



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)


Minutes for December 19, 2022


Time: Start 1:00pm **End:** 4:00 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; Shelly Begay, Tribal Liaison OOS; Theresa Belanger, MAD Tribal Liaison; Colinda Vallo, BHSD Tribal Liaison; Lorelei Kellogg Deputy Director, MAD; Ezra Bayles, Taos Pueblo; Lena Gachupin, Iris Reano and Anthony Yepa, Kewa Pueblo; Emily Haozous, Ft. Sill Apache; Leonard Montoya, Ohkay Owingeh; Ryan Martinez and Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo; April Ruben, Laguna Pueblo; Mary Marquez, Sandia Pueblo; Tracy Sanchez, Exec. Officer AAIHS; Neal Bowen, BHSD Director; Karmela Martinez, ISD Director.

Guest speakers: Tashi Gyalkhar, Bureau Chief for Policy and Provider Services Bureau

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introductions	A moment of silence was requested at the start of today's meeting. Introductions were completed.	Completed	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of September 19, 2022 minutes  Goals & Objectives from 12.11.19 NATAC	Motion to approve minutes; minutes approved with no changes. Meeting began with Ezra Bayles (Taos) talking about how the focus of NATAC changed during the Public Health Emergency (PHE). Now that we are winding down from the PHE, he would like NATAC to focus on the original goals and objectives developed from 2019. Today's agenda was based on feedback provided by NATAC members.	Completed	All	Completed
III. Transportation Billing	Tashi Gyalkhar from Policy and Provider Services Bureau at MAD talked about the enrollment process for Tribal transportation providers. Providers do not require an NPI but certification from PRC is required. As far as billing, Tribes follow the same fee schedule as other transportation provider types. The question was asked about a letter of intent from Medicaid from PRC. Tashi said a letter of intent is not needed. Another question was if the Tribe is already an enrolled provider, how do they set transportation up? Nicole indicated that the Tribe needs to be enrolled with each MCO in order to bill them. If the consumer is on FFS, then you would bill Conduent.	Action item – Get documentation on billing for Kewa. Theresa will reach out to PRC for details on what PRC needs from Tribal vendors	Tashi Gyalkhar/ Theresa Belanger	Next NATAC
IV. End of Public Health Emergency (PHE)	Karmela Martinez (ISD) shared that there is a 14.1% vacancy rate at ISD. ISD has up to 45 days to review an application for benefits. Apply for energy assistance now rather than waiting. The Emergency Food allotment will be ending after the month of February 2023. February will be	Completed	Karmela Martinez	Next NATAC

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 MAC_End of PHE_ISD_Dec2022.ppt	<p>the last distribution. There is no firm date to the end of the PHE yet. CMS guarantees 60 days notice. How can you help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign info will be shared through ISD. • Keep people certified. • 45 days prior to renewal consumers will get a packet either in the mail or through YesNM. Encourage people to use the electronic notices. • It is very important to update mailing addresses to ISD. • Use the YesNM portal for online recertifications. • Renew NM – https://renew.hsd.nm.gov/ • There is a \$5 incentive if Medicaid is renewed. 			
V. 1115 Waiver	<p>Nicole informed NATAAC this was her last meeting and how much she enjoyed working with this group. She will be resigning from MAD at the end of January 2023.</p> <p>Nicole Comeaux answered questions related to the 1115 Waiver. This waiver removed the Native American section that was a part of the last 1115 waiver but does include services for Native Americans throughout the document, in particular the health disparities of Native Americans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social vulnerability index – due to genetic makeup, historic disenfranchisement of populations and how they engage currently. <p>NM rate of poverty and racial makeup – NM has higher care needs and access to care. How do we overcome it? This waiver was constructed based on data from of top 5 key populations with high disparities – Native Americans being one of them. We set up key interventions to get better outcomes. A few are directed for Native Americans, but some are directed to the entire population. NCQA develops HEDIS measures. The waiver is our ideas/policies/program changes. The MCOs help to carry out those measures,</p> <p>The question was asked what if the MCOs don't meet these measures? Who monitors the MCOs? Can we review the MCO process?</p> <p>Nicole responded that all 3 of the MCOs were penalized last week for not meeting measures. On the HSD website scorecard is where we publish HEDIS measures. In the new contract the measures will be broken down by Native Americans since they are one of the 5 groups with health inequality.</p> <p>NMHS D Scorecard link: https://sites.google.com/view/nmhsdscorecard</p>	Completed	Nicole Comeaux	Next NATAAC
VI. 988 Implementation/ BHSD	<p>Dr. Bowen talked about the 988 funding. (A Tribal consultation on this occurred 06/24/22 via Zoom.) In NM we don't want to access the full Crisis Now model, just behavioral health responses to behavioral health crises. Mobile crisis and crisis resolution centers are covered under Medicaid.</p>	Completed	Dr. Neal Bowen/ Colinda Vallo	Next NATAAC

