

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 29th at 11:00am. Call-in number 1.800.444.2801 code 4010981

Members in Attendance:

- Karen Cloutman – San Diego USD
- Carol Keyes – Palm Springs USD
- Donna Ross – Oceanside USD
- Tanya Perry – Bear Valley USD
- Melissa Lovick – Downey USD
- Christine Wilhite – Butte COE
- Cathy Bennett – Sac City USD
- Vina Guzman – CSBA
- Lydia Bourne – CSNO
- Tiffany Ward – MBT
- Chuck Muirhead – AFI Advisors Inc.
- Jeremy Ford – Oakland USD
- Rose Uranga – Veritam Inc.
- Frida Friend – Santa Paula USD
- Sherry Purcell – LAUSD
- Rob Roach – Twin Rivers USD
- Tracy Cole – Natomas USD
- Jennifer Kottke – Rowland USD
- Deanna Neibuhr – Partners for Children
- Hansine Fisher – HFA
- Laura Bayhnam – CA School Health Services

RMTS Webinar

The meeting started late in order to give districts the opportunity to listen in to the webinar on the software platform. This webinar was held to meet the timelines that were agreed to by DHCS. There are still concerns with these contracts and we understand that challenges have been filed on the bid process.

- Presenting to CMS the software platform was done by PCG, the contractor chosen by LECs and Plumas LGA
- Presentation consisted of an overview on how to claim
- Question – what information will DHCS have to determine quality assurance?
- DHCS made comment about “being able to go into the system and code over anything” – RED FLAG
- They only have 1 coder and 1 reviewer
- It seems what is being presented is a statewide system

Discussion of group was: nothing will work without schools having 1 year to figure out interim claiming

- ** Carol King Smith will be retiring from DHCS MAA unit. Not sure of date
- San Diego LGA will be announcing their choice of software platform

Legislative Strategy

A letter is circulating from Dr. Pan’s office (D. Sacramento) to Congress urging them to intervene with CMS. Congress is sending its own letter to CMS. This effort is being led by Congress Member Dr. Ami

Bera of Sacramento. There is also budget language circulating for the legislature to fund one position to staff a workgroup on the RMTS that would be convened jointly by CDE and DHCS.

- Budget Language – the purpose is to put together a group during the period of interim claiming that would come up with an RMTS structure that everyone buys into
- HRD to send out budget language
- Districts asked to call Assembly Member Shirley Weber, chair of Budget Sub 1 regarding budget language
- Legislative letter to Congress – HRD & Ruchi have been going around the capitol offices trying to collect signatures.
- Districts should be calling their Assembly members offices to sign on to the letter! Be sure to share your individual stories and challenges
- All they need to do is sign onto the letter circulating from Dr. Pan's office –tell legislators that this is federal money that is being withheld from school districts in CA
- This letter is not a Democratic/Republican issue; it is a school issue
- Meeting with Diana Dooley, Torlakson's staff, and education coalition on Tuesday May 27th. This meeting will be attended by CSBA, ACSA, CSBO, CCESA, CTA and Rich Zeiger, Chief of staff for Tom Torlakson and Karen Staph Walters from the Board of Education

Questions/Discrepancies to DHCS regarding edited minutes

There was a discussion of the minutes from the last meeting which included the comments of John Mendoza from DHCS. Further questions were raised which will be sent to John for clarification

- Where are the absolute deadlines for CMS located?
- What happens if those deadlines are not met?
- DHCS claims that they recommended not using the LAUSD model; the minutes state otherwise.
- During the call, DHCS said payments would be received in September. In the minutes, it states that CMS gets invoices in September and Districts will be paid after. Can John address the discrepancy?
- What is the audit trail?

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