

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group
CMS TTAG
Day 1: Meeting Notes**

**July 30, 2008
Face to Face Meetings**

TTAG Members Present

Aberdeen
Alaska
Albuquerque
Bemidji
Billings
California
Nashville
Navajo
Oklahoma
Phoenix
Portland
Tucson

Valerie Davidson
Carolyn Finster
Kathy Hughes
Nancy Vaughan

Dee Sabattus
Ben Shelly
Bill Lance
David Reede
Jim Roberts

TSGAC

Ron Allen

NIHB

Mickey Peercy

NCAI

Cinda Hughes

NIHB Staff

Kitty Marx
John Johns
Caitlin Wesaw

CMS

Kerry Weems
Robin King
Dorothy Dupree
Rodger Goodacre
Mel Schmerler
Lane Terwilliger
Bob Dorn
Nadia Kim, OEA
Lindsey Cometa, TAG
Mike Lyman, TAG

IHS

Elmer Brewster
Brenda Jeanotte-Smith
Carl Harper
Sean Dooley, OGC
Jessica Imotichey
Ben Smith
Ann Old Elk
Chris Watson

Others Present

Myra Munson
Craig Carter
Kris Locke
Roselyn Begay
Sherrick Roanhorse
Rhonda Farrimond
Steve Harris

Jim Lamb
Carol Barbero
Kara Briggs
Stephanie Craig-Rushing
Deborah Broken Rope

Documents Received:

- July 2008 TTAG Briefing Books
- Outreach and Education Training Modules
- Draft #15 of Strategic Plan
 - o Outreach and Education Activities Report

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Summary of Action Items**

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Complete draft of February 21-22, 2008 Face to Face meeting minutes	As soon as possible	NIHB	
Provide comments on draft #15 of the Strategic Plan to Jim Roberts	August 15 th	TTAG	
Provide comments on training modules to Carlyle Begay	August 29 th	TTAG	
Please fill out survey on NIHB outreach and education	August 29 th	TTAG	The link will be sent out shortly.
Provide comments on Kara Brigg's draft outreach and education report	August 29 th	TTAG	
Send out electronic version of Appendix B from the Long Term Care Activities report	As soon as possible	Caitlin Wesaw	

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Opening	Chair Valerie Davidson opened the meeting at 8:30 am (ET).	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken by Caitlin Wesaw and a quorum was present. Please see previous page for complete list of participants.	
Message from CMS	<p>CMS's Acting Administrator Mr. Kerry Weems, briefly addressed the TTAG.</p> <p>Kerry Weems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressed the accomplishments and hard work of Dorothy Dupree - Welcomed the TTAG's input during the recruitment and hiring process <p>Dorothy Dupree expressed her appreciation to the TTAG</p> <p>Valerie Davidson discussed four items determined by the TTAG to be important and needing the attention of the Acting Administrator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the TTAG need to be involved in the interview process of the new Director of TAG. <i>The Administrator indicated that he welcomes the input, but needs to determine the legality of the participation in the hiring process.</i> 2. MAM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inconsistent messages from the staff and administration b. Gave the example of Washington c. This program is needed to increase efforts to enroll Tribal people in Medicaid d. The TTAG is looking for the Administration to take a leadership role and push forward and get the MAM plans approved e. The approval of these plans needs to be a priority. <i>The Acting Administrator agreed to look into the issue and noted that he was unfamiliar with the particulars of this issue.</i> 3. Tribal Consultation Policy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The TTAG feels the policy as amended by the CMS staff is a step backwards from the policy the Tribes put forward it does not reflect the government to government relationship. b. The TTAG will be discussing the policy further and plans to have more meetings and conference calls to discuss a course of action. <i>The Acting Administrator is interested in the final results of the discussions.</i> 4. Tribal Priorities Delayed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agendas and priorities are the same as four years ago b. The Citizenship Documentation issue was discussed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Valerie Davidson thanked the Acting Administrator for coming to meetings on this issue 2. The TTAG requested that the Administration 	

