

# Tribal Technical Advisory Group

## To the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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April 8, 2009

### Conference Call - Action Items

Action Item	Timeline	Person Responsible	Status	Notes
Follow up with Jim Crouch on the status of the IDDA in reference to the data project.	ASAP	IHS		Can CRIHB Start Date be retroactive to 4/1/2009?
Organize and distribute information on a discussion with CMS (CMSO) and Tribal Representatives April 28 <sup>th</sup> in the HHS Building regarding the implementation of CHIPRA and ARRA provisions.	ASAP	CMS		Please note additional events scheduled on April 28: HRAC meeting and tribal resource day
Keep track of ARRA resources available and Federal Register notices and provide timely information for tribes to access resources	Ongoing	CMS		
Schedule Long Term Care subcommittee conference call after April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Unspecified	Robert Moore		
Distribute Strategic Plan and related documents to TTAG	ASAP	Jim Roberts/ NIHB		Memo with revisions
Transmit final Strategic Plan to CMS	ASAP	NIHB		
Schedule Strategic Plan Subcommittee call to review revisions to Plan and the recommendations from CMS behind the changes	Unspecified	Jim Roberts		
Follow up with TTAG on the status of MAM letter dated March 19, 2009	Unspecified	CMS		Rodger Goodacre indicated during call that the letter has been received. NIHB to post letter to their TTAG Website.
Write letter to CMS from TTAG on MAM issues in Washington	ASAP	Jim Roberts	Complete	
Transmit MAM letter to CMS upon Chair's approval	ASAP	NIHB	In process	Letter sent out for TTAG review on 4/14/09
Follow Up on CMS Transition Activities Memo from Charlene Frizzera	ASAP	CMS		
Determine if outside reviewers (eg; TTAG) are permissible for the CMS Indian Health Handbook	Unspecified	CMS		
Determine if technical problems existed with today's Medicine Dish Broadcast	Unspecified	CMS	Complete	NIH is unaware of any technical problems.

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<b>Opening</b>	Chair <b>Valerie Davidson</b> opened the meeting at 2:30 pm (ET).																															
<b>Documents Received</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 8, 2009 TTAG Conference Call Agenda</li> <li>• Talking Points: TTAG Strategic Plan &amp; Budget Recommendations for HHS Regional Consultation – FY 2009</li> <li>• HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Agenda for April 29-30, 2009</li> </ul>																															
<b>Roll Call</b>	<p>Roll call was taken by <b>John Johns, NIHB</b>, a quorum was present.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="365 913 1115 1467"> <tbody> <tr><td>Alaska</td><td>Val Davidson</td></tr> <tr><td>Aberdeen</td><td>Robert Moore</td></tr> <tr><td>Albuquerque</td><td>Carolyn Finster</td></tr> <tr><td>Bemidji</td><td>Kathy Hughes</td></tr> <tr><td>Billings</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>California</td><td>Jim Crouch</td></tr> <tr><td>Nashville</td><td>Dee Sabattus</td></tr> <tr><td>Navajo</td><td>Roz Begay</td></tr> <tr><td>Oklahoma</td><td>Tracy Jones</td></tr> <tr><td>Phoenix</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Portland</td><td>Jim Roberts</td></tr> <tr><td>Tucson</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>TSGAC</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>NIHB</td><td>Rhonda Farrimond</td></tr> <tr><td>NCAI</td><td>Cinda Hughes</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Alaska	Val Davidson	Aberdeen	Robert Moore	Albuquerque	Carolyn Finster	Bemidji	Kathy Hughes	Billings		California	Jim Crouch	Nashville	Dee Sabattus	Navajo	Roz Begay	Oklahoma	Tracy Jones	Phoenix		Portland	Jim Roberts	Tucson		TSGAC		NIHB	Rhonda Farrimond	NCAI	Cinda Hughes	
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<b>Report from Chair</b>	<p>Chair <b>Val Davidson</b> gave a short report.</p> <p><i>Motion carried to work on an open agenda.</i></p>																															
<b>Report from Secretary</b>	<p><b>Secretary Carolyn Finster</b> gave the Report from the Secretary. The February 26-27, 2009 face to face minutes have been transcribed and are in the process of being summarized. The March 11, 2009 conference call notes are in the process of being completed.</p> <p>The <b>Secretary</b> requested information on division of TTAG administrative roles and responsibilities between NIHB and TAG with conclusion of TAG funding to NIHB for these activities. These relationships are under discussion and not finalized.</p>																															

