



Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)

Minutes for March 3, 2020

Time: Start 1:00pm **End:** 3:30 pm **Place:** Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service

Chair: Nicole Comeaux, Medicaid Director

Committee Members: Megan Pfeffer, MAD Deputy Director; Theresa Belanger, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) NA Liaison; Neal Bowen, Director BHSD; Karmela Martinez, ISD Director; Sandra Winfrey/Tina Valencia, Albuquerque Area IHS; Anthony Yepa, Kewa Pueblo; Jean Pino, Zia Pueblo; Iris Reano, Kewa Pueblo; Rick Vigil, Tesuque Pueblo; Dr. Rufus Greene, San Felipe Pueblo; Steven Trancosa, San Felipe Pueblo; Valerie Nakomi-James, San Felipe Pueblo; Craig Sandoval, Kewa Pueblo; Gwendolyn Waseta, Sandia Pueblo; Davey Malic, Acoma Pueblo

Call In: Mary Scott, Laguna Pueblo; Leonard Montoya, Ohkay Owingeh; Ezra Bayles, Taos Pueblo; Valyn Candelaria, San Felipe Pueblo

Absent Members: Brandon Smith, Sandia Pueblo; Dr. Jill Jim, Navajo Nation; Emily Haozous, Ft. Sill Apache; Eldred Lesensee, IAD; Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo

MCO guests Cynthia Al-Aghbary, PHS; Erik Lujan, WSCC; Ken Reid, WSCC; LeAnne Siow, WSCC; Cathie Rowland-Robert, BCBS; Lawrence Montoya, BCBS; Bonnie Vallo, BCBS

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.	None	All	Completed
II. Review/approval of September 25, 2019 minutes	NATAC reviewed and approved minutes with no changes.	None	All	Completed

<p>III. Community Health Representative (CHR) contracting</p>	<p>The MCOs were invited to today’s meeting to discuss status on contracting with Community Health Representatives (CHRs) and Tribes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHP has an MOU in place with Shiprock CHRs, Mescalero CHRs, Isleta Pueblo, Acoma Pueblo, and the Jicarilla Apache CHRs. • BCBS met with Zuni, Acoma and Santo Domingo Pueblos regarding Health Risk Assessments (HRAs) and will continue meeting with them • WSCC is working on agreements with Santo Domingo and Taos Pueblos, Navajo Department of Health and Mescalero. The issues they are running into are codes and how to process these claims. “When we reach out to Tribes or IHS the first thing they tell us is that ‘We don’t have to contract with MCOs’. <p>Jean Pino and Iris Reano (CHR Association of NM and Southern CO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They prefer an MOU or MOA rather than a contract. • Can the state assist with development of a template for the MOU/MOA? • What are the state’s expectations of an MOU/MOA? • Claims and codes need to be uniform between MCOs and CHRs. • There needs to be collaboration on gathering the data. • Timelines need to be in place. • Reimbursement rates should be the same for all MCOs. • Training is needed on the process. • The MOU/MOA needs to be run through All Indian Pueblo Council (AIPC) for approval rather than through individual governors. • Who has authority in Tribal communities to sign the contract? • Include a QHP(?) in the addendum of the MOU/MOA. <p>The question was asked “What about care coordination for Fee for Service (FFS) members? PM/PM?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole said that under federal guidelines this is not a reimbursable service. • Care coordination and case management are two different services. 	<p>Nicole asked MCOs to send their current or proposed agreements with CHRs to her.</p> <p>Nicole suggested a group from NATAAC work on uniform contract language and reimbursement rates</p>	<p>MCOs, Theresa</p> <p>Theresa</p>	<p>Next NATAAC</p> <p>Update at next NATAAC</p> <p>None</p>
<p>IV. Behavioral Health (BH) updates</p>	<p>Neal Bowen BHSD Director -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cartoon by Ricardo Cate (Santo Domingo Pueblo) on the Dose of Reality campaign. • HSD has completed settlements on all BH providers that were shut down in 2013. A welcome back get together is being planned. 	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>V, Income Supports Division (ISD) updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative bills to support the reconstruction of behavioral health services is pending the Governor’s signature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Money for the expansion of housing services ○ Money for the intervention demonstration project to improve continuity of care for people in county jails <p>Dr. Bowen also mentioned that behavioral health programs that are providing Medicaid services need to bill Medicaid for those services rather than State/General funds or grant money from BHSD. It will free up money for other innovative services such as expanding peer support specialists, CareLink grant for “Bridges to Wellness”</p> <p>Former Governor Vigil commented that Tribes are always in competition for funding. Several members mentioned that there needs to be a community needs assessment, more youth shelter services and transitional living services.</p>			
<p>VI. Strategic Planning and Medicaid updates</p>	<p>Karmela Martinez – ISD Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSD received federal money for the “Heat and Eat” program which streamlines SNAP benefits to eligible households. • ABAWD – Able Bodies Adults Without Dependents is a federal rule work requirement for individuals receiving SNAP benefits. All Tribal communities in New Mexico except San Ildefonso and Santa Clara Pueblo have been from the requirement. This does not include Native Americans living in urban areas of the state. • Census workers will be using kiosks in the state ISD offices to assist individuals with their census paperwork. 	<p>None</p>	<p>Karmela</p>	<p>Next NATAAC</p>
<p>VII. Centennial Care updates</p>	<p>Nicole Comeaux – Medicaid Director</p> <p>Nicole went over a powerpoint presentation NATAAC Strategic Planning and the goals and objectives we developed at the last NATAAC meeting. She discussed tactics and that our next step was to identify tactics for each objective. Theresa will send out a survey to NATAAC members on the interest of having a summit to finalize the tactics. If members could outline the tactics for each objective ahead of time via a survey, then at the summit we can go over the tactics. Theresa will provide a timeline to get tactics back from the NATAAC members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1115 Waiver was approved by CMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1500 additional slots were approved for Home and Community Based Services ○ Copays for Medicaid services were removed 	<p>Is there a way to get a receipt of proof from YeSNM?</p>	<p>Theresa</p>	<p>Next NATAAC</p>
		<p>Send out survey for two day summit</p>	<p>Theresa</p>	<p>Pending date for summit</p>
		<p>Send out a survey to gather three tactics for each objective</p>	<p>Theresa</p>	<p>Next NATAAC</p>

<p>VIII. Centennial Care data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A limit of one month retroactive Medicaid eligibility was removed. Members can request three months of retroactive Medicaid <p>Megan Pfeffer – Deputy Medicaid Director Megan went over the Native American data for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment in an MCO and FFS Medicaid • Tribal affiliation for MCO and FFS Medicaid • Percent of Health Risk Assessments completed by MCOs for Native American members (one year of data) • Emergency Room Utilization for the past two years by MCOs for Native American members • Utilization of Community Benefits for Native American members for the past two years • Claims data for the past year on MCO and Fee For Service claims 	<p>Committee asked more data be provided in a two year time span</p> <p>Committee asked that data include diagnoses for ER visits Committee asked how many Native Americans are assigned to CCL2 and CCL3</p>	<p>Theresa</p> <p>Theresa</p>	<p>Next NATAAC</p> <p>Next NATAAC</p>
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IX. Other	Committee members asked that a NATAAC 101 be developed for new members. List of all Tribal Notifications that have been sent out each quarter to be provided at each NATAAC meeting	Develop a NATAAC 101 List of Tribal Notifications	Theresa Theresa	January 2021 Next NATAAC
X. Next meeting	To be scheduled at a later date.			

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Belanger
Recorder

March 18, 2020
Date