	<p>promulgate a regulation consistent with Homeland Security on Tribal identification</p> <p>c. The TTAG is also frustrated at the lack of decision makers at the table who can affect policy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those who do come have no decision making authority and have inconsistent messages 2. The messages sent by the Administration need to be consistent <p>d. American Indian/Alaska Native success is critical</p> <p>e. Chair Valerie Davidson gave the example of access to care using a CMS representative's trip in Alaska and how he had to help push the boat off a sandbar</p> <p><i>The Acting Administrator's response:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He will check on the legality of the TTAG's participation in the hiring process of the TAG Director - He will look into the MAM issue in Washington - He will rely on Dorothy Dupree to relay the input from the TTAG on the Tribal Consultation Policy - He will also have Dorothy Dupree give him an update on the citizenship documentation issue before she leaves <p>Ron Allen, Tribal Self Governance Advisory Council TTAG Representative expressed his unhappiness that the TTAG travels across Indian Country and the Acting Administrator only gives them 20 minutes. There is a lot of work to be done and everyone has a busy schedule. He agreed with all of the articulated issues and they need to be realized. He asked the Acting Administrator to be respectful of Indian issues.</p> <p>Kerry Weems explained that he was glad to be able to attend today's meeting and he hopes to attend the next meeting on November 13-14. He also explained that his commitment is undiminished.</p>	<p>Invite Kerry Weems to November 2008 TTAG meeting.</p>
<p>Motion for Open Agenda</p>	<p>Mickey Peercy, National Indian Health Board TTAG Representative, made a motion for an open agenda. Motion passed by unanimous consent to approve an open agenda.</p>	
<p>Report from Chair</p>	<p>Chair Valerie Davidson gave a brief report on her activities in Bethel, Alaska.</p>	
<p>Report from Secretary</p>	<p>Secretary Carolyn Finster made a motion to approve the February 21-22, April 9, May 14 and June 11 TTAG meeting minutes/notes.</p> <p>Ron Allen, expressed his concern that some of the meeting minutes/notes did not capture the subject matter of the meetings.</p> <p>Secretary Carolyn Finster agreed that the February 21-22 minutes needed more details of what occurred at the meeting and she moved to table the approval of the February minutes. She also requested an increased role in reviewing the minutes and more time for TTAG review.</p> <p>Chair Valerie Davidson reminded the group to review the minutes as they are sent out and provide comment.</p> <p>The motion made by Secretary Carolyn Finster to approve the April, May and June meeting minutes was carried by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>Complete draft of February 21-22, 2008 meeting minutes for TTAG review</p>
<p>CMS Report</p>	<p>Dorothy Dupree gave the report from CMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a commitment from the agency to fill the vacant 	

