

BEWELLM, NEW MEXICO'S HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Native American Committee is a committee of the Board ("Board") of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, ("NMHIX"), established by Laws of 2013, Chapter 54, in the regular session of 2013. The Native American Committee ("Committee") is established in Article V of the NMHIX Annual Plan of Operations to assist the Board with:

I. Mission. The Committee promotes effective communication and collaboration between the Exchange and the Native American communities of New Mexico. The Committee ensures adherence to Native American-specific provisions included in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) or any other Exchange related policy. They shall nurture communication and collaboration as established via the Native American Liaison.

II. Committee Functions.

A. Exchange Native American Liaison. The Committee shall work with the Board to recommend a Native American liaison to serve as a contact person between the Exchange and New Mexico Native American nations, tribes, and pueblos and to ensure compliance with tribal policies in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

B. Cultural Competency Training. The Committee shall work with the Native American Liaison to ensure that training is provided to the staff of the Exchange on cultural competency and Native American-specific provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the federal Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA).

C. Native American Service Center. As identified in The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act, the Board may establish a Native American Service Center. The Committee will take the lead in making recommendations to the Board regarding the Native American Service Center if necessary.

D. Native American Advisory Committee. The Committee shall work in close coordination with the Native American Advisory Committee as established by The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act and as led by the Native American Liaison. The Native American Advisory Committee consists of Native Americans, those living on and off a reservation, who shall advise the Board on implementation of provisions of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act and Affordable Care Act that specifically address Native Americans. A representative from the Committee shall attend the meetings of the Advisory Committee.

III. Membership

A. Committee Membership and Appointment. The Committee should be made up of up to six NMHIX Board members as appointed by the Chairman of the Board. The Chair of the Committee shall designate one Committee member to serve as Vice-Chair.

IV. Committee Meetings

A. Frequency. The Committee should meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed to fulfill the Committee's functions as outlined in Section II of this charter.

B. Meeting Structure and Open Meetings Law. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public, unless the Chair of the Committee determines, at the chair's discretion, the meeting should be closed. Notice of a Committee meeting shall be given to the extent practicable. If possible, the Committee shall post on the NMHIX website the time and place of the meeting and the agenda or matters to be discussed. If the Committee meets for the purpose of taking final action or formulating public policy, and not in an advisory capacity in which it develops recommendations for Board approval, the Committee shall hold its meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Board's Open Meetings Act Resolution.

V. Annual Evaluation

A. Charter Effectiveness. The Committee shall review the effectiveness of this Charter each year and share any recommended changes with the Executive Committee and Board.