

Tribal Technical Advisory Group

To the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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May 6, 2009

Conference Call - Action Items

Action Item	Timeline	Person Responsible	Status	Notes
Distribute testimony from HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Session – CMS Breakout	Unspecified	NIHB	Complete	
Distribute April 14, 2009 TTAG Conference Call Notes for TTAG review	As soon as possible	NIHB	Complete	
Redistribute FAQ's to TTAG	Unspecified	NIHB	Complete	
Coordinate meeting with Les Horneman at CMS/OFM.	As soon as possible	Rodger Goodacre		
Identify research priorities and inform CMS.	June 1	TTAG		
Add discussion of research priorities to MMPC agenda.	As soon as possible	NIHB		This will be added to the June 3 MMPC agenda

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Conference Call - Summary

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action																												
Opening	Chair Valerie Davidson began the conference call at 2:30 pm (ET).																													
Documents Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 6, 2009 TTAG Conference Call Agenda 																													
Roll Call	<p>Roll call was taken by John Johns, NIHB, a quorum was present.</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr><td>Alaska</td><td>Val Davidson</td></tr> <tr><td>Aberdeen</td><td></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></td></tr> <tr><td>Nashville</td><td>Dee Sabattus</td></tr> <tr><td>Navajo</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Oklahoma</td><td>Melanie Knight</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>Ron Allen</td></tr> <tr><td>NIHB</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Alaska	Val Davidson	Aberdeen		Albuquerque	Carolyn Finster	Bemidji	Kathy Hughes	Billings		California		Nashville	Dee Sabattus	Navajo		Oklahoma	Melanie Knight	Phoenix		Portland	Jim Roberts	Tucson		TSGAC	Ron Allen	NIHB		
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Report from Chair	<p>Chair Valerie Davidson gave the Report from Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Thanked to all of those who participated in the HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Session April 29-30, 2009 – Ron Allen and Kathy Hughes led the discussion during the CMS Breakout session 		Distribute testimony from HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Session – CMS Breakout
Report from Secretary	<p>Secretary Carolyn Finster gave the report from the Secretary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The April 14, 2009 conference call notes have been approved by CMS. – The February 26-27 and March 11, 2009 conference call notes will be completed by the end of the week. 		Distribute April 14, 2009 TTAG Conference Call Notes for TTAG review
Report from CMS	<p>Kitty Marx, Director of the Tribal Affairs Group, gave the report from CMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review of the meeting between TTAG and CMSO that took place on April 28, 2009. – CMSO appreciated the FAQ's from the TTAG – CMSO recognizes that the meeting was not tribal consultation it was merely policy advice – CMSO will provide a list of teams and team leads working on ARRA and CHIPRA implementation to the TTAG and requests a list of contacts/resources to be provided from the TTAG – Suggestions for tribal consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All tribes call to discuss CHIPRA and ARRA in May or June ○ Consultation during the IHS Summit (July 7-9, 2009) ○ IHS and CMS training sessions – CMSO is asking for TTAG to continue to provide input and guidance for the implementation process with the states. – Reviewed the priorities that CMS identified from the CMS Breakout Session during the HHS Tribal Budget Consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Need for tribal involvement in implementation of CHIPRA – Increase TTAG funding per the Strategic Plan – Increase of CMS support of Long Term Care services in Indian Country – CMS role in State-Tribal relations – Tribes direct access to Medicaid – TTAG engaged in any Health Care Reform efforts – Long standing issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tribal Consultation Policy ○ Medicaid Administrative Match ○ IHS data sharing – AI/AN research priority funding <p>Myra Munson, Alaska Area Technical Staff, informed the group that she is still working on the Cost Sharing FAQ's.</p>		<p>Distribute list of team leads and identify TTAG members to serve as resources to the teams</p> <p>Redistribute FAQ's to TTAG</p>