	<p>position, TAG was given an exception to the hiring freeze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be external advertising and there is not an Indian preference available for CMS. <p>Robin King, CMS, Director of the Office of External Affairs, explained that the reason the Acting Administrator has to check on the legality of TTAG's participation in the hiring process since this would be a new approach for CMS. They will make sure they hire the most qualified candidate for the position.</p> <p>Jim Roberts, Portland Area TTAG Alternate Representative asked if TTAG would be able to help write the job description.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree explained that a new description has been developed and will be used. The description does reflect an advisory role and not a policy role.</p> <p>Ron Allen would like the TTAG to have the chance to review the description and potentially add amendments.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree reiterated that individuals need to have the mind set that this position is a mission, not a career, but a mission.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree continued the CMS Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role in executive leadership development class at IHS (7 years of participation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Medicare administrative requirements o Accreditation o Training at IHS needs to be at least a week long including EMTALA o Outreach and education course would strengthen IHS leadership - Teleradiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chapter 19 o Developed for navigation - Provider based entity status for Choctaw Nation – working with staff on transfer of certain facilities and W W Hastings Hospital. - Outreach and Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Introduced Nadia Kim and discussed her outreach and education efforts o More “Our Health, Our Community” videos are being produced – Very positive feedback on the videos o Time to move on to another video - Tribal Consultation Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Knows that policy does not meet all needs o Needs to express government to government relationship o The policy is now at the Department level, but it is not signed o Kerry Weems has an interest in this policy moving forward, he is aware of the issues and wants to hear more. o With regards to the concerns over regulations, feels strongly that without a policy in place the concern will still be there. o Scenarios will be drafted to give guidance to the Agency on how to implement the policy 	
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	<p>Ron Allen explained to Robin King that the policy communicates that the HHS policy is the ceiling and not as the floor, this dilutes the policy. The policy is strategically and politically unacceptable.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree continued with the CMS report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subcommittee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Encounter Rate workgroup has helped to set up site visits for Richard Billera and Lisa Carroll to visit Minnesota with Phil Norrgard and Oklahoma with Mickey Percy <p>Vice-Chairman Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation TTAG Representative, and David Reede, Phoenix Area TTAG Representative, expressed concerns with sovereignty and the need for the TTAG to work with Congress.</p>	
Integrating IHS and CMS Data	<p>Please refer to TAB I for the Power Point presentation "<i>Integrating IHS and CMS Data</i>" and the January 2008 quarterly report from the California Rural Indian Health Board.</p> <p>Dr. Carol Korenbrot, California Rural Indian Health Board, gave the Data Subcommittee Report and presented an update on the ongoing data research project.</p> <p>Please provide feedback to either Jim Crouch or Dr. Carol Korenbrot on the data report and presentation.</p>	
Medicare Like Rates	<p>Brenda Jeanotte-Smith, IHS, briefly explained that the Medicare Like Rates are one year from implementation.</p> <p>Carl Harper, IHS, explained that there continues to be work that needs to be done on the Medicare Like Rates. Ambulatory care still needs to be looked at. He also informed the group that at the Contract Health Services meeting approximately 350 people attended and of that 60% were Tribal.</p> <p>Chair Valerie Davidson invited further discussions on Medicare Like Rates and looks forward to continuing to work on these.</p>	
Strategic Plan Update and Discussion	<p>Please refer to Draft #15 of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The group went through Appendix B to assign the "Entity Responsible" with the help of Dorothy Dupree and Rodger Goodacre.</p> <p>Please provide feedback and comments to Jim Roberts, by Friday, August 15, 2008.</p>	Review strategic plan and provide comments to Jim Roberts by Aug. 15
Outreach and Education Activities Report	<p>Kara Briggs, Red Hummingbird Media Corporation, presented her work performed for the NIHB. She analyzed NIHB's communications networks and recommended strategies for streamlining and advancing these networks.</p> <p>Please provide feedback on the report or the presentation to Kara Briggs by August 29th.</p>	Review report and provide comments to Kara Briggs by Aug. 29
Outreach and Education Subcommittee Report	<p>Kathy Hughes, Chair of the Outreach and Education subcommittee and Bemidji Area TTAG Representative, and Rodger Goodacre gave the Outreach and Education subcommittee report.</p> <p>Please refer to the training modules developed by American Indian Health & Management Policy.</p> <p>Carlyle Begay, American Indian Health & Management Policy, gave an</p>	

	<p>overview of the modules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four different modules were developed: Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP and an overview of CMS programs - The modules are culturally appropriate - They will include the appropriate contact information - Conducted pilot training groups <p>Rodger Goodacre explained that these modules are easy ways to train individuals and can be customized to become very specific.</p> <p>Kathy Hughes also explained that they modules are designed to be customized for training purposes. The audiences of these modules are those who work with beneficiaries. These modules will be used by individuals such as health directors, CHR's or health workers to give ongoing regional trainings.</p> <p>Please review modules and provide comments to Rodger Goodacre or Carlyle Begay by Friday, August 29.</p> <p>Kathy Hughes gave the description of the draft enrollment pamphlet found under TAB K.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The brochure is to explain why people should enroll and will be placed in health clinics. <p>In regards to the training modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kris Locke suggested dating the statistics and all data used in the modules along with the sources to allow for up to date information - Ron Allen asked a note to be added that some laws have been amended - Carolyn Finster suggested adding the information for the local/Tribal benefits coordinator to the slides <p>Kathy Hughes discussed Medicine Dish. The series will be put on DVD's and will be available at the NIHB conference.</p> <p>Rodger Goodacre reminded the group to watch the Medicine Dish Broadcast on FOHC's on August 13, 2008 featuring Jim Crouch.</p>	<p>Review training modules and provide comments to Carlyle Begay by Aug. 29</p>
<p>Long Term Care Subcommittee Report</p>	<p>There was no Long Term Care Subcommittee report.</p>	
<p>Long Term Care Activities Report</p>	<p>John Johns, NIHB Regulations and Policy Analyst, gave an overview of the long term care activities he is working on. Please refer to TAB L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of long term care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Definition of long term care is very important to develop to guide the work o This issue is a sleeping giant - Compiling resources on long term care - Developing toolkit with steps and instructions along with technical support to guide Tribes in the world of long term care - New CMS TTAG website will feature interactive map with long term care services and state waiver plan information. <p>Valerie Davidson suggested including a paragraph explaining that in order to have a sustainable program Tribes have to work with IHS, states, CMS</p>	

