

**NEXT MEETING: June 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Call in number: 1-800-444-2801; Code: 4010981**

**Members In Attendance:**

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| - Karen Hall:<br>Corona/Norco USD      | - Dawn Bray:<br>Beaumont USD      | - Frank Biehl: Practi-<br>Cal                    |
| - Karen Cloutman: San<br>Diego USD     | - Margie Bobe: Los<br>Angeles USD | - Lydia Bourne: CSNO                             |
| - Silma Navarro:<br>Fontana USD        | - Tiffany Ward: MBT               | - Mary Cahill: San<br>Diego LGA                  |
| - Patti McIntyre:<br>Leader Services   | - Cathy Bennett: Sac<br>City USD  | - Janice DiCroce: San<br>Diego LGA               |
| - Laura Missimer: San<br>Joaquin COE   | - Amanda Mozes:<br>Paradigm Inc.  | - Tracy Cole: Natomas<br>USD                     |
| - Kevin Trommer:<br>Compton USD        | - Vina Guzman: CSBA               | - Laura Bayhnam: CA<br>School Health<br>Services |
| - Chuck Muirhead: AFI<br>Advisors Inc. | - Rob Roach: Twin<br>Rivers USD   | - Miguel ???: Leader<br>Services                 |
| - Christine Wilhite:<br>Butte COE      | - Karen Tinker: San<br>Diego USD  | - Melissa Lovick:<br>Downey USD                  |

**New RMTS Plan**

- i. New draft of plan was posted on Tuesday 6/17 – this was the first time LEAs had a chance to review and is to go into effect beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014
  - a. Plan is doing away with all consortiums. (page 3-2, 6-2) This was a surprise and there was discussion on how this would work and the ramifications
  - b. LEA's have asked for more control – they seem to have received 'partial control'
  - c. Section 6.2 of implementation plan still states that LGA's have authority to choose vendors/contractors – this statement seems contradictory to other language in the plan
  - d. Added in: pg 5-12; code 15: added that LEC's and LGA's are responsible to ensure time survey results are supportable
    - i. LEA's are still responsible for audit disallowances
  - e. RMTS Plan still indicates the MAA coordinator must be an employee of the LEA – page 6-27
  - f. There was a discussion on claiming for a MAA Coordinators time. If an MAA Coordinator in the district wears multiple hats it will be more beneficial for the LEA to put them in to the RMTS moment pool (moment could be in multiple codes.) If the MAA Coordinator's primary function is the overseeing SMAA - District should consider analyzing if Direct Charging for their time vs. being placed in the RMTS moments pool, would be more beneficial for the LEA. (the amount of moments in the pool claiming code 15 would be small) So it might be better to instead direct

charge for 50%. This is one example where LEAs might share information so their districts can make informed choices

- g. It was suggested to compare this draft plan to the grandfathered plan that LAUSD works under
- ii. Moving forward: What districts need to know
  - a. Districts need to know the LEC/LGA demographics – how many total participants are there? Is my district in a group on its own or with other schools? Are the other schools comparable to mine in terms of income, area and size and their fees?
  - b. How can we obtain this information? From our LEC or LGA? We will request DHCS to gather this information and post it on their website.
  - c. LEC's are available to ALL school districts; LGA's are not
  - d. Districts that have a choice between going through a LEC or LGA **should** take the time to review the information to make an informative decision to determine which Universe will be a better match for their district
  - e. Locating your LGA is available online at: [www.maa-tcm.com](http://www.maa-tcm.com)
    - i. For further assistance, contact Patrick Sutton
  - f. Whether you go with LEC or LGA the software vendor will be PCG (Public Consulting Group)
  - g. It has been vocalized by members on the call: the state is doing a huge disservice by only allowing one software platform (PCG)

The SMAA LEA work group is trying to schedule a meeting in the Inland Empire to discuss the plan and issues for July 11<sup>th</sup>. This would be for LEAs in the area. If it proves to be successful similar workshops will be held in other areas of the state so LEAs can make informed choices for their districts.

#### **REGION 11 SMAA Contract Update**

Melissa Lovick met with her district's executive cabinet to discuss the proposed SMAA contract between DUSD and LACOE. Her CBO had spoken with the LEC coordinator for Region 11. Rather than just informing the CBO of the contract Melissa wished to enter into with LACOE, the LEC coordinator tried to persuade the CBO to sign the original contract proposed by LACOE. However, DUSD's executive cabinet agreed that they only wanted to enter into a SMAA contract that included the required only the services that the LEC is required to provide as outlined in the state's MAA RMTS plan.

#### **Questions for John Mendoza and DHCS**

- RMTS Questions
  - o LEA's need SMAA data point information from the LEC/LGA's in order to make an informative decision regarding which SMAA administrative unit to contract with. LEA's would like DHCS to annually collect this information from the LECs and LGAs -(the requested information is included in the attached form) Once this data is collected by DHCS, if they would post on their website 3 months prior to the beginning of each fiscal

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year. - Understanding the short time frame this fiscal year, if this information could be collected and posted **as soon as possible**. (form attached)

- When is the next stakeholder meeting?
- When was the plan submitted to CMS? Have you received any feedback yet?
- Will you be sharing CMS feedback on your website?
- Will PCG be signing contracts prior to approval of the plan?
- What is the breakdown of costs with PCG in terms of LEC vs LGA?
- Section 6-27. The new RMTS plan still puts 100% of the financial responsibility on the LEA, yet has not responded to requests to allow the LEA Coordinator to be contracted. If the responsibility is on the LEA and the district agrees to this responsibility, why not allow the district to contract out LEA Coordination?

- RTC Questions

- Update on RTC workplan:
- What is the status of the RTC claims, how many invoices have been processed? How many approved, how many conditionally denied?
- When is your new expected completion date?
  - When are you going to start paying? (Technically, based on their most recent deadline of “checks to go out in June”, this has not been violated due to Kern County receiving a “small check”)
- Please provide an update to the meeting with the finance department regarding the LEA paybacks and establishing an accounts receivable?
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- Is there a work plan with new deadlines for invoices that are beyond the published spreadsheets (the next CMS 64 report)

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