

# Tribal Technical Advisory Group

## To the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group

January 14, 2009

#### Conference Call Notes

#### TTAG Members Present

Aberdeen

Alaska Valerie Davidson

Albuquerque Carolyn Finster

Bemidji Phil Norrgard

Billings

California

Nashville Dee Sabattus

Navajo Anslem Roanhorse

Oklahoma

Phoenix David Reede

Portland

Tucson

#### TSGAC

Ron Allen

#### NIHB

Mickey Peercy

#### NCAI

#### NIHB Staff

Kitty Marx

John Johns

Caitlin Wesaw

Stacy Bohlen

#### CMS

Cecile Greenway

Stacy Shuman Dallas Regional  
Office

Rodger Goodacre

Lindsey Cometa

Bob Inzer

Julie Rand NY Regional Office

Lane Terwilliger

#### IHS

Chris Watson

Elmer Brewster

Balerna Burgess

#### Others Present

Carol Barbero

Kris Locke

Roz Begay

Gerald Moses

Myra Munson

Chris Many Deeds

Sandra Rever, Choctaw

Jessica Imotichey

Alida Montiel

Janelle Hardy

Helen Spencer

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Summary of Action Items**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Send out draft notes to TTAG when completed	Ongoing	NIHB	
Provide comments to Jim Roberts on the Strategic Plan	ASAP	Rodger Goodacre	
Schedule an MMPC conference call January 28, 2009	ASAP	NIHB	
Invite Secretary Daschle to February meeting	ASAP	NIHB	
Send comments on the LTC report to John Johns	ASAP	Alida Montiel	
Edits to John Johns on LTC report	January 14	TTAG	
Schedule Citizenship Documentation subcommittee conference call	ASAP	Anslem Roanhorse and NIHB	
Send agenda items to Caitlin Wesaw	ASAP	TTAG	
Organize Equitable Relief Subcommittee and conference call	Unspecified	NIHB	

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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Opening</b>	<b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> opened the meeting at 2:30 pm (ET).	
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call was taken by <b>Caitlin Wesaw, NIHB</b> , a quorum was present. Please see previous page for complete list of participants.	
<b>Report from Chair</b>	<p><b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> gave the report from the Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team on December 18, 2008.</li> <li>• Henry Claypool from the CMS workgroup was there as well. He was presented with a copy of the Strategic Plan and the recommendations of the TTAG were well received.</li> <li>• This will be discussed in further detail at the face to face meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Report from Secretary</b>	<p><b>Secretary Carolyn Finster</b> asked NIHB to give an update on the minutes.</p> <p><b>Caitlin Wesaw, NIHB</b>, will send a draft of the November 13-14, 2008 meeting notes to the Secretary for review and then send out a draft copy to the TTAG. The notes will also be sent to CMS for their review and approval.</p>	Send out draft notes to TTAG when completed
<b>Report from CMS</b>	<p><b>Rodger Goodacre</b> gave the report from CMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitty Marx has accepted the position of Tribal Affairs Director beginning on January 20, 2009.</li> <li>• Charlene Frizera will be the Acting Administrator at CMS until Daschle names a new Administrator.</li> <li>• No word on who will be acting as CMSO head.</li> <li>• Kimberly Klein will be the Acting Director of Office of External Affairs.</li> <li>• Program Notes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ California MAM plan was approved January 9, 2009</li> <li>○ CMSO has taken no action on the call for national consultation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Administrative Notes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IDDA between CMS and IHS has come under scrutiny because of lack of granting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>authorities at CMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CMS is working with OGC, general council at CMS and IHS and NIHB to find an interim arrangement until a solution can be found</li> <li>○ Confident that an agreement can be found, but there will be administratively challenged if it can't be worked out</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tribal Consultation Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Determination made by TTAG to not move the tribal consultation policy as proposed by CMS forward</li> <li>○ <b>Mickey Peercy</b> sent a letter of concerns with the policy as written over to CMS</li> <li>○ <b>Rodger Goodacre</b> shared the letter and concerns with the staff</li> <li>○ Staff is committed to finalizing the policy with the TTAG</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Status of the Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Number of comments from staff and will work to put together a document to share with <b>Jim Roberts</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Rodger Goodacre will provide comments to Jim Roberts on the Strategic Plan</p>
<p><b>Approval of Long Term Care Report</b></p>	<p><b>John Johns, NIHB</b>, discussed the Long Term Care Report. The report has gone through six drafts, presented to NIHB Board, and numerous conference calls were held to discuss and finalize. The report is due at CMS January 15, 2009.</p> <p><b>Ron Allen</b> made a motion to move the report forward to CMS and <b>Mickey Peercy</b> seconded that motion. Motion carried with unanimous consent.</p> <p><b>Alida Montiel and Janelle Hardy</b> had additional comments on the report in regards to the Intertribal Council of Arizona. <b>John Johns</b> asked to have the comments sent to him, and reminded the group that the report is just a preliminary and further work will be done on the report.</p>	<p>Alida Montiel will send comments on the LTC report to John Johns</p>
<p><b>Subcommittee Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Outreach and Education – Rodger Goodacre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conference call scheduled for January 22, 2009</li> <li>● IHS has signed memo for trainings for 2009</li> <li>● A full report from the subcommittee will be given in</li> </ul>	

