

**NEXT CALL: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT: 11am**

***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***

**Report on Deferral**

**Meeting with Senator Boxer's and Feinstein's office**

- CMS was called and discussion regarding setting up CA delegation call occurred
- The issue is that CMS is refusing to reopen negotiations unless the request comes from DHCS or the governor
- Solution: go above DHCS and contact the Governor and ask that negotiations be reopened with CMS on SMAA:  
Nancy McFadden- Executive Secretary- 916.445.2841  
Dana Williamson Cabinet Secretary- 916.445.2841
- HHS cannot promise a different outcome; but nothing can be done unless the state reopens the case

**Report on the DHCS Hosted RMTS Implementation Planning Call 11/3/2014**

- LECs/LGAs also had issues with proposed methodology on backcasting by DHCS
- Margaret Roux (DHCS) realized that the highest performing districts are the ones who will be most affected and receive the lowest reimbursement
- DHCS is under the impression that the districts were willing to sign off on the 40% and back casting – **this is not true**
- CTA has done work on a different approach regarding back casting – (see attached) which looks at a needs assessment model and at the minimum, shows that the need in California schools matches the reimbursement they are receiving
- Hellan has a meeting on 11/7 with CTA statistician and John Mendoza (DHCS) and his staff to discuss the alternate back casting approach
- CMS should not be opposed to an alternate plan; the goal is to get kids insured
- Demographic factors to consider: Districts were asked to supply information about whether their districts provided these services- ie number of family resource centers, Head Start programs. CDE is providing on Homeless programs and numbers of foster children per district
  - Head start program
  - Foster children
  - Family resource centers
  - McKinney-Vento Homeless funds
- Payment Options/Questions/Concerns:

- Are people getting paid?
- Is there an option to receive moneys up front?
- Who do checks get written out to?
- 40% of moneys should be paid by the end of 2014
- During this call, DHCS had a recurring response of “we will get back to you with an answer”

### TSP Lists

**DHCS sent out a draft form for districts to provide information on participants. LECs/LGAs alike said this would not work since it basically was the RTC redux. Some LGAs/LECs sent it out for comment**

- Question: Have LEAs been contacted by their LECs/LGAs regarding equivalency forms?
- 99% of job titles in districts will not match LAUSD
- The plan given to CMS includes positions based on the LAUSD model; but these do not match other district participant lists.
- Riverside County has **not** received this form
- DHCS seems to be taking what CMS says and implements a situation that is not helpful towards school districts
- It seems that DHCS’ version of what is occurring, and what is actually occurring are two different things
- Note: DHCS is thinking of having a separate coder training for LEAs – but they will get back to us
- Issue: the liability for RMTS is with the LEAs – LEAs should be responsible for the first round of coding with oversight done by LECs/LGAs; not the other way around
- Appeals Process:
  - How can LEAs know what to appeal if it is unclear what the codes are?
  - With so many districts in a consortium; if one district is appealing, the moneys are halted for the other districts in the consortium until the appeal is cleared
- LECs are adding language into contracts saying they will not reimburse other vendors
- There are many errors in the RMTS manual that need to be reviewed. The manual has been sent to CMS; DHCS said they would get back to us

### Contracts:

- It was reported that contracts are still not finalized due to negotiations with PCG; in some areas, contracts will likely remain the same with an added **addendum**
- Some LECs are requiring districts to purchase all their services from them and will deny funds for other vendors to be reimbursed

### Training:

- Deadlines for TSP lists were set before many districts had their training

- Now that these districts have submitted their TSP lists and had training; they have been informed that their lists were done wrong and will have to resubmit them by November 12
- At a training it was stated that the coders are from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party – Franklin- do they mean Fairbanks?
  - This does not seem to be accurate and it is unsettling that those holding the training are unsure of who the coders are

**It was reported that many districts are dropping out of the MAA program**

- They are concerned about being lumped into a consortium
  - Believe results will be watered down
  - Believe that when problems arise they will not be offered any opportunity to renegotiate

**SMAA/LEA RMTS Informational Workshops**

- San Diego Workshop - November 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 30 districts were in attendance
  - Lots of great discussion
- Oakland Workshop – CANCELLED
  - Workshop on November 13<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to lack of RSVPs
- Sacramento Workshop – November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - To be held at Natomas Unified on Nov 14 (flyer attached)

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