

LEC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 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
Randy Jones, Glenn County Office of Education – Region 2
Marjorie Rollins, 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
Margaret Roux, Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Region 8
Rosalee Hormuth, Orange County Department of Education – Region 9
Andrea Tennyson, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools – Region 10
Octavio Castelo, Los Angeles County Office of Education, **Co-Chair** – Region 11

Other Attendees:

Tony Teresi, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Daniel Miller, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Karen Williams, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Francisco Yanes, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Emily Amooeyan, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Phil Downing, Los Angeles County Office of Education – Region 11
Helen Lopez, Los Angeles County Office of Education – Region 11

On the phone from Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) – Lori Bobb , Jaime Harrison, Felicia Vincent, and Aaron McCalmont

Absent:

Monica Morgan, Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Region 5
Ken Gragg, Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Region 8

1.0 Introductions

- Each individual stated his/her name and agency affiliation.
- Chief Tony Teresi introduced Emily Amooeyan the newest analyst at DHCS, replacing Jedidiah Warren. Chief Tony Teresi explained that DHCS is in the process of also filling the position recently vacated by Ashley Schmidt.

2.0 Additions to the Agenda - none

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 Minutes from April 7, 2016 meeting

The April 7, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report

4.1 SMAA Manual Revision – Status

- Chief Tony Teresi stated that the SMAA Manual is in the final stages of review with Michelle Kristoff, DHCS upper management. They are making sure that all of the edits are reflected in the final version, to be submitted very soon.
- Chief Tony Teresi stated that DHCS has updated the matrix of changes for the manual and will also be submitted to CMS along with the manual.
- The hope is that the code and invoice sections along with the IEP changes will be reviewed upfront and then CMS will make the determination of whether to “open up” the entire SMAA plan. Should CMS determine that this is necessary, they will not be able to retroactively approve the manual. Therefore, any moment that did not get an approved code (1-16) would be considered invalid (Code 18).

4.2 RMTS Invoice – Status and training date(s)

- Chief Tony Teresi shared that DHCS created a committee to review the invoice that included LEC members, LGA members, and LEAs from both LECs and LGAs. The committee reviewed each tab and made adjustments to the invoice.
- Chief Tony Teresi has also been working with Committee Member Margie Rollins on updating Section 10 of the SMAA Manual that contains the instructions for the invoice.
- DHCS will submit the invoice to CMS for approval along with the rest of the SMAA Manual.

4.3 DHCS RMTS Summit – July 27 and 28

- Chief Tony Teresi stated that the deadline for Summit agenda items was May 31st.
- DHCS will have a coder training that will happen in conjunction with the Summit, but at this time Chief Tony Teresi is not sure on which day/time for approximately 2 hours.
- Committee members inquired whether or not DHCS would continue with plans for the Summit if the SMAA manual has not been submitted and/or approved by CMS. Chief Tony Teresi stated that DHCS is still moving forward with the Summit, but is aware and open to rescheduling if needed.

4.4 DHCS LCFF Letter to CMS (Categorical funding issue)

- The purpose of the letter was to get clarification from CMS on the intent of their non-duplication rule in the 2003 guide.
- DHCS has a conference call scheduled with California Department of Education (CDE) on June 16th.
- Committee members asked if a LEC representative could take part/listen in the call with CDE. Chief Tony Teresi said he would ask management.
- Committee members also suggested reaching out to the Chancellor’s office regarding unresolved community college issues.

4.5 Email from John Mendoza regarding DHCS management meeting participation

- Chief Tony Teresi clarified that DHCS is not saying that DHCS upper management is not going to be coming to any meetings, but it's the Unit Chiefs that are representing their respective programs and DHCS upper management will make an effort to attend when the most crucial decisions need to be made/determined.
- He further stated that since the LEC meetings are not policy driven, policy decisions are not made in this forum. DHCS is trying to focus their limited resources (time and staff) on it is needed most at this time.
- The LEC Co-chairs will be having conference calls with Chief Tony Teresi and other DHCS upper management staff that are available one week prior to the LEC meetings to discuss the agenda and any concerns.

4.6 DHCS follow-up to BSA audit report findings

- The DHCS 60 day response is posted on the BSA website.
- DHCS has submitted a 6 months response but it is not yet posted to the BSA website. The one-year response is approaching in July. When asked, Chief Tony Teresi did comment that their responses have all been consistent with their original opposition of eliminating the LEC structure as recommended by the BSA.
- Chief Tony Teresi was going to check to see if DHCS can make their responses to the BSA available to the LEC Committee members.

4.7 SB123

- DHCS will not comment on legislative bills under review. There are no comments at this time or until there is a position that has been approved by agency.

4.8 Follow-up from prior LEC Meetings:

4.8.1 IEP discussion/letter to CMS – Status

- Chief Tony Teresi explained that CMS will not comment on the IEP letter until they receive the revised SMAA Manual. DHCS will submit the manual to CMS very soon. Language from the IEP letter was added to the manual to maintain consistency between the documents.