	<p>and other national/federal agencies.</p> <p>Cinda Hughes discussed the importance of identifying independent living centers, disabled veterans and youth along with home health aides. It is also important to remember that many Tribes lump their long term care services with housing. Right now there are over 200 Tribal vocational rehabilitation programs.</p> <p>Jim Roberts informed the group that the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board passed a resolution in their recent board meeting that NIHB, TSGAC and NCAI address and elevate the long term care issues.</p> <p>John Johns also informed the group that Dr. Turner Goins of the University of West Virginia will be presenting the results of the elder care in Indian Country at the NIHB Annual Consumer Conference.</p>	
Adjournment	Chair Valerie Davidson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm (ET).	

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Documents Received:

- March 27, 2008 Dennis Smith MAM letter
- July 17, 2008 Herb Kuhn MAM letter
- Citizenship Documentation Subcommittee letter of recommendation

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Contact James Whitfield to discuss the Tribal Consultation Policy and report back to the TTAG.	Unspecified	Stacey Ecoffey	
Contact Kerry Weems and Laura Caliguiri about the Tribal Consultation Policy and report back to the TTAG.	Unspecified	Robin King	
Provide revised budget that reflects %'s of staff time for TTAG review	Unspecified	NIHB	
Send MAM Power Point presentation to TTAG	As soon as possible	Caitlin Wesaw	
Provide comments to Roz Begay on Citizenship Documentation recommendation letter	As soon as possible	TTAG	
Draft letter to Kerry Weems and Herb Kuhn about MAM	As soon as possible	Jim Roberts	
Begin research on identifying states modes of Tribal consultation	Unspecified	NIHB	New Mexico example

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Tribal Consultation Policy	<p>Mickey Percy introduced Stacey Ecoffey of DHHS Intergovernmental Affairs, and Robin King, Director of CMS Office of External Affairs. Both were invited by the TTAG to hear the discussion on the CMS Tribal Consultation Policy.</p> <p>Mickey Percy, NIHB TTAG Representative and Chair of the Tribal Consultation Policy Subcommittee, discussed the history of the tribal consultation policy and the experiences of TTAG during the process. He noted that the group has been working on this policy since 2005.</p> <p>Mickey Percy: The TTAG is not happy with the policy. The TTAG would like to have the policy back from the Department and revise it and negotiate with the Department to change the policy to satisfy the tribes.</p> <p>Ron Allen: There is certain language that is in the policy that uses and abuses the obligation to tribes. More people need to get involved in revising the policy. For example, "to the extent permitted by law." This needs to work better for the tribes. One of the main issues with the policy is the lack of direction to states for consultation with the tribes. We would like to follow up with a work session with the Tribal Consultation Policy Subcommittee and the appropriate CMS staff.</p> <p>Mickey Percy: We do appreciate the time and work that CMS has done with the tribes, but there is a lot more work that can be done. The group wants to remind CMS to have a policy that reflects the government-to-government relationship.</p> <p>Chair Valerie Davidson: There are references in the consultation policy. Some states have good relationships with tribes and others do not give tribes the time of day. The group wants CMS to have the states come to the table and consult with tribes. In some cases these directions from CMS is the only leverage tribes have in being a part of the waiver process or state plan amendment process. She wanted to remind Mr. Robin King that the smallest wording changes have the greatest effects in Indian country.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Clarified the changes to the consultation policy to Stacy Ecoffey.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Kerry Weems has signed the transmittal memo for the policy to go to the Department. From a staff perspective, there is not more to be done. This version is far better than the originally proposed version. Much of the staff was not aware of the requirements of government-to-government. The discussions would have to be bumped up to a different level.</p> <p>Robin King: Asked for Dorothy to explain one of the issues the CMS staff</p>	

