

LEC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

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LEC Coordinator/Representative Attendees:

Sharon Battaglia, Sonoma County Office of Education, **Co-Chair** – Region 1
Coreen DeLeon, Glenn County Office of Education – Region 2
Marjorie Rollins, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools – Region 3
Dr. Baljinder Dhillon, Superintendent, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools – Region 3
Gail Atwood, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools – Region 3
Michelle Cowart, Contra Costa County Office of Education – Region 4
Janice Holden, Stanislaus County Office of Education – Region 6
Susan Ellyson, Madera County Office of Education – Region 7
Dr. Cecelia Massetti, Superintendent, Madera County Office of Education, Region 7
Margaret Roux, Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Region 8
Rosalee Hormuth, Orange County Department of Education, **Co-Chair** – Region 9
Andrea Tennyson, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools – Region 10
Octavio Castelo, Los Angeles County Office of Education – Region 11

Other Attendees:

Tony Teresi, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Michelle Kristoff, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Amanda Dickey, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)

Absent:

Randy Jones, Glenn County Office of Education – Region 2
Ken Gragg, Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Region 8

1.0 Introductions

- Each individual stated his/her name and agency affiliation.

2.0 Additions to the Agenda – 4.8.6 DUNS Language by Michelle Kristoff

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 Minutes from June 9, 2016 meeting

The June 9, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report

4.1 SMAA Manual Revision – Status

- Michelle Kristoff stated that the SMAA Manual will be submitted to CMS on Monday, August 15. She stated that DHCS did a thorough review of the manual to ensure that all of the edits are reflected in the final version to be submitted.
- She also stated that the revised version and the matrix of all changes will be emailed to all stakeholders after submission and posted to the DHCS website within a few days.
- No indications have been given by CMS as to whether or not the entire plan will be opened.

4.2 RMTS Invoice – Status and training date(s)

- Chief Tony Teresi stated that the final version of the invoice will be submitted to CMS along with the SMAA Manual.
- Chief Teresi informed the group that Invoice submission deadline for 14/15 Q3 has been extended to December 31st. Margaret Roux suggested that a January deadline should be considered due to school holidays. The group asked is a SMAA Program Update would be posted to the website and Chief Teresi said yes. The idea of “placeholder invoices” was also discussed.

4.2.1 Chief Teresi confirmed that the Vendor Fee Worksheet (VFW) is still required for all RMTS invoices.

4.3 DHCS RMTS Summit – The Summit is tentatively rescheduled for December 5, 2016. DHCS stated that scheduling will depend on when CMS approves the manual. Coder training may possibly be in September via webinar.

4.4 DHCS LCFF Letter to CMS (Categorical funding issue) – The letter is currently being reviewed by DHCS’ legal team.

4.5 DHCS Participation Fees/Invoices – When contracts come up for renewal in January 2017, fees will be reviewed and adjusted. Margie shared that DHCS’ invoices are based on their operating budget. She requested DHCS’ budget for FY 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 which determine the cost for running the MAA unit. This then determines the percentage cost to be allocated to all the LEC regions.

4.6 2016 NAME Conference – DHCS will not be attending the conference. Michelle Kristoff

shared that the department doesn't have an out-of-state travel budget. She stated that the department will work on a budget for future conferences.

4.7 SMAC Workgroup meeting – An in-person meeting and conference call is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday August 12th. The Co-Chairs and Margaret Roux attend these meetings. No vendors are included.

4.8 Follow-up from prior LEC Meetings:

4.8.1 IEP discussion/letter to CMS – It was submitted with the SMAA Manual, waiting for CMS response.

4.8.2 Tape Match & DUA – DHCS is working with their privacy office, IT, and legal team to finalize the process. A PPL should come out in the middle of September. DHCS is looking to do away with the DUA and make it part of the LEC contract.

4.8.3 DHCS follow-up and responses to BSA audit report findings – DHCS' 6 month responses have been posted and were the same as their 60-day responses.

4.8.4 Backcasting – An LEA workgroup (David Neben & Jeremy Ford) are working on submitting alternative proposals to CMS. DHCS believes that CMS is moving forward with the submitted methodology. Due dates for backcasting:

FY 09/10-10/11 - January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017

FY 11/12-12/13 – July 1, 2017 – December 30, 2017

FY 13/14-14/15 – January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018

4.8.5 Update on DHCS staffing – DHCS is in the process of hiring a staff member to fill Ashley's vacancy. DHCS can't release name until HR's approval.

4.8.6 Per Michelle Kristoff, DUN's language is no longer required; contracts will be amended.

5.0 LEC Committee Business

5.1 CCSESA Update – Amanda provided an update on SB123; it's on the governor's desk. Dr. Cecelia Massetti, Superintendent from Madera County Office of Education thanked the LEC Coordinators for their perseverance and determination regarding the SMAA program. She shared that CCSESA has met and discussed how they can continue to support the LEC Coordinators and the program in the future and what information CCSESA needs from all LEC Coordinators.

Communication, Consistency, and RMTS implementation are the areas she discussed with the group.

5.2 Discussion of Administrative Consistency – the LEC Co-chairs will be updating the group information previously gathered for the regional matrix. Please email Sharon any updates.

5.3 DHCS Participation Fees/Invoices – Margie Rollins explained that once DHCS provides their budget, the LEC Committee would discuss and determine the method of splitting the participation fee costs. It had been brought up by the group to re-evaluate the %splits and base them on RMTS data rather than revenues.

- 5.4 Backcasting Analysis** – Most regions submitted data to LACOE for backcasting analysis and have returned their results. If requested, they will submit results of LACOE’s analysis to DHCS for consideration. Concern was expressed since the data contains “draft” RMTS results, not finalized numbers.
- 5.5 PCG/Software Discussion** – The current LEC/PCG contract ends at the end of 9/30/2017. The group has been talking about whether or not to ask for an extension or begin a RFP process. More discussion to continue.
- 5.6 Expired Moments** – Although DHCS has stated that this is an optional process, concerns still exist for several LEC Coordinators that once a moment is expired it should remain as expired. Additionally, in light of OIG’s recent audit findings in Alabama, we might have to discuss our current process and treatment of expired moments. More discussion to continue.
- 5.7 2016 LEC Conference Call schedule** – The Co-Chairs will be emailing out a schedule for these dates.
- 5.8 2016 NAME Conference** – Several LEC Coordinators will be attending this year’s NAME Conference. Those not able to attend asked if a synopsis could be given at the next LEC meeting.
- 5.9 LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Ad-Hoc Workgroup update- Janice/Michelle** –The group has grown significantly over the last few months. DHCS LEA BOP is preparing for their fall training. Kevin Harris from Navigant is retiring
- 5.10 LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program RMTS Committee (IAG) update- Margaret/Rosalee** - The IAG is schedule to meet through the end of the calendar year. All meeting summaries are posted on the DHCS LEA BOP website. The group will be looking at preparing an RMTS Implementation Guide for LEA BOP and training materials.
- 5.11 RFP Process** – Region 9, OCDE, has gotten approval to lead the RFP process if the LEC decide to go this route. More discussion to continue.
- 5.13 LEC Committee Meeting format and restructure/LEA’s attendance** – Tabled to next meeting for discussion.
- 5.14 Regional LEC updates and/or concerns** – no discussion

6.0 Adjourn

The next LEC Committee Meeting is Thursday, October 6th at:

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