<p><b>Report from CMS</b></p>	<p><b>Rodger Goodacre, CMS, gave the report from CMS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitty Marx is attending Region 7 meetings in Kansas City and unable to attend today's call.</li> <li>• Introduction made of Erika Mercer-Epps, BL Seamon staff member assigned to TTAG Support Services Contract. BL Seamon is taking over some of the TTAG duties previously performed by NIHB.</li> <li>• IDDA Update between CMS &amp; NIHB. CMS and IHS discussed the IDDA on April 2, 2009. CMS funds were transferred to IHS subsequent to that meeting. Specific tasks and responsibilities of each Agency will be refined over time.</li> <li>• CHIPRA and ARRA Subcommittees have been created throughout CMS.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up with Jim Crouch on the status of the IDDA in reference to the data project.</p> <p>Follow Up on CMS Transition Activities Memo from Charlene Frizzera</p>
<p><b>HHS Tribal Budget Consultation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TTAG Members discussed Working Meeting with TAG and CMSO on April 28 while in DC for the HHS Budget Consultation. The following TTAG Members will be present: Valerie Davidson, General Issues; Anselm Roanhorse, Citizenship Documentation; Phil Norrgard, Deductibles and Copays; and Jim Crouch, Medicaid Managed Care.</li> <li>• Ron Allen will testify at the HHS Budget Consultations on April 29. Kris Locke will prepare his testimony.</li> </ul>	<p>Organize and distribute information on a discussion with CMS (CMSO) and Tribal Representatives April 28<sup>th</sup> in the HHS Building regarding the implementation of CHIPRA and ARRA provisions.</p> <p>Keep track of ARRA resources available and Federal Register notices and provide timely information for tribes to access resources</p>
<p><b>Subcommittee Activities</b></p> <p>Outreach and Education Subcommittee</p> <p>Data Subcommittee</p> <p>Long Term Care</p> <p>Citizenship Documentation</p>	<p><b>Outreach and Education – Rodger Goodacre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHIPRA Sec. 201 makes \$100 M available enhanced administrative funding for O&amp;E. \$10 M is specifically set aside for grants to ITUs. Discussions ongoing between CMS and IHS over which Agency will administer the funds.</li> <li>• Area Trainings are scheduled through August 2009.</li> <li>• Compliments and discussion on the CMS IH Handbook being developed by Cecile Greenway.</li> <li>• Medicine Dish Broadcast completed today on ESRD.</li> </ul> <p><b>Data – Jim Crouch</b> Expect to distribute latest Data Report at next TTAG Meeting.</p> <p><b>Long Term Care – John Johns</b> Next call to be scheduled soon.</p> <p><b>Citizenship Documentation – Anselm Roanhorse</b> No report</p> <p><b>Strategic Plan – Jim Roberts</b></p>	<p>Determine if outside reviewers (eg; TTAG) are permissible for the CMS Indian Health Handbook</p> <p>Determine if technical problems existed with today's Medicine Dish Broadcast</p> <p>Schedule Long Term Care subcommittee conference call after April 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Distribute Strategic Plan and</p>

Strategic Plan	<p>Comments on 2010-2015 Strategic Plan received from CMS. Accepted change to title to make clear the document is from the TTAG and not a CMS document. Not all CMS comments accepted. Report will be sent to NIH for distribution to TTAG Members.</p>	<p>related documents to TTAG</p> <p>Transmit final Strategic Plan to CMS</p> <p>Schedule Strategic Plan Subcommittee call to review revisions to Plan and the recommendations from CMS behind the changes</p>
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Jim Roberts reported on difficulties associated with MAM in the state of Washington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% time study requirements</li> <li>• Suggested that TTAG write letter to CMS citing the problems in Washington to call for national consultation</li> </ul> <p>TTAG is seeking reply from CMS on February 2009 MAM letter.</p>	<p>Write letter to CMS from TTAG on MAM issues in Washington</p> <p>Transmit MAM letter to CMS upon Chair's approval</p> <p>Follow up with TTAG on the status of MAM letter dated March 19, 2009</p>
<b>Next Conference Call</b>	<p>The next call is scheduled for May 13, 2009, however due to scheduling conflicts the TTAG Chair Val Davidson, has requested rescheduling the conference call for <b>May 6, 2009</b>.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p><b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm (ET).</p>	