

NEXT CALL: Friday, December 19th at 1:30 PM

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. Conference call number is: 1-800-914-8405; code is: 1785191#.

Report from Stakeholder Group

- A report back from the morning's stakeholder meeting was discussed. Issues that had been raised were readiness, TSP lists, shift calendars and a report from DHCS that they were looking to do simulations using data on the deferral methodology. DHCS announced the use of 2 clarifying questions rather than one. However, there hasn't been training with coders on this. LEA representatives were asked to document issues that have come up so DHCS could work with specific LECs/LGAs.

The following was discussed by districts on the call.

- There is a growing concern that the state is not ready to run the new implementation on January 1st
- TSP lists have not been verified
- Some districts have been asked for more documentation in order to include certain positions not listed in the participant pools. The job descriptions and responsibilities don't necessarily match up with what the state needs to certify to CMS by the end of December.
 - o This is a problem for small districts since for example a Superintendent's job description doesn't say he does MAA and the job description is what needs to be on file. For larger districts, many classifications are generals i.e. account clerk and may not reflect the specific position spends the majority of time on MAA related activities. Many staff do duties not specifically described in their job descriptions

Question came up if PCG can remove positions from TSP lists without LEA knowledge. LEAs continue to have all the liability in this situation and if PCG has the ability to manipulate/change the TSP list without LEA knowledge is very concerning

- If PCG notified districts of these changes, would LEAs have the opportunity to appeal the changes?
- - o Unsure if it will happen, but they have the ability to do so
 - o Will inquire and get back to the group

These were other issues that districts shared:

- PCG was asked about adding new emails for people on their list and was told that the list cannot be changed because it has been certified
- One district reported that participants may not be able to access your PCG account unless you are at a specific district site
- LEAs are putting in a lot of time and resources to address the many issues they are facing

SMAA/LEA Workgroup: Minutes from Call 12/15/14

- Training has not been completed in many districts
- One district stated that participants in her district received an email from PCG for email verification. She had not been notified first. This created mass confusion. Another district said the e-mail looked like spam and was being rejected. Another said the link provided to verify the email addresses was broken.

Action: Work group will send out a survey to ask districts for information on what they are experiencing. See attached

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RMTS Timetable

- Last Friday an email was sent to CMS by the workgroup stating that CA is not ready for RMTS to begin on January 1st. Suggestion is that the first quarter should be a pilot quarter
- Pilar Williams (DHCS) agreed in an earlier conversation that December is not a good time to roll out a new program. (This did not mean she agreed with the request)
- LEAs will be at a disadvantage if a delay does not occur
- One district expressed concern on having a “pilot quarter” because if it is averaged at a later time then districts could lose money.
- LAUSD expressed that the pilot quarter is important. They did this when rolling out their RMTS
 - o All RMTS documentation would be captured for the quarter as practice, but none of it will be used towards funding

Consensus: Continue to pursue putting off the implementation until the issues are resolved. That is allow a quarter for testing before the RMTS is fully implemented

Contracts

- Some districts have yet to receive a contract. Others have not taken the contracts to the Board to be adopted.

Training

- DHCS posted TSP training on the website
 - o No substantial information is offered
- Hellan will talk with John Mendoza (DHCS) regarding issues that Region 11 is facing

The goal of this workgroup is to try to make the program work – we are simply stating that the timetable set by the state for January 1st is unrealistic

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