

LEC Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Meeting Time: 9:00 am - 1:15 pm

Senator Building – 1121 L Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA

1.0 Roll Call

Sharon Battaglia, Sonoma County Office of Education, **Co-Chair** – Region 1
Coreen DeLeon, Glenn County Office of Education – Region 2
Margaret Parisio, 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
Rhonda Yohman, Madera County Office of Education – Region 7
Rosalee Hormuth, Orange County Department of Education, **Co-Chair** – Region 9
Rebekah Smith, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools – Region 10
Phil Downing, Los Angeles County Office of Education – Region 11
Marlene Culpepper, Sacramento LGA
Thelma Galario, Tulare County LGA

Via Phone

Tina Reger, Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Region 5
Margaret Roux, Kern County Superintendent of Schools – Region 8

Other Attendees

Stacy Armstrong, Department of Health Care Services, (DHCS)
Levi Higgins, Department of Health Care Services, (DHCS)
Betty Lai, Department of Health Care Services, (DHCS)
Jose Garcia, Department of Health Care Services, (DHCS)
Stephanie Magee, Department of Health Care Services, (DHCS)
Rida Munir, Department of Health Care Services, (DHCS)
Amanda Dickey, California County Superintendent Educational Services Association (CCSESA)

2.0 **Additions to the Agenda – PPA brought up at LEA Ad-Hoc 5.5 Invoicing Module for PCG 5.6**

3.0 **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the June 7 and October 3, 2018 meetings (October 3 meeting was LEC members only – no DHCS due to October 4 stakeholders' meeting)

4.0 **New Meeting Attendees**

4.1 **December: LGA Co-chairs – Marlene Culpepper & Thelma Galario**

4.2 February: LEA Coordinators Jeremy Ford and Margie Bobe, in addition to CDE Rep: Renzo Bernales

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

5.1 Backcasting:

- What is the status of Group 2 payments to LEAs? DHCS done with Group 2 pretty much, a few invoices to tie up, Francisco & Rida to meet to get things finalized. Betty hoping to get that to LEC's sometime next week. 9/10, 10/11, 11/12, 12/13...needs to go through internal process prior to finance. Q: Re Prop 98 withholds, will all 3 groups be included in January...A: not all 3 groups because not done with batch 3. Betty requesting everyone do a quick review to see what submitted as checks, payment and Prop 98
- What is the status of billing/inv for discontinued claiming units and community colleges from Group 2? Discontinued claiming units were able to be resolved through AR or direct check. Invoices will be sent to LECs/LGAs, not LEAs, for anything owing. Any balances due not paid or recouped through Prop 98 funds will be recouped from future FY 16/17 payments made to the LEC/LGA, FY 16/17 Q3 should be paid to LECs/LGAs in January. DHCS needs to finish processing Backcasting Group 3 by Dec 31, but if you will be sending payments for amounts owed advise DHCS to separate those LEA's out, ASAP.
- Any response from DOF about supporting documentation related to Prop 98 reductions? Covered in previous question/response
- Status of December 31 deadline for DHCS to DOF – will all amounts due to DHCS be withheld from the January Prop. 98 allocations? Covered in previous question/response

5.2 Integration of RMTS into LBO Program – status

- Has the SPA been officially re-submitted? RAI still outstanding regarding care coordination, and MOU, DHCS provided pushback to CMS and awaiting meeting. All fee for service data sent to the managed care plan for beneficiaries, waiting to find out if this is acceptable to CMS. Currently packaging up SPA with redline versions, etc. to send to CMS for approval, however, not formally submitted, as of yet. Q: What about the MAA Manual, re: statistical validity verbiage
- Timeline adjustments? – with no SPA approval yet, timeline is again being shortened.
 - Any update regarding the target implementation date of July 1, 2019. CMS did approve 7/1/19 start date, pending SPA approval. Coder training will need to occur, RMTS participant training, SPA training, all trainings are queued up, however SPA training still needs to be finalized – DHCS will look into having in person trainings and webinar versions for those who cannot attend, coder training will be specific to coders only. Originally anticipated Feb, Mar, April for trainings...DHCS to start

scheduling meetings now. System changes for contracts need to be finalized prior to starting this in system. PCG will not be able to make system changes without an approved SPA. Documentation requirements are written into new manual and hold LEA's responsible. LEC superintendents are not interested in signing contract that would change scope of work for LEC coordinators. Betty to look at audits of other states to see what focus was. Will DHCS change/amend contract with LEC/LGA...A: DHCS not currently looking at that, but will likely change in some ways. OIG audit, brand new, Report A-07-18-04107, regarding RMTS. A&I stating that their intent is to review the finalized moments, they do foresee going down to the documentation level.