	<p>February and will include a report on best practices</p> <p><b>Data – No Report</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan – No Report</b></p> <p><b>Citizenship Documentation – Anslem Roanhorse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be scheduling a conference call</li> <li>• Inviting Sarah Rosenbaum to the February meeting</li> <li>• Attended meeting with the Presidential Transition Team on December 18, 2008 and raised this issue with them</li> <li>• Formal contact with Bingaman and Waxman were made on the issue</li> <li>• <b>Carol Barbero</b> gave an update on H.R. 2, SCHIP, the bill was passed on January 14, 2009. The bill does include the citizenship documentation fix.</li> </ul>	<p>Anslem Roanhorse will schedule Citizenship Documentation subcommittee conference call</p>
<p><b>Agenda Items for CMS TTAG Face to Face Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> asked everyone to send agenda items to <b>Caitlin Wesaw</b></p> <p><b>Ron Allen</b> suggested reviewing the budget for CY 2009 to make sure all of the work will be able to go with the resources given from CMS. Also have <b>Stacy Bohlen</b> give an update.</p>	<p>Send agenda items to Caitlin Wesaw</p>
<p><b>Dates to Remember</b></p>	<p>Upcoming meeting dates:  February 11, 2009 – TTAG Conference Call  February 26-27, 2009 – Face to Face Meeting  July 30-31, 2009 – Face to Face Meeting  November 5-6, 2009 – Face to Face Meeting</p>	
<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>Working with CMS in new administration</p>	<p><b>Ron Allen</b> asked what the process/game plan is to begin the dialogue and a relationship with the key players in CMS in the new Administration. <b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> suggested scheduling an MMPC conference call to discuss.</p> <p><b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> asked <b>Mickey Peercy</b> to schedule an MMPC conference call for the week following the inauguration.</p> <p><b>Carol Barbero</b> suggested inviting Secretary Daschle to the TTAG meeting and asking for <b>Robert Moore's</b> help.</p>	<p>Mickey Peercy will schedule an MMPC conference call January 28, 2009</p> <p>NIHB invite Secretary Daschle to February meeting</p>

Equitable Relief Subcommittee	<p><b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> reactivated the Equitable Relief Subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Caitlin Wesaw</b> will work with <b>Jim Roberts</b> to schedule a conference call.</li> <li>• Send email to <b>Caitlin Wesaw</b> if you are interested in participating in this subcommittee</li> <li>• <b>Rodger Goodacre</b> will send names of people from CMS and SSA to participate</li> <li>• <b>Elmer Brewster</b> will send names for IHS to <b>Caitlin Wesaw</b></li> </ul>	NIHB organize Equitable Relief Subcommittee and conference call
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Chair Valerie Davidson</b> adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm (ET).	