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	<p>Most private insurances don't cover crisis response. The law enforcement model is not reimbursable by Medicaid.</p> <p>To fund 988, there will be a small fee on telephone services in the state, like 911. A proposed bill is in the legislative session for 2023.</p> <p>Colinda Vallo - We have a separate 988 group for Native Americans. Conversations with the Tribes is an ongoing process. We hold monthly 988 meetings which are open. Contact Colinda if you want information on 988 and the Tribes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colinda provided updates on the Tribal Symposium that was held on November 7, 2022. Contact her for details. • Colinda is working with NMCAL on a Native American specific call line. • RFA for mobile crisis teams will go out soon. Its budget is \$1.7 million. <p>The comment was made that we need to reach out to our Tribal youth.</p> <p>The Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) undertook a statewide assessment of culturally appropriate social services for New Mexico's students in August and September 2022. The assessment was funded by, and under the direction of, the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED). The aim was to define, describe, and map existing resources and identify gaps in social services throughout the state. Emily Haozous said her group is working towards a full Crisis Now model in Las Cruces, Sandoval County, Santa Fe and Eddy County in the future. She reported that there are many activities to expand workforce to include non-licensed professionals, peer support workers, and CHWs.</p>			
VII. Overview of CHR billing	<p>Alanna Dancis is our Medical Director at Medicaid. She presented at a recent Southwest CHR meeting in Albuquerque. Every CHR program is different. She is working on developing a model for CHR/CHW reimbursement like South Dakota. CHR reimbursement is by 30minute increments with universal billing codes, for acute care use and a closed loop referral process. Some MCOs are paying for transportation and health education. Alanna will continue working on this project.</p>	Completed	Alanna Dancis	Next NATAAC
VIII. Kevin S.	<p>Cynthia Aragon provided an update on the Kevin S. settlement. Under the settlement CYFD/HSD agreed to enhance and expand BH providers, keep Native American children in NM for treatment, build and support trauma responses to care and develop a crisis assessment tool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A - Trauma-Responsive System of Care • Appendix B - Least Restrictive and Appropriate Placements 	Cynthia Aragon, CYFD		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix C – Indian Child Welfare Act (former Gov. Perez is the Special Projects Coord with CYFD) Appendix D - Behavioral Health Services (including high fidelity wrap around) <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=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9jeWZkLm9yZy9rZXZpbj1zLXNldHRsZW1lbnQtZG9jdW1lbnRz&ntb=1</p>			
<p>IX. Comments/questions/updates</p>  <p>2022-VAS-Comparison-Chart-and-VAS-I</p>	<p>The request was made to put the MCO Value Added Services (VAS) in a bigger format with banners so if Tribes want to get the outreach info they can use that link. The 2023 VAS is not out yet.</p> <p>Meeting cadence for NATAC for 2023 – keep the same as in 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 20 June 19 September 18 December 18 <p>Theresa will work with NATAC members for the March 2023 agenda.</p>	<p>Send email one month before next NATAC to develop agenda</p>	<p>Theresa Belanger MAD</p>	<p>Next NATAC</p>

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger

February 7, 2023