



## Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for March 14, 2016

Time: Start 1:30pm

End: 3:30 pm

Place: Albuquerque Area IHS

Chair: Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director (MAD)

Committee Members: Brent Earnest, HSD Secretary; Sean Pearson, HSD Deputy Secretary; Michael Nelson, HSD Deputy Secretary; Nancy Smith-Leslie, MAD Director; Marilyn Martinez, ISD Director; Angela Medrano, LRSSB Bureau Chief; Theresa Belanger, MAD NA Liaison; Priscilla Caverly, OOS NA Liaison; Lisa Maves (Pueblo of Jemez); Johnny Abeyta (Ohkay Owingeh); Mary Scott (Pueblo of Laguna); Birdena Sanchez (Zuni Pueblo); Sharon Krantz (Pueblo of Santa Clara); Volelle Zamora (Pueblo of Isleta); Debra Feathers (AAIHS); K. Dempsey (Navajo Nation); Governor Rick Vigil (Pueblo of Tesuque); Steven Trancosa (San Felipe Pueblo); Jean Pino (Zia Pueblo); April Ruben (Laguna Pueblo); Patrick Aragon (Laguna Pueblo)

Absent Members: Ramona Antone-Nez (Navajo Nation Division of Health), Linda Stone (First Nations), LeAnne Siow (Acoma Pueblo), Iris Reano, Anthony Yepa (Cochiti Pueblo) Carrie Sarnicky (Sandia Pueblo), Harriet Zamora (Taos Pueblo) Thelma Gonzales (San Ildefonso Pueblo), Sandra Winfrey (AAIHS), Nathan Tsosie (Santa Ana Pueblo)

Presentations: Mike Nelson, HSD Deputy Secretary – Overview of HSD Divisions  
Marilyn Martinez, HSD Income Support Division Director – Overview of the Income Support Division Programs

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introductions	Steven Trancosa from San Felipe Pueblo gave the invocation. NATAC members present introduced themselves.	None	All	Completed
II. Welcome & NATAC Overview	HSD Secretary Brent Earnest began with introductions and welcomed all new and returning NATAC members. He expressed the importance of this committee and the decision to expand NATAC to include the Income Support Division (ISD). The NATAC is designed to give the Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations an opportunity to meet one-on-one with the HSD Medicaid Director on a quarterly basis to discuss Medicaid and Centennial Care issues. In 2016, HSD will expand on the success of NATAC by including the Income Support Division (ISD) and programs under their purview such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The goal is to have committee members identify concerns and make recommendations on how to best address these concerns and to track the progress of our collaborative efforts.	None	Secretary Brent Earnest	Completed
III. HSD Divisions: Purpose and Division Directors	HSD Deputy Secretary Michael Nelson explained the mission of HSD and the administration of services to more than 900,000 New Mexicans through the Medical Assistance Division; Income Support Division; Child Support Enforcement Division; and Behavioral Health Services Division.	None	Deputy Secretary Michael Nelson	Completed

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IV. Medicaid 2016 Focus	<p>Nancy Smith-Leslie provided an overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NATAC's accomplishments in the past year</li> <li>• NM Medicaid Budget</li> <li>• Cost Containment</li> <li>• Medicaid Enrollment Data</li> <li>• Long Term Care in Centennial Care</li> <li>• Current Initiatives</li> <li>• Reports and Data</li> </ul> <p>Medicaid has a combined shortfall of \$86.5 million dollars. Sub committees of the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) are being formed with the assistance of stakeholders, including Tribal/IHS, to make recommendations about cost containment initiatives to HSD.</p>	Ongoing	Nancy Smith Leslie	Next Meeting
V. Income Support Division 2016 Focus	<p>Overview of ISD Programs and Native American Enrollment January to December 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – 79,618</li> <li>• Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – 1,116</li> <li>• Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – 2,643</li> <li>• General Assistance – 195</li> <li>• Education Works – 74</li> </ul> <p>Agreements with Tribes, Pueblos and Nations and IHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out Stationed Workers</li> <li>• TANF</li> <li>• Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</li> </ul> <p>Information was provided on the status of Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) employment and training requirements. Adults who receive SNAP do not have to meet the Able Bodied Adult Time Limit Requirement. This means that ABAWDs do not have to show proof that they worked 20 hours a week, averaged monthly, or that they are doing work hours in the Employment and Training Program to keep getting SNAP. Cases will not be closed or denied if ABAWDs do not do work hours. If the requirements change, participating consumers will receive a notice and more information. Tribal leadership was sent a notice on March 16<sup>th</sup> regarding this change.</p>	Ongoing	Marilyn Martinez	Next Meeting



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	<p>Can tribal members apply for LIHEAP at a county ISD office if the tribal LIHEAP program runs out of funds?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Response: Yes. The applicant must bring a letter from the tribe stating they have not received tribal LIHEAP and the program has exhausted their funds.</li> <li>○ Laguna representatives stated they have a good working relationship with the Cibola ISD office on LIHEAP. Mr. Klumpenhowe and his staff have been helpful on the phone and in-person. They expressed appreciation for their help.</li> <li>○ Will the state do any evaluation of tribal TANF programs that get direct federal TANF payments for their programs? Response: No, that is an agreement between the federal government and the tribe.</li> </ul>	<p>Further guidance on LIHEAP will be provided.</p> <p>No action required.</p> <p>No action required</p>	<p>Marilyn Martinez</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016 from 1:00-3:30 pm at AAIHS.</p> <p>Suggested Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular data reports</li> <li>• LIHEAP Notification Letter</li> <li>• Waiver wait list status</li> <li>• Cost Containment Update</li> <li>• NATAC Research &amp; Guidance on new CMS interpretation of policy related to 100 % FMAP for services received through IHS</li> <li>• Care Coordination Template Agreement (Debby Feathers will check with IHS)</li> <li>• Behavioral Health presentation by Dr. Lindstrom</li> </ul>	<p>Theresa Belanger</p>	<p>Theresa Belanger</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Governor Vigil</p>			

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger  
Recorder

April 1, 2016  
Date