	<p>Carol Barbero, Nashville Area Technical Staff, asked whether or not the Citizenship Documentation FAQ was transferred to the State Medicaid Directors. Kitty Marx explained that there was a State Health Official letter that went out with very general information. (Please see email sent by Caitlin Wesaw on April 17, 2009.)</p> <p>Kitty Marx suggested that the all tribes call take place after Memorial Day.</p> <p>Ron Allen suggested that CMS track the call’s effectiveness for future planning.</p> <p>Kathy Hughes likes the idea of an all tribes call because it is easier for tribal leaders.</p> <p>Lois Serreo, CMS, suggested a special email box for tribal leaders to submit questions or comments to after the call. She also suggested doing both a phone call and consultation during the IHS Health Summit in July.</p> <p>Phil Norrgard, Bemidji Area Alternate, suggested sending out a summary of the provisions and the logistics/instructions on how the call is to proceed to tribal leaders well in advance of the call.</p> <p>Jim Roberts and Ron Allen requested a follow up meeting with Les Horneman. Rodger Goodacre, CMS, will work to coordinate meeting. After this meeting they will follow up with a meeting with OMB.</p> <p>Kitty Marx asked the TTAG to identify research priorities. There is \$92,000 to fund FY 2009 research priorities. At the July 2008 face to face meeting the TTAG identified DME and Transportation as research priorities. Chair Val Davidson requested more time to make the decision. Kitty Marx informed the group that she would need a decision by the beginning of June.</p>	<p>Coordinate meeting with Les Horneman at CMS/OFM.</p> <p>Identify research priorities and inform CMS.</p> <p>Add discussion of research priorities to MMPC agenda.</p>
<p>HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Update</p>	<p>Ron Allen gave an overview of the HHS Tribal Budget Consultation. The positive reception from Charlene Frizzera was encouraging. Next steps are to work on the new Administration.</p> <p>Kathy Hughes expressed her feeling that tribes were listened to and heard. However, she was disappointed in the structure of the breakouts.</p> <p>Myra Munson pointed out that the Long Term Care session was centered around the Long Term Care Report and the work of the TTAG and of NIHB.</p>	
<p>Subcommittee</p>	<p>Outreach and Education – Kathy Hughes</p>	

<p>Activities</p> <p>Outreach and Education Subcommittee</p> <p>Data Subcommittee</p> <p>Long Term Care</p> <p>Citizenship Documentation</p> <p>Strategic Plan</p> <p>Tribal Consultation Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Subcommittee held call on May 5th to discuss the national campaign and grant activities. – No decisions on funding so it is difficult to come up with recommendations. More information is needed to have further discussions. – CMS has been discussing a back to school campaign. This misses great opportunities with the summer powwow schedule and area trainings. – The subcommittee requested that CMS give the funding now for tribal outreach. <p>Data – Mike Lyman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CRIHB requested both Medicare and Medicaid data from IHS – Elmer Brewster, IHS, informed the group that the proposal will be expedited and processed internally and reviewed for HIPPA reasons. <p>Long Term Care – John Johns Report tabled for next TTAG conference call.</p> <p>Citizenship Documentation – Anslem Roanhorse Report tabled for next TTAG conference call</p> <p>Strategic Plan – Jim Roberts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Some revisions were made to the Strategic Plan based on CMS’s comments – Waiting for the graphic artist to make the title change, meanwhile the final report is at NIHB <p>Tribal Consultation Policy – Mickey Percy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No progress to report – Mickey Percy asked that a new Chair of the Tribal Consultation Policy Subcommittee be assigned – The decision was made to wait until the July 2009 Face to Face meeting to reassign the chair, Mickey Percy will remain the chair until July. – Rodger Goodacre informed the group that Section 5006 in ARRA will provide new opportunities for state consultation and that until a new Administrator is on board it will be difficult to move the tribal consultation policy 	
<p>Next Conference Call</p>	<p>The next call is scheduled for June 10, 2009 from 2:30-4:00 pm (ET).</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair Valerie Davidson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm (ET).</p>	