	<p>objected to.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: CMS staff deleted language to require States to let tribes look at State Plan Amendments before they are submitted. The staff felt that this process would be burdensome on States.</p> <p>Mel Schmerler, CMS: Asked Dorothy whether or not tribes asked States to share the State Plan Amendments before they are approved.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Explained that tribes want to see the SPA before they are approved. Right now they only must be consulted when States request waivers.</p> <p>Lane Terwilliger: Currently working on E-SPA. The idea is that the State proposals will be on the E-SPA website for the states to submit the plans to an online website to allow for other states and other states to look at them. She will report back to the group on what she finds out.</p> <p>Myra Munson: The general language is to “strongly” encourage the States to share the SPA’s with tribes. No one is asking for the plans to be sent to all 562 tribes, only the tribes that are in that State. We should all look for solutions instead of looking for reasons to not do something. The other issue that comes up is the differences between “expressly permitted by law” and “not prohibited by law.”</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Being involved in policy discussions with CMS, in some cases if it is not expressly allowed within the law/policy then CMS will not do it. The other language that is a problem is the “not prohibited” by law. This is the language that should be used.</p> <p>Jim Roberts: There are many concerns with the timing of the plans and other issues to address or review. There needs to be adequate time for tribes to respond.</p> <p>Ben Shelly: The health advisory board of New Mexico could be used as an example of how to better work with states. This was a directive under Governor Bill Richardson to ensure the consultation between tribes and the state on health care. He will ask someone from the advisory group to address the TTAG and see if this is something to work with other States on establishing. He discussed the Navajo’s process of consultation. The Navajo’s deal with three different States and they need States to come to the table to address urban issues or even address the Navajos in general.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: What we are trying to figure out what tribes can do to get States to come to the table.</p> <p>David Reede: Discussed the Phoenix Area’s challenges and expressed concerns with the states being “encouraged” to consult with tribes.</p> <p>Ron Allen: Get NIHB to do a quick poll to find out who is doing what to work with tribes. We need to examine how tribes are successful or unsuccessful with states.</p> <p>Ben Shelly: CMS should insist on forming some sort of workgroup. The first step would be to get a contact with the tribes to work through first</p>	<p>Begin research on identifying states modes of Tribal consultation</p>
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	<p>and then move forward.</p> <p>Melanie Knight: Discussed the tone of the policy. The policy needs to have a government-to-government tone rather than a constituent tone. There needs to be an involved, participatory tone in the policy.</p> <p>Stacey Ecoffey: There are some things in the policy that CMS is being harsh on and there are some things that the tribes are being harsh on in terms of the HHS policy. The group needs to ask themselves, there are a lot of changes going on and to be honest with you, you are looking at the career staff's comments on the policy. If you wait too long you may never get back to this point. The State issue will always be there. States do not want to deal with anyone. It is not just tribal issues. There needs to be concrete examples of where CMS is already instructing states to do some sort of consultation. There need to be concrete examples of "not prohibited" and "expressly permitted by law". This should be explained to James without lawyers at the table. This would be a better idea.</p> <p>Mickey Percy: The group has done the pro's and con's of what to do with this policy. The group has decided not to rush through the process. Sometimes it is better to be without a policy than one that can't be lived with.</p> <p>Ron Allen: Supports Stacy Ecoffey's invitation of a work group. He does not feel pressure to get this policy done because of where the administration is currently. At the end of the day this is a policy issue and not a legal issue. He agrees that there needs to be compromise and negotiations. The group is not stepping back, it is pushing forward.</p> <p>Stacey Ecoffey: James needs to be briefed on the issue with the TTAG and have another meeting with CMS people who are reviewing the policy. The TTAG can bring forward the tribal concerns.</p> <p>Mickey Percy: He is not sure where the group is at this point.</p> <p>Robin King: Would like to first have a meeting with Laura and Kerry.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: In many cases the policy staff does not want to change position on Tribal matters.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Stacey will talk to James Robin will talk to Laura</p> <p>Robin King: There may be an opportunity to take advantage of the success stories of States and tribes. There is a way to discuss and encourage informal, formal and private ways to have tribes work with states.</p> <p>Stacey Ecoffey: Remember there are only 35 states to deal with and that the Regional Directors should be involved. There should be more step by step policies.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: The use of Regional Directors and offices and how to work with them is controlled by CMS.</p>	<p>Stacey Ecoffey will talk to James Whitfield and Robin King will talk with Laura Caliguiri about the Tribal Consultation Policy</p>
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	<p>Robin King: On the CMS side there has been a regional reorganization.</p> <p>Ron Allen: The group needs to make sure that it is not moving back.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: An example of one of the NAC's. A state was concerned with the work that one of the NAC's was doing to keep tribes informed and they wanted to remove her. The NAC's are on the firing line when it comes to the tribes.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Dorothy Dupree, Stacy Ecoffey and Robin King need to discuss.</p> <p>Robin King: The policy is meaningless unless we can identify opportunities.</p> <p>Kathy Hughes: Wanted to clarify what is going on, is the policy going to go forward despite what the group decides.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree and Mickey Peercy: Things need to happen sooner rather than later.</p> <p>Bill Lance: In Oklahoma there is a tribal consultation policy with the Medicaid department. Incentives would be a great way to get the states involved.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: The group will wait to hear from Robin King and Stacey Ecoffey.</p>	
<p>Citizenship Documentation Subcommittee Report</p>	<p>Roz Begay gave the Citizenship Documentation Subcommittee update.</p> <p>Kerry Weems met with Anslem and wants to work on this issue and solve the problem. The Navajos has suggested that the Navajo process be used. The document circulated is a proposed letter of recommendation to CMS.</p> <p>Lane Terwilliger: Would like to provide technical assistance. 1) the administration should look at all of the comments and take those into consideration 2) Lane will lead the efforts to work with her team 3) CMS will remind states of their obligation to work through all issues</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Explained the history of the citizenship documentation issue. CMS should adopt a new regulation that will solve the problems. Highlight the NCAI success with TSA.</p> <p>Heather Thompson: The DHS has actually grandfathered the policy. She does advise a careful use of the example of DHS since they have more stringent regulations.</p> <p>A motion was made to conceptually approve the letter and allow for suggested revisions. Motion to approve the letter.</p> <p>TTAG agreed to send comments on the letter to Roz Begay.</p>	<p>Review letter of recommendations and provide comments to Roz Begay.</p>
<p>NIHB Report</p>	<p>Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director of NIHB, gave the NIHB report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Location - Current Events - Staffing Update 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Health Summit (Work on state consultation issues) - Annual Consumer Conference <p>Kitty Marx, Legislative Director of NIHB, gave a legislative update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMS Day 2008 - Dr. Korenbrot during plenary, Dr. Goins during plenary - Kerry Weems and Maria Shriver invited - Ron Allen to discuss Strategic Plan - Families USA contacted <p>CMS Day Discussion</p> <p>Budget Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ron Allen: The group needs to sit down with Stacy and work on an annual budget. This is just an overview and more detail needs to be discussed so that a better handle can be gotten so that when advocating for a higher budget. There is a lot of work to do next year and we need to make sure that our side of the table is taken care of. CMS Day: should people who are only coming for CMS Day pay the full registration fee. - Dorothy Dupree: It is important to know the internal needs of the organization and the TTAG should know more than the overview of the budget. Encouraged another retreat to take place. - Mickey Peercy: NIHB should give the percentage of time. The issue of CMS Day should be addressed. - Valerie Davidson: Look at other conferences to see how we should do that. - Look at what other CMS staffing groups are being paid. - Valerie Davidson: What kind of resources to Medicaid Directors and more budget information from NIHB, and 2009 budget. 	<p>Provide revised budget that reflects percentages of staff time for TTAG review</p>
<p>2009 Budget Discussion</p>	<p>Rodger Goodacre gave the update on the budget. The new IDDA needs to be prepared by October 1.</p> <p>Jim Roberts: Clarification on the budget process. Budget conference call should be scheduled.</p> <p>Kris Locke: What is the amount that should be used?</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Rodger will get together with Jim Roberts to discuss the expectations for the budget. Discussion with NIHB to be able to determine what subcommittees will do.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: \$92,000 for research activities and seeks advice from the TTAG on the highest priorities. In her opinion she believes that the transportation issue is the highest priorities.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Elevate transportation as the most critical or highest priority.</p> <p>Jim Roberts: What is the process of the money?</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Push back to the Office of Research, Development, and</p>	