4.8.2 Tape Match & DUA – Status

- Final draft of the PPL and DUA was submitted to stakeholders on May 16th with comments due by May 20th.
- DHCS is working with their Legal department to finalize a procedure for the DUA very soon. Then accounts can be established.

4.8.3 Recoupment/Pro Rata PPL – Status

- Chief Tony Teresi stated that no comments were received on the PPL regarding the procedure. DHCS is making adjustments to the accompanying worksheet.
- Committee members asked if this process was also vetted through CMS to make sure there won't be any issues in the future. Chief Tony Teresi responded that CMS approved the settlement agreement and is aware.
- DHCS is looking to release the PPL within the next couple of days to share with all participating LEAs.

4.8.4 Clarification on treatment of expired moments

- DHCS is seeking clarification from CMS regarding this issue. Prior correspondence stated that it's the "effort" to make contact with the participant even if no response

is received. Chief Tony Teresi wants to get clarification that if we document the effort being made to reach out to the participant in regards to their status at the time of their random moments expiring would be sufficient. Chief Tony Teresi is also asking for clarification that communications through the LEA Coordinator would be sufficient.

- The concern is how much time do we give for LEAs to respond and address expired moments. Chief Tony Teresi did confirm that this process is optional.

4.8.5 Clarification on federally funded TSPs and their moments

- Chief Tony Teresi referred to PPL 15-012 if the TSP's funded changed during the quarter.
- However, if the TSP was federally funded at the beginning of the quarter and included by mistake in the universe any moments would need to be coded to invalid.

4.8.6 Backcasting – discussion about alternative plans

- Once all the codes are finalized for each RMTS quarter, DHCS will review the codes and percentages and discuss option or alternatives for the program's proposed Backcasting methodology.
- Chief Tony Teresi is requesting that this item also be included in the Summit to fully discuss in greater detail and identify any potential alternatives. He added that it might be more beneficial for the discussion that each region brings with them to the Summit their percentages by quarter.
- Chief Tony Teresi was going to go back to his notes/files to see if CMS provided responses in writing regarding the denied proposals indicating the reasons why.

4.9 LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option program discussion and update

- Co-chair Octavio Castelo informed the committee that in the co-chair discussion last week with DHCS upper management, it was expressed that since Chief Tony Teresi has been attending the LEA RMTS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) meetings he would be able to answer any questions and/or provide any updates to the LECs, rather than Rick Record.
- Chief Tony Teresi reported that the meeting summaries are posted online.
- Committee members expressed concerns regarding training for coders and TSPs and had questions about potentially new responsibilities for LECs. Chief Tony Teresi said he would share the concerns with management.

PCG (on the phone) asked if any of the LEC Committee Members (or DHCS staff) had any questions or concerns regarding the RMTS system. No questions were asked.

5.0 LEC Committee Business

5.1 CCSESA Update

- Amanda Dickey from CCSESA was not present at the meeting.

5.2 LEC Committee Co-Chair and Recorder nominations and selection

- Committee Member Margie Rollins nominated Committee Member Rosalee Hormuth for the Co-Chair position representing the southern part of the state. Rosalee accepted.
- Committee Member Janice Holden nominated Committee Member Andrea Tennyson for the Recorder position. Andrea accepted.

5.3 LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Ad-Hoc Workgroup – Update (Janice/Michelle)

- It was reported out that during the last LEA Ad-Hoc meeting Navigant Consulting Inc. stated that SB123 would not have any effect on the tasks related to the work that the LEA RMTS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) is working on.

5.4 LEA RMTS Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) Meetings – Update (Margaret/Rosalee)

- All workgroup summaries are posted online. The hope was to have LEA program staff attend a LEC Committee Meeting for more involvement/interaction with all of the LECs.
- The committee meetings have been extended to meet monthly through December 2016. DHCS has not given/provided an Implementation Timeline.

5.5 RFP Process

- Co-chairs have asked about the ability/willingness for San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools to run the RFP process again and are awaiting to hear back. Co-chairs will follow up.
- All members agreed that this process needs to begin sooner than later and incorporate all that we have learned over the last few years.

5.6 Regional LEC Updates and/or concerns

5.6.1 Region 11-Recommendation to include LAUSD during LEC Co. Meeting – Octavio

- A request for consideration to the Committee was made to allow the LAUSD LEA SMAA Coordinator to also attend the LEC Committee Meetings for only the DHCS Update portion, beginning in October 2016.
- All members agreed.

5.7 Other LEC business/discussion items

- The committee members further discussed the exploration of changing the structure of the LEC Committee Meetings including opening a portion of the meetings up to any LEA interested in attending. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- The committee members discussed the 2016-2017 meeting dates and possibly rescheduling the December and June dates. An updated calendar will be emailed to all committee members with the agreed upon dates.

6.0 Adjourn

The next LEC Committee Meeting has been **moved back to Thursday, August 11, 2016** at:

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