

# LEC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2017

Meeting Time: 10:00 am - 2:15 pm

Hilton Garden Inn

2540 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento CA 95833

## **LEC Coordinator/Representative Attendees**

Sharon Battaglia, Sonoma County Office of Education, **Co-Chair**- Region 1

Coreen DeLeon, Glenn County Office of Education - Region 2

Jen Minton, 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

Rosalee Hormuth, Orange County Department of Education, **Co-Chair** - Region 9

Rebekah Smith, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools - Region 10

Octavio Castelo, Los Angeles County Office of Education - Region 11

Phil Downing, Los Angeles County Office of Education - Region 11

Helen Lopez, 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)

## **Via Phone**

Susan Ellyson, Madera County Office of Education – Region 7

Margaret Roux, 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**

- No additions

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the June 8, 2017 meeting

- Minutes approved as presented

### **4.0 Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report/Update**

#### **4.1 Backcasting:**

- Discussions regarding alternative plans/calculations – Is CMS open?
  - Alternative backcasting denied based on changing percentages, changing MERS, etc.
  - Q: Are we changing to alternative backcasting or 12/13 and forward?

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A: Currently being worked on by David Neben. We are moving forward with currently approved proposal

- VFW – discuss new updated versions, questions or concerns:
  - There are two VFW's: one for RMTS & one for backcasting.
  - 15% limit applies to entire year
  - This is final VFW.
  - Enter interim payment based on settlement amount. Proposal to change verbiage to 'EXPECTED' interim payment amount or something that would differentiate the *expected* and *actual* receipt.
  - Inconsistent payment amounts. Some based on original amount, some on settlement amount.
  - Need correct amount to put on summary invoice sheet. DHCS advised they will research and provide feedback.
  - Netting for future claims: should have something to provide direction within the next two weeks (MK). 15/16 Q2, Q3, Q4
  - Region 11 requesting to use old VFW due to some constraints with code 15
- *Question:* Can DHCS have a conference call with LEAs/vendors to explain how and when they need to complete this?
  - DHCS can put together a webinar to explain how to complete the VFW. Would delay OC offering to put together for all.
- *Question:* On Summary Invoice, what do we enter in the field for 'Interim Settlement Payment Amount' if the LEA did not receive anything because of the department-wide deferral? \$0?

## 4.2 RMTS Invoice:

- Current deadlines: *Question:* any possibility of extensions?
  - 2015/16-Q2 due September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 2015/16-Q3 due December 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Backcasting Invoice deadlines are located on Page 5 of SMAA Manual
- *Question:* What are the changes to the updated version? A: Tab 3 & 4, Tab 7 verbiage
- Summary Invoice Page rounding issue – The Pool 1&2 split totals (right corner) do not equal the 50%/75% rate split totals in the center of the page (off by +/- \$1)

## 4.3 Data Match/MoveIt Process:

- When do we upload 16/17 data?
  - 16/17 data can be uploaded, now. Email SMAA mailbox and Emily, once you have uploaded. Emily pending notification when received/completed.
- In what format do these need to be in? Same as 15/16?
  - Yes, same format as 15/16

