

LEC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 6, 2017

Meeting Time: 9:00 am - 12:30 am

USC State Capital Center
1800 I Street, Sacramento, CA

LEC Coordinator/Representative Attendees

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

Randy Jones, Glenn County Office of Education – Region 2

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

Tina Reger, Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Region 5

Janice Holden, Stanislaus County Office of Education - Region 6

Rhonda Yohman, Madera County Office of Education – Region 7

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

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

Other Attendees

Tony Teresi, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Amanda Dickey, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)

Via Phone

Margaret Roux, Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Region 8

Absent

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

1.0 Roll Call

- 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 October 6, 2017 meeting

- Minutes approved as presented

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

4.1 Backcasting:

- **Alternative Plans** – What is the status on the request for alternative calculation?
 - DHCS has not received feedback from CMS per Tony/DHCS. Will ask for update.
 - Some LEC's will put together data on backcasting issues.

4.2 Integration of RMTS into LBO Program – status

- Has DHCS officially submitted?

- RMTS Implementation Manual was submitted. However, the SPA has not been officially submitted.
- When will DHCS send out communications to districts?
 - DHCS will send out communication to districts by, hopefully, Spring 2018
- Have changes to Code 2 been finalized? When does DHCS anticipate submitting changes to SMAA Manual to CMS?
 - Code 2 changes will not be finalized until SPA is approved. (DHCS has a list of requested changes)
- When will trainings be available for Coders, LEA Coordinators and participants?
 - Trainings will, tentatively, be available in March/April 2018

5.0 LEC Committee Business

5.1 CCSESA Update

Stakeholder's Meeting Feedback

- Overall, feedback was very positive. Of the 15 responses to the survey monkey tool provided to attendees, 86% advised the Stakeholder's Meeting was helpful.
- Largest thing learned is technology will always be a problem; ensure no limit on participation in the future. Mostly positive feedback
- Most predominant criticism is lack of clear responses received from DHCS.

5.2 Recap and feedback on October 5, 2017 Stakeholders Meeting

Re: Backcasting. Feedback/data to take back to CMS. Suggestions: Need to go further into backcasting, i.e.: the process. Example with 10 random people, provided salary & benefits and percentage of time put in old system and compared to new system to show the difference. Ex: 33% reduction across the board through backcasting with absolutely no changes for Region 8. Eligibility percentages are not factored in, due to it being straight time survey results, factored in. If we have CTA support, we will have twice as much influence, due to their political influence. Debate is whether 'apples to oranges' comparison is reasonable. Beginning of deferral/audit of all states to find issues that would lead to transition to RMTS. Any contact information for contacts in Baltimore forward to Amanda.

Re: February LEC Meeting, Stakeholder's Meeting in morning and LEC meeting in afternoon. Amanda will verify availability of building and advise group.

5.3 Update on RFP Process

Rosalee, Sharon, Margaret and Octavio have been meeting 1 to 2 times weekly to go over RFP. Rick Record advised IAG has come up with wish list of what

They would like to see in RMTS system. Will meet to see which items can be inserted and which are already there.

Are we going to survey 4 quarters? Will need to examine and find out what DHCS would like to see. Without approved SPA, hands are pretty much tied. Need SPA approval to move forward. A lot of progress has been made, regardless, evaluation criteria: 3 years' experience, want them to site CMS/OIG audits for which they have been vendor in past 5 years or so. Requested wish list items of features and functionality, and will have them do complete system demo. Access to DHCS, coder access, etc., are all specific to California.

Q: Any time estimate of when we would need to advertise locally for this? Are LEC's currently contracting with PCG the only ones interested in new software platform, or has anyone else contracted? If anyone within LACOE region is interested in LACOE's contract, they can piggy back.

Reports written in RFP, have changed name, so there is no comparison with previous software

5.4 LEA BOP Ad-Hoc Workgroup update

DHCS had sent email to roughly 50 LEA's, at risk, to host webinar with the October 24th from 10-11:30 to fill them in on subject. RSVP by Friday, October 13th.

Backcasting was brought up as "worst case scenario"; however, 17/18 was requested to not be start date, but rather 18/19. Backcasting has to be used to determine CRCS percentage. Lisa Carnes, Texas, to meet with her at NAME.

5.5 IAG Workgroup update

Working on training for LEA coordinators on RMTS. Went through significant revisions, and have asked that once those revisions have been made, to share out.

Re: Texas OIG Audit – OIG wanted to see documentation for LEA billing codes. Issue: the coding report does not get to LEA's timely & the LEC's need to know if we need to include the ability for this in the RFP.

There was discussion related to distribution of the coding report and whether coding report needs to be distributed during or after the quarter is closed. Tony will review and get back to group on policy specifics regarding releasing coding report to LEA's, after he meets with CMS.

5.6 Recap of October 4, 2017 Solutions Based Workgroup Meeting

SMAA stakeholder's meeting and LEA backcasting were discussed in previous agenda items. Backcasting should be priority, is a common topic within all workgroups.

6.0 Adjourn