

NEXT MEETING: June 23rd at 11:00am. Call in number: 1-800-444-2801; Code: 4010981

Members In Attendance:

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| - Laura Missimer: San Joaquin COE | - Andrea Coleman: Los Angeles USD | - Karen Cloutman: San Diego USD |
| - Carol Keyes: Palm Springs USD | - Frank Biehl: Practi-Cal | - Melissa Lovick: Downey USD |
| - Amanda Mozes: Paradigm Inc. | - Jeremy Ford: Oakland USD | - Laura Baynham: CA School Health Services |
| - Tiffany Ward: MBT | - Donna Ross: Oceanside USD | - Tanya Perry: Bear Valley USD |
| - Rob Roach: Twin Rivers USD | - Patti McIntyre: Leader Services | - Hansine Fisher: HFA |
| - Sherry Purcell: Los Angeles USD | - Vina Guzman: CSBA | - Rose Uranga: Veritam Inc. |

Update from School Districts:

- Region 8 had a MAA training scheduled for June 16th, but it was cancelled due to uncertainty RE: RMTS program.
- Melissa Lovick gave an update about dealing with LACOE (her LEC) regarding LACOE’s plan to offer a full service contract to districts to do MAA. She told the LEC Coordinator that her district wanted a limited contract. The LEC Coordinator said he would speak to “Nancy” whom Melissa thought was Nancy Octaviano (who does the contracts for LACOE). When she called and followed up with “Nancy”, she was told that the “Nancy” her LEC Coordinator meant was the Assistant Superintendent and CBO at Downey. This was a surprise to Melissa that LACOE skipped over calling her direct supervisor and went straight to the District’s CBO. Melissa was scheduled to meeting with her district’s executive cabinet and will update us at the next conference call. Issue was raised about what districts could do in terms of contracting with LECs and LGAs. Group wanted to know if business officials (CASBO) were aware of the situation with SMAA contracts.
- Vina will be in contact with CASBO to see if there is any information about what is happening with other districts.
- Oakland USD: Jeremy’s LGA said “The contract is in process and we hope to have it to you in a few weeks. The Agreement will be between Oakland and Alameda County since RMTS is operated at the regional level. PCG is the vendor that is supporting the Consortium.” How this could be done by July 1st didn’t make sense.
Orange County LEC – Oceanside reported the OC LEC was checking in with MAA coordinators

Updates on RTCs & RMTS:

The following was reported:

SMAA/LEA Workgroup Call – June 16th at 11:00am

DHCS is funneling information to LEAs through CCESA.

No updates on the meeting between the Governor and the LEA community.

Today by close of business, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will post the revised School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Manual to the SMAA web page at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/SMAA.aspx>.

In addition, DHCS will post a “Next Steps” document intended to summarize the activities that will need to be completed in the months ahead to ensure a successful transition to the new Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) methodology for the SMAA program.

Changes being proposed include starting the program in October, LECs and LGAs would code for districts and districts would be given 30 days to review. Details should be in the plan when it is posted.

There may also be a meeting or call tomorrow with those who attended the meeting with DHCS and Secretary Dooley- CSBA, CTA, ACSA and CCESA and CDE to discuss the latest developments.

Others noted the following:

- There was a change on the MAA page: “New RTC Sample Justifications”; however, the justifications look like they have not been changed. DHCS seems to edit documents that have already been published to the website, but not indicate what changes were made to the documents.
- A question was raised if PCG was assisting DHCS in negotiating with CMS
- A Freedom of Information Act request was made to CMS to look at the amount claimed by states under RMTS vs the worker log methodology and if there had been a change in totals with the different methodologies.
- There was some discussion on the LEA Billing Option program and that CMS will require it to be rolled into RMTS.
- In order to participate in the LEA Billing Option program, LEAs must participate in MAA. At this time in CA, some LEAs do one or the other but not necessarily both school Medicaid programs. It was noted that this may have a significant negative impact on small LEAs who currently do LEA only.
- A future call will focus on the implications and issues related to the LEA Billing Option program integration with RMTS.

Upcoming:

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