# Native American Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC)
## Minutes for August 29, 2016

**Time:** Start 1:30pm     **End:** 3:23 pm     **Place:** Albuquerque Area IHS

**Chair:** Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director (MAD)

**Committee Members:**
- Michael Nelson, HSD Deputy Secretary
- Nancy Smith-Leslie, MAD Director
- Angela Medrano, MAD Deputy Director
- Theresa Belanger, MAD NA Liaison
- Priscilla Caverly, OOS NA Liaison
- Volelle Zamora (Pueblo of Isleta)
- Debra Feathers (AAIHS)
- Sandra Winfrey (AAIHS)
- Anthony Yepa (Cochiti Pueblo)
- Harriet Zamora (Taos Pueblo)
- Erik Lujan (APCG)
- Lisa Maves (Jemez Pueblo)
- Birdena Sanchez (Zuni Pueblo)
- Sharon Krantz (Santa Clara Pueblo)

**Call In:**
- Governor Rick Vigil (Pueblo of Tesuque)
- Mary Scott (Pueblo of Laguna)
- Linda Stone (First Nations)
- Carrie Sarnicky (Sandia Pueblo)
- Johnny Abeyta (Ohkay Owingeh)
- K. Dempsey (Navajo Area IHS)
- Carey Tso (NAIHS)
- Kari Armijo, MAD Deputy Director

**Absent Members:**
- Ramona Antone-Nez (Navajo Nation Division of Health)
- LeAnne Siow (Acoma Pueblo)
- Thelma Gonzales (San Ildefonso Pueblo)
- Jean Pino (Zia Pueblo)
- Rufus Greene Jr. (San Felipe Pueblo)
- Sandra Platero (Mescalero)
- Iris Reano (Cochiti Pueblo)
- Nathan Tsosie (Santa Ana Pueblo)
- Sandra Platero (Mescalero)

## DISCUSSION ITEM

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<td>I. Invocation/Introductions</td>
<td>Invocation given by Mr. Yepa. Introductions were done. Kari Armijo, MAD Deputy Director, joined today's call</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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<td>II. Review of 5/23/16 minutes</td>
<td>Minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Theresa Belanger</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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| III. Medicaid Update              | • Tribal Notification Letter 16:13 "Access Monitoring Review Plan" was sent out 8/25/16 for comment. This is a plan on how the State is going to monitor access. CMS is looking for baseline data. This plan applies to Fee For Service (FFS) only. The initial Plan will be used to establish base line data for future analysis. The data will be collected through claims. Comments due by September 26, 2016. A public hearing will be scheduled in September  
• Nancy Smith Leslie passed out the 2016 General Appropriations Act, an update on the three Cost Containment Subcommittees, the FY17 Provider Rate Changes, the FY17 Professional Fee Schedule changes, and a list of all the cost-containment Public/Tribal Notifications that have been sent out  
• Update on the 100% FMAP federal interpretation. The largest savings is with inpatient stays followed by long term care services, specifically personal care  
• Pilot project with UNMH and Albuquerque IHS  
• Theresa went over the 2015-16 Native American report data from | Ongoing           | Nancy Smith Leslie          | Next Meeting                         | Theresa Belanger                      |
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<td>IV. Income Support Division Update</td>
<td>Mike Nelson informed committee that the work requirements for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) is waived until 2017. CMS will notify when that changes</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Mike Nelson, Shanita Harrison</td>
<td>Completed</td>
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| V. Action Items                             | • Johnny Abeyta asked for a list of administrative changes that have been set in place  
• Johnny Abeyta would like data on how many Native Americans are enrolled in Medicaid (FFS and MCO) from zip code 87566  
• Request for data for the number of Native Americans with a level of care  
• Top ten diagnoses for 2015  
• The following question was asked about slide #8 of Nancy Smith-Leslie’s presentation: What was the total savings for CY16 as a result of the MCOs’ net rate reduction of 5.6%? Answer: The total savings for CY 16 is $130 million (some of the savings is related to provider rate reductions which were effective on 7/1 and 8/1 and so only ½ year worth of savings for the calendar year). A full calendar year impact of 5.6% decrease is worth about $250 million. | Completed, Pending, Completed       | Theresa Belanger              | Next meeting                        |
| VI. Other                                   | Eric Lujan will be a member of the NATAC representing the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG)  
The NATAC for December will be at IHS’ new location in Albuquerque                                                                 | None             | Theresa Belanger          | Completed                            |
| Next Meeting                                | Monday, December 5, 2016 at 1:30 pm                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |                                   |                                      |

Respectfully submitted:  
Theresa Belanger  
Recorder  
September 12, 2016  
Date