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- 4.4 **Integration of RMTS into LBO Program** – please provide a status update
- *Question:* Has DHCS formally re-submitted the SPA? Has CMS approved it?
    - DHCS has not formally resubmitted. DHCS has received RAI and will submit to CMS when management approves.
  - *Question:* Since it is now August, everyone is assuming the target start date has been changed/delayed. Please advise. Is it now 7/1/2018?
    - DHCS is currently conferring with CMS as to potential start dates. 7/1/18 has been suggested by all to CMS. LEA BOP is creating training for new LEA's to RMTS. DHCS is working with LEA BOP on trainings. State will be doing calculation for code 2. **(MK)**
  - *Question:* What is DHCS' communication plan? When? How? Can LECs be notified/copied?
    - DHCS continues to hold IAG meetings and minutes are posted on LEA BOP website. There is also a suggestion mailbox to submit comments/questions to IAG.
  - *Question:* Can there be another meeting/call to inform LECs of final coding changes and provide input/feedback regarding State training for Coders, Coordinators and TSPs? ETA?
    - DHCS provides annual coder training RMTS once changes are made with implementation/post-SPA approval.
- 4.5 **Recalculation of LEC State Participation Fees** – update % split to reflect RMTS
- Calculations are based on 9/10
    - Proposing split based on revenue, per region. DHCS says this is fine, but will need to amend contracts due to amounts changing.
    - Direct charge invoice status: 15/16 Q2; DHCS will research and provide feedback. It was suggested that the master allocation be sent to co-chairs to compare to new allocation/percentages.
- 4.6 **2017/18 Calendar**
- LEC Advisory Committee Meetings (every other month)
  - SMAA Stakeholders Meeting (twice a year)
- 4.7 **Status of Department Wide Deferral**
- The department wide deferral is getting cleaned up/finalized. For this reason, districts have received payment for years in which they are in the negative. Those amounts go on summary invoice as settlement payment amount for those who have received.

 **LUNCH BREAK** 

## 5.0 LEC Committee Business

The next LEC Committee Meeting is Friday, October 6, 2017 at: *The USC State Capital Center  
1800 I St, Sacramento, 95811*

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## 5.1 CCSESA Update

- Solutions Based Workgroup Update
  - Met 8/2/17. Main discussion was the restructuring of data to obtain alternate results, via alternative backcasting proposal. Requested more information, will do a brief, in-person, meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, with those who submitted data. John Mendoza will commit to a discussion prior to the 8<sup>th</sup>. Amanda will be the spokesperson with CMS regarding this issue.
- Backcasting Discussion Update
  - Still in discussions. Requesting to know what thoughts on the other backcasting models from CMS are so we can get more information. Amanda also is liaison on Special Ed group, and they're requesting information regarding RMTS integration. Amanda is requesting volunteer LEC's to attend a meeting in September in order to answer questions.
- SMAA Stakeholder Meeting – October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Considering using hub in Orange County or LACOE, in order for southern California LEA's can participate and ask questions. October meeting will have video conferencing however will not be interactive. If LEA's would like to be able to interact and ask questions during meeting, in person attendance is needed. Do we need to drill down agenda format? Rules of conduct? <<< Send suggestions to Sharon. Vendors are not allowed to attend; this is an LEA coordinator meeting.

## 5.2 LEC Committee Meetings:

- Co-chair nomination and selection
- Location, calendar, format and restructure

## 5.3 LEC Contracting Discussion (RFP Process)

- Meeting with contract person next week and will have about a week turnaround. Delayed due to year end closing. Hope to have contract up and running by March. Will ask about blended rate and a possibility of having them doing a site visit. Will create a statewide template you can take back. Based off new manual, we are allowed a top 2 to select from. Need accessibility on the statewide level is the same or better. Advise Octavio if you're interested to attend panel in January. Q: With LBOP integrating into RMTS, is there something in SPA that would allow for two vendors? Will this be a hindrance? A: Nothing at that level of detail in SPA. However, need SPA approved so that we know it's written into MAA manual. Octavio will send out notice to all. Vendors are also invited to bid. Transfer of data will be written into new RFP. Provide input to Octavio prior to submission.

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## 5.4 LEA BOP Ad-Hoc Workgroup update

- SPA still not formally submitted. Working on RAI's. Was verbalized that 7/1/18 is projected start date for RMTS, however, not formally approved by CMS. It was discussed that discussion sessions, known as breakout sessions, would not need to be selected separately, will discuss as a whole group. Further discussion about a call in option for meeting.

## 5.5 IAG Workgroup update

- Working on draft trainings, (LEA training for those who participate in LEA BOP but not SMAA, training for LEA coordinators and TSP's). Requested drafts to be shared with LEC's before finalization.

## 6.0 Adjourn