

Tribal Technical Advisory Group

To the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Conference Call Notes

TTAG Members Present

Aberdeen Robert Moore
Alaska Valerie Davidson
Albuquerque
Bemidji Phil Norrgard
Billings
California
Nashville
Navajo Anslem Roanhorse
Oklahoma
Phoenix
Portland Jim Roberts
Tucson

CMS

Kitty Marx
Mike Lyman
Rodger Goodacre
Lindsey Cometa
Bob Inzer
Cecile Greenway
Nancy Rios
Cyndi Gillaspie

IHS

Carl Harper
Balerma Burgess
Sandra Macklan
Dorothy Dupree

TSGAC

Others Present

NIHB Mickey Peercy
NCAI Cinda Hughes
NIHB Staff John Johns
Caitlin Wesaw

Jim Lamb
Rhonda Butcher
Danielle Delaney, NCUIH
Carol Barbero
Linda Frizzel
Kris Locke
Myra Munson
Jessica Imotichey
Sonicray Bonnel
Dee Dee Nelson

Documents Received:

- February 11, 2009 TTAG Conference Call Agenda

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Summary of Action Items**

Action Item	Timeline	Person Responsible	Notes
Send out December and January conference call notes to TTAG for review	ASAP	Caitlin Wesaw, NIHB	
Distribute the list of deliverables outlined in the IDDA	Unspecified	Rodger Goodacre	
Distribute data report	ASAP	Jim Crouch	
Submit comments on data report to Jim Crouch by February 28	ASAP	TTAG	
Follow up with Jim Crouch about data report	ASAP	Caitlin Wesaw, NIHB	
Schedule citizenship documentation conference call	ASAP	Anslem Roanhorse	Caitlin Wesaw will assist
Organize policy subcommittee conference call	ASAP	Cinda Hughes	

<p>IDDA with NIHB</p>	<p>NIHB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities that are under the revised IDDA: outreach and education activities, data, long term care, policy development and regulation monitoring <p>Jim Roberts asked CMS how the administrative support will be carried out and how was the amount of the support calculated.</p> <p>Rodger Goodacre explained that CMS now has to use the regular federal supply schedule and select a contractor of GSA schedule to provide meeting support. This is because CMS learned at a late date and this was the only mechanism to support upcoming TTAG meetings. The cost of the meeting support will be negotiated to be in the same range as what NIHB was completing those services. Those funds not used for administrative support will go towards the IDDA with NIHB.</p> <p>Jim Roberts reiterated there was value added services in having NIHB carry out some of these activities that may not be able to be achieved by moving to a contractor. He requested that the TTAG Budget Subcommittee work with the TTAG have an opportunity to go back and reclassify some of those funds so some of those value added services the NIHB performs can be added back to the TTAG budget.</p> <p>Kitty Marx reiterated the need to get this year's contract out and then work on resolving the IDDA issues for next year. The value added services will be provided by TAG.</p> <p>Kris Locke expressed her concern that with the SCHIP legislation that what was in the strategic plan, the research project to look at all of the options available for out stationing eligibility and outreach workers at tribes. Rodger Goodacre explained that once the IDDA has been finalized work plans can be worked on very quickly.</p> <p>Carol Barbero asked if CMS can distribute a list of the deliverables outlined in the IDDA. Rodger Goodacre will distribute a list of deliverables after the IDDA is cleared on the CMS side.</p>	<p>Rodger Goodacre will distribute the list of deliverables outlined in the IDDA</p>
<p>Subcommittee Activities</p> <p>Outreach and</p>	<p>Outreach and Education – Rodger Goodacre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A conference call was held on 1/29 and the next call is on 2/12 • The subcommittee is working with IHS to make determinations on how to run the area trainings. Kris Locke designed a survey to key informants to help develop an agenda. These surveys will also be used to determine 	

Education Subcommittee	<p>the schedules for the trainings. This year the trainings will be scheduled differently perhaps around other national meetings or holding them regionally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal health manual will be sent out to the TTAG. The subcommittee is reviewing the handbook and it will be presented at the TTAG meeting. • The subcommittee will begin working on CHIP outreach <p>Carol Barbero asked how CMS will handle distribution of grants. Kitty Marx explained that the I/T/U grants will be administered by IHS and the national enrollment campaign, while it is too early to tell, more than likely will be a contracted activity through OEA and other agencies. These meetings are going on and TAG is making sure that Indian Country's needs are addressed.</p>	
Data Subcommittee	<p>Data – Mike Lyman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was received from CRIHB on Medicaid and SCHIP data and how it relates to the 12 IHS areas • The source of the report was the MSIS data system that is available online and CRIHB did not need use the data tapes. • The results were that there are continuing differences in data definitions. • Conference call scheduled for today at 4:00 pm (ET) to discuss the report <p>Chair Val Davidson asked Caitlin Wesaw to follow up with Jim Crouch on the data report</p>	<p>Distribute data report and submit comments to Jim Crouch by February 28</p> <p>Caitlin Wesaw follow up with Jim Crouch about data report</p>
Long Term Care	<p>Long Term Care – John Johns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update will be given during the face to face meeting 	
Citizenship Documentation	<p>Citizenship Documentation – Anslem Roanhorse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked all who helped to get the citizenship documentation issue resolved • Conference call will be scheduled within the next two weeks • February 13 conference call with Families USA to discuss • Will work on thank you letters to send to those who helped on this issue <p>Chair Valerie Davidson informed the TTAG that there is an opportunity to work with Henry Claypool, Presidential Transition Team – CMS Review Team, to navigate the citizenship documentation issue at CMS.</p>	<p>Caitlin Wesaw work with Anslem Roanhorse to schedule a conference call</p>
Strategic Plan	<p>Strategic Plan – Jim Roberts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan is completed and adopted by the TTAG • Waiting for CMS comments 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final copies will be distributed at the TTAG meeting after the CMS comments are incorporated <p>Kitty Marx informed the TTAG that CMS is working on the comments and will get them over to Jim Roberts by 2/17. Many of the comments were editorial. A Subcommittee call will be necessary to discuss how to incorporate the comments.</p>	
Discussion on February CMS TTAG Face to Face Meeting	<p>Suggestions for February agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kimberly Kleine, Acting OEA Director, address the TTAG Economic stimulus implementation plan How economic stimulus and CHIP applies to Indians Major and ongoing TTAG issues 	
Other Business	Phil Norrgard suggested reinstating the policy subcommittee to discuss the new provisions in detail and report back to the TTAG.	Organize policy subcommittee meeting
Dates to Remember	February 26-27, 2009 – Face to Face Meeting	
Adjournment	Chair Valerie Davidson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm (ET).	