

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 10:00 AM

School districts from across the state were part of the meeting. Below are minutes. Pass these on and let others know they can join in the calls. New Conference call number is: 1-800-914-8405; code is: 1785191#. We will be muting all lines for this call; to unmute press *7

Deferral:

- Report of meeting with DHCS
 - o Health & Human Services is involved and supportive of districts
 - o Many education organizations are involved and supportive of districts
 - o The request is to change the 40% to a higher number for districts billing over \$50,000
 - o Shared information with DHCS that we will need to go to the Governor's office
 - o CMS has stated through contacts with congressional representatives they will reopen negotiations at this point, only if the governor's office requests it
 - They have also stated that they are willing to reopen the case but there is no guarantee that any changes will be made
 - o Needs Assessment: A proposal that doesn't involve back casting is being developed. We are looking at data from districts including:
 - o Family resource centers
 - o Foster care
 - o Invoice data
 - o LCFF
 - o Medi-cal numbers per district
 - o English as second language
 - o Free and reduced lunch

Weekly Stakeholders Call w/DHCS:

- Discussed:
 - o TSP
 - o Back Casting
- Question: When will districts begin to receive their checks?
 - o Answer: By the end of the year
- TSP equivalency form:
 - o PCG created; form indicates to fill out all positions that are not on the main list and provide a description (via checklist) of the activities performed by that position
 - o Sign and certify position that does those activities- too cumbersome
- 3 solutions to back casting were presented
- Needs Assessment
- Back-casting using LAUSD data
- Back-casting using RMTS

Contracts

- The roll out of January 1st implementation leaves no room for negotiation on contracts
- Some contracts are going out without fees included
- All liability rests with the LEAs
 - o Including coder issues and vendor issues
- DHCS does not think they need to look over the contracts
 - o The LEAs disagree → DHCS is to be performing oversight according to the manual; oversight includes looking at these contracts
- Regions 3, 4, 5 and 6 are all using the same contract
 - o They are now calling themselves a consortium
 - It's like allowing management to write the contract for the union
- This gives LECs/LGAs all the rights and LEAs all the liabilities
- **DO NOT BLINDLY SIGN A CONTRACT**
 - o Some don't even include fees – this can come around and be hurtful in the future
- San Joaquin has received their contract – legal department is looking over it
- Glendale has received a contract from LACOE – the business department won't sign it because there are no fees, not even a range of fees
- Question to group: are there any legal staff looking at this?
 - o Look into lawyer possibilities
- LACOE contract is retroactive to July 1, 2014
 - o no fees are included
 - o this is a 5 year contract
- Mendocino has also received a contract. The LEC fees are there but LEAs are responsible for PCG software fees
- Making LEAs sign contracts and take responsibility of these costs is not right
- Sutter Contract – removed the ability to claim the costs
 - o LECs will end up with the claim, then they'll invoice the districts and gather the monies
- We would like to host a conference call with the LA districts

Training:

- Burbank and Region 11 had their training on November 14
- Cathy Bennett (Sac City) got an email titled “train the trainer”
 - o Webinar in December – will be 1 hour long
- MAA coordinators should have training on RMTS as well as coder training
 - o There is currently no plan of this – coder training is for LECs/LGAs only
 - This is frustrating because if the liability rests with LEAs, then how can they be sure of codes submitted if they are not in full understanding of the codes?
 - Coder training for LECs/LGAs: Nov 18
- Fairbanks coders were on the stakeholders call

San Diego Workshop:

- Patricia Eaton (Chula Vista): this was a great opportunity for everyone to work together on MAA
- Participants are concerned that they are not being trained properly
- Chula Vista has not seen software and has not been trained in coding
- Next workshop is in Sacramento on Nov 14
- For those of you who are unable to attend the workshops – what are your thoughts for a webinar?
 - o We will meet with the CA endowment to discuss using their webinar facility
- Dawn Bray (Beaumont) has been hosting regional meetings since July for those districts in the Inland Empire
 - o Group enjoys meeting monthly because all issues are so volatile
 - o Next meeting is November 18
- Jurupa was threatened by PCG rep – “if you can’t do it right, do it without our help”
- During organized trainings LEAs were left with more questions than answers
 - o One training started 2 hours late and was only one hour long
- Revision requests for TSP lists were sent on Tuesday Nov 11 (HOLIDAY) and requested a 24 hour turnaround
 - o When mentioned to PCG, they responded with “this was provided to you at the convenience of PCG – if you can’t accept our courtesy, do it yourself”
- PCG works for the LECs; LEAs pay the LECs
- Have LEAs discussed with the LECs how unhappy they re with consumer services at PCG?

Action Items:

- Set up smaller meetings with individual regions
- Compose a letter for LEAs to sign onto and send to DHCS requesting deadlines and timeframes
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