	<p>Information (ORDI). They may get additional funding later. TAG will look into possible redirection of the contract.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Motion to make the transportation issue the top priority.</p> <p>Jim Roberts: A part of outreach and education.</p> <p>Myra Munson: More than outreach and education.</p> <p>Carol Barbero: Long term care as a research priority.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Medicare like rates is also not on there.</p> <p>Carolyn Finster: What will happen when they find there is a need.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: With information the group can approach the administration.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: When does CMS have to have the information about research?</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Today.</p> <p>Jim Roberts: New FMIB#?</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree: Yes.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Objections to transportation</p> <p>Cinda Hughes: Suggested researching Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Motion to elevate transportation and DME to go forward as a research plan and scope of work to come later.</p> <p>Motion by Carolyn Finster and second by Cinda Hughes.</p>	
<p>Update on Status of MAM Plans</p>	<p>Sharon Brown and Judi Wallace gave a MAM update.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: Herb Kuhn needs to come to the meeting to provide more clarity and bring everyone to the table to clear up this issue.</p> <p>Bill Lance: Would like to know about all of the issues so all MAM plans can address the methods.</p> <p>Valerie Davidson: The overall theme is that these plans have been in the works for years and there have been multiple opportunities to address these issues.</p> <p>Ron Allen stated that he was shocked that the CMS would send its highest ranking Medicaid official to a Tribal Consultation meeting to negotiate a resolution on an issue, have a compromise be agreed upon, and then have it abrogated by lower level CMS staff in violation of Mr. Smith's written letter. This abrogation is completely disrespectful to Tribal governments and the Tribal Consultation process. Tribal leaders who participated in this historic meeting thought we were past this type of bureaucratic renegeing.</p>	<p>Send MAM PowerPoint presentation out to group.</p>

