)</p>	Invite will be sent out	All/Theresa Belanger	Ongoing
V. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there interactions with other regions like Denver (Region 6) and other states? HSD responded that we do have interactions with other CMS regions and federal partners. • Leonard Montoya (Ohkay Owingeh) said they are dealing with local nursing homes that won't take Purchase Referred Care (PRC) funds which creates problems. Elders want to be close to their community and have to be placed in Albuquerque because there isn't available long term care facilities closer. • Monica Vigil (Nambe Pueblo) asked what if services are needed urgently or we want someone at an enrollment event, who do we call? Monica was given the phone number to the BH Crisis Line for behavioral health services and Theresa Belanger MAD Tribal Liaison for other Medicaid questions. • Anthony Yepa asked what is proprietary information from the MCOs and what isn't considered proprietary? HSD responded to his question. • An update was given on the grant monies for home visiting. Taos Pueblo has been selected as one of the counties for the program. 	None	Questions were answered at meeting	Completed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does HSD meet with other groups on the (4) priorities listed above? HSD answered "yes" through MAC meetings and BHSD meetings. Valyn Candelaria asked how can we help people who are slightly over the income limit for Medicaid? HSD responded that they can be referred to the NM Health Insurance Exchange. How do we know what services are being used by Native Americans? HSD responded that as we look at increasing our provider network, we will be looking at who is using the services. 			
VI. Upcoming Tribal Consultations	<p>October 9, 2019 Gallup, New Mexico Tribal Consultation on the Indian Managed Care Entity (IMCE) Naat'aanii Development Corporation</p> <p>October 28, 2019 Albuquerque, New Mexico Tribal Consultation on the Medicaid Supports Waiver for Home and Community Based Services</p>	None	HSD	Completed
Next meeting	Wednesday, December 11, 2019 9-4 Special meeting to work on goals/ strategies for NATAAC	Send out agenda prior to meeting	Theresa	Ongoing

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger
Recorder

November 15, 2019
Date