- Follow-up on prior questions:
 - How will SMAA RMTS non-compliance affect participation in the LEA BOP? If an LEA participating in LEA BOP is not compliant in responding to their moments, will be held to same repercussions as an SMAA participant would be – will put into TSP training.
 - Summer RMTS? Topic brought up due to CRCS being calculated on annual basis. Per DHCS, CMS has not brought this up and manual has been approved based on averaging.

5.3 Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS)

- Notification/Response timelines – what are the effects on Clarifying Questions and Paper Moments? No changes to CQ and paper moment response timelines, per Jose – will remain at 5 day.
- Follow-up on prior questions: TSP Replacements – Are replacements a CMS accepted practice? If a TSP leaves within the quarter they can be replaced by a TSP with same job classification and title. Cannot find where that was actually approved. Current practice with DHCS is that they can be replaced during quarter, will investigate federal law regarding this. Betty to review removing federally funded piece in order to meet deadlines going forward
- Release of RMTS Percentages (PPL 18-XXX) – comment period closing tomorrow 12/14/18. Will finalize shortly afterwards and send out. No mention if there is an appeal of coding in regards to the timeline. Rosalee to send language to DHCS regarding appeals.
- SMAA Manual edits – status? Tony scheduling follow-up meeting 1/19. Additional meeting regarding timelines?
- Invalid moments and recoding of moments – review chart attached – DHCS to set up follow-up meeting to discuss.
- Will clarification on “compliance” (vs 2,401) be included in SPA submission? Yes, will be submitted with SPA

- What is the status of the new SMAA Invoice template? (pay to the penny) - **Tony working with Sharon and hoping to have out very soon.**
- Use of ‘Description’ field (or other optional data field) in RMTS systems for further clarification of job duties/titles (for DHCS review of universe) – **Yes, DHCS thinks it’s a good idea to put notes in this field.**
- Submission of Vendor Fee Worksheets for RMTS Invoices (FY15/16 and forward) – question of how to prepare and submit, incurred vs paid costs. **Tony advised to submit with 4th quarter invoice, but this is incorrect due to vendor timelines. Brian Bardulis/CMS advised based on incurred costs. Further review needed.**

5.4 NAME Conference feedback – Received much helpful information regarding the program and was helpful to hear what other states perspective is.

5.5 PPA – “evergreen” document that doesn’t need to be signed every year. No new contract number, but rather an agreement number. This is a more time efficient process, as it’s at a department level. Working for 07/01/19, but may not be until 07/01/20. Still continue to submit contracts as they currently are handled.

- - **BREAK FOR LUNCH** - -

5.6 PCG Invoicing Module: Contract executed, beginning to discuss training for after New Year, so can be ready by July 1.

6.0 LEC Advisory Committee Business -

6.1 CCSESA Update (AD) – Met with DOF and had a good conversation, discussed language that had been established with Senate Budget Committee regarding collaboration issue. Didn’t walk out of meeting with a great feeling. Lost co-sponsor on Tuesday, LAUSD, so in search of co-sponsors. Need the language to have teeth. Special ed costs have ballooned and hoping to have language to address this. Brought two proposals to adopt as 2019 priorities: contracts issue and change in leadership at DHCS. Superintendents authorized a letter, considering a coalition letter, possibly. Change in admin could come in January.

Contracts issue: superintendents understood issue and authorized to set up meeting with DHCS to not authorize anything that expands the scope of work for LEC Coordinators under the LBO RMTS implementation. Ask for LECs: reach out to CBO or whomever reviews contracts and advise them that there might be issues with the contracts.

6.2 LEA BOP Workgroup update – AB3192 program guide, would be out

By Jan 1, 2020 for review, for July 1, 2020 implementation.

- 6.3 Meeting compliance, by changing coding** – all but Region 11 handle by changing code 18 to code 1 to meet statistical validity. Region 11 simply changes calculation numbers on back end.

7.0 Adjourn

Next LEC Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019 from 9:00am - 1:15pm at the SELF Building, 1531 I Street, Suite #300