	<p>Sharon Brown and Judy Wallace explained that two other States with pending Tribal MAM plans agreed to comply with additional reporting requirements. They indicated that the Tribes in Montana were thrilled to comply with the reporting requirements.</p> <p>Jim Roberts responded that the decision by Tribes in other states should not be used to defend its decision to impose additional administrative burden on Washington Tribes. Washington State was one of the first states to allow Tribes to conduct administrative claiming. The Tribes understand that there are substantial costs and administrative burden in carrying out MAM programs. As Tribes in other states begin to manage their MAM programs, they too will realize there are substantial administrative costs in carrying out MAM programs, and may not be able to afford to comply with the additional reporting requirements that CMS wants to impose on Washington Tribes.</p> <p>Ron Allen: Would like to request a consultation process. TTAG needs to write a letter to call for a national consultation meeting with the administrator and the director.</p> <p>Jim Roberts agreed to author a letter to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator requesting national consultation on the MAM issue.</p> <p>Dorothy Dupree and Valerie Davidson thanked Sharon Brown and Judy Wallace for coming to these meetings and discussing this issue time and time again.</p>	<p>Draft letter to Kerry Weems and Herb Kuhn about MAM</p>
CMS Day 2008	A CMS Day subcommittee meeting was called for immediately after the adjournment of the meeting.	
Adjournment	Chair Valerie Davidson adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm (ET).	