

Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for March 14, 2016

Time: Start 1:30pm End: 3:30 pm Place: Albuquerque Area IHS

<u>Chair</u>: 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 Tesugue); 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)

<u>Presentations</u>: Mike Nelson, HSD Deputy Secretary – Overview of HSD Divisions

Marilyn Martinez, HSD Income Support Division Director - Overview of the Income Support Division Programs

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| I. Invocation/Introductions | Steven Trancosa from San Felipe Pueblo gave the invocation. | None | All | Completed |
| | NATAC members present introduced themselves. | | | |
| 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 | Nancy Smith-Leslie provided an overview of: NATAC's accomplishments in the past year NM Medicaid Budget Cost Containment Medicaid Enrollment Data Long Term Care in Centennial Care Current Initiatives Reports and Data 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. | Ongoing | Nancy Smith Leslie | Next Meeting |
| V. Income Support Division 2016 Focus | Overview of ISD Programs and Native American Enrollment January to December 2015 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – 79,618 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – 1,116 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – 2,643 General Assistance – 195 Education Works – 74 Agreements with Tribes, Pueblos and Nations and IHS Out Stationed Workers TANF Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) 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 th regarding this change. | Ongoing | Marilyn Martinez | Next Meeting |

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| VI. NATAC Open Discussion, Q&A | Comments: | | | |
| | A task of NATAC in the next year will be to research implications and advise HSD about the new CMS interpretation of policy about "services received through an IHS facility" as eligible for 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). IHS is developing a template of the care coordination agreement at the federal level that IHS and Tribal clinics may be able to use with providers as required by CMS for the 100% match. Debby Feathers will follow up. She will also try to identify NM providers that receive a high volume of IHS/Tribal 638 referrals to see if they are interested in entering into care coordination agreements. There is a need for more Tribal resources. NATAC can work in a positive way to strengthen State/Tribal relations. Tribes are working with MCOs to engage in partnerships We need to be more effective with our resources and prioritize needs with Medicaid. Tribes would like to see Tribal people better educated about MCO plans/benefits. Invite Dr. Lindstrom to a future NATAC meeting to discuss Behavioral Health | Ongoing | All | Next Meeting |
| | Questions specific to Medicaid: What is the status of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver wait list? The Disabled/Elderly (D&E) Waiver wait list? The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) wait list? How would copays/cost sharing affect Native Americans? Could we have behavioral health expenditures in future reports? | Data will be provided at next NATAC | Angela Medrano will follow up with DOH about the DD wait list and Nancy Smith-Leslie will provide information about the D&E wait list at the next meeting | Next Meeting |
| | Questions specific to ISD: Johnny Abeyta would like a status update on SNAP Education contract. | SNAP Ed. Is with DOH. | Marilyn Martinez will follow up with DOH | Immediately |

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| | Can tribal members apply for LIHEAP at a county ISD office if the tribal LIHEAP program runs out of funds? O Response: Yes. The applicant must bring a letter from the tribe stating they have not received tribal LIHEAP and the program has | Further guidance on LIHEAP will be provided. | Marilyn Martinez | Next Meeting |
| | exhausted their funds. Laguna representatives stated they have a good working relationship with the Cibola ISD office on LIHEAP. Mr. Klumpenhower and his staff have been helpful on the phone and inperson. They expressed appreciation for their help. | No action required. | | |
| | 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. | No action required | | |
| Next Meeting | Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016 from 1:00-3:30 pm at AAIHS. Suggested Agenda Items Regular data reports LIHEAP Notification Letter Waiver wait list status Cost Containment Update NATAC Research & Guidance on new CMS interpretation of policy related to 100 % FMAP for services received through IHS Care Coordination Template Agreement (Debby Feathers will check with IHS) Behavioral Health presentation by Dr. Lindstrom | Theresa Belanger | Theresa Belanger | Next Meeting |
| Closing Prayer | Governor Vigil | | | <u> </u> |

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger Recorder

April 1, 2016 Date