

## **Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)**

Minutes for May 23, 2016

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

<u>Chair</u>: Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director (MAD)

Committee Members: Michael Nelson, HSD Deputy Secretary; Nancy Smith-Leslie, MAD Director; Shanita Harrison, ISD Deputy Director; Angela Medrano,

MAD Deputy Director; Theresa Belanger, MAD NA Liaison; Priscilla Caverly, OOS NA Liaison; Mary Scott (Pueblo of Laguna); Volelle Zamora (Pueblo of Isleta); Debra Feathers (AAIHS); Sandra Winfrey (AAIHS); K. Dempsey (Navajo Area IHS); Steven Trancosa (San Felipe Pueblo); Jean Pino (Zia Pueblo); April Ruben (Laguna Pueblo); Patrick Aragon (Laguna Pueblo); Sandra Platero (Mescalero); Rufus Greene Jr. (San Felipe Pueblo); Anthony Yepa (Cochiti Pueblo); Harriet Zamora (Taos Pueblo), Erik Lujan (alt. for Ohkay Owingeh);

Christine Sarracino (Laguna Pueblo); Iris Reano (Cochiti Pueblo); Mary Scott (Laguna Pueblo)

Call in: Carrie Sarnicky (Sandia Pueblo); Nathan Tsosie (Santa Ana Pueblo)

Absent Members: Ramona Antone-Nez (Navajo Nation Division of Health); Linda Stone (First Nations), LeAnne Siow (Acoma Pueblo); Thelma Gonzales

(San Ildefonso Pueblo); Lisa Maves (Pueblo of Jemez); Johnny Abeyta (Ohkay Owingeh); Governor Rick Vigil (Pueblo of Tesuque)

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Invocation/Introductions	There were a few new members at today's meeting. Introductions were done.	None	All	Completed
	Theresa Belanger reminded committee members that everyone on this committee is a Tribal appointee and that NATAC meeting invites should not be forwarded to non-members. These meetings are closed. The expectation is that the appointee shares all information provided at the NATAC with his/her Tribal leadership.			
II. Review of March 14, 2016 minutes	Minutes were approved by the committee.	None	Theresa Belanger	Completed
III. Medicaid Update	Nancy Smith-Leslie presented a Medicaid update including Medicaid current enrollment; FY 17 budget projection; cost containment subcommittee activities; timeline for cost containment implementation; health home roll out; and care coordination changes. Nancy also talked about new initiatives that are occurring with the MCOs in New Mexico.	Ongoing	Nancy Smith-Leslie	Next meeting
	Theresa and Angela presented the Native American report data for Long Term Services and Supports, FFS expenditures, and MCO services to Native Americans.  There was a question about sales tax in the LTSS data. Angela will check to see if it is a duplicate on the data report. Theresa will check on what "none"		Theresa Belanger, Angela Medrano	

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	means from the NA enrollment report.  Theresa provided an update on the workgroup activities related to the 100% federal guidance implementation.					
IV. Income Support Division Update	<ul> <li>ISD presented on the following topics:</li> <li>Update on proposed rule amendment of the New Mexico         Administrative Code on General Provisions for Public Assistance         Programs and SNAP</li> <li>Services to Native Americans – data report handout</li> <li>Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)         notification letter</li> </ul>	None	Shanita Harrison	Next meeting		
V. NATAC Open Discussion, Q&A	<ul> <li>What is the actual amount of Medicaid deficit in FY17? \$24 million in general fund dollars</li> <li>How will provider rate reductions affect patients that are referred out from IHS? The Medical Assistance Division (MAD) will be monitoring provider access as a result of the rate reductions.</li> <li>Regarding the investigation with ISD, what is the status? The investigation is expected to be completed at the end of June, 2016.</li> <li>If a Tribe runs out of LIHEAP funds what do they do? The Tribe needs to send a letter from their leadership that they have exhausted all of their funds.</li> <li>Comment about translation for ISD letters. The letters are confusing and the time frame to respond is too short. The suggestion was made to have ISD attend the health fairs to answer member questions.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	All	Next meeting		
Other	Priscilla Caverly handed out the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendments related to the provider rate reductions and invitations for a formal Tribal Consultation scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016. This is an open meeting that will be held at IAIA in Santa Fe.	None	Priscilla Caverly			
Next Meeting	The next NATAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2016 at the AAIHS from 1:30 to 3:30 pm					

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger Recorder June 29, 2016 Date