

SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes

Wednesday, December 20th at 9am

1. Deferral and Proposal Audit Guide Language (Draft Attached)

A meeting is scheduled for 12/21/17 to discuss the deferral. DHCS has officially sent the original deferral letter to CMS. The alternative backcasting proposal is still being discussed. The state has also been asked to clarify the data sent out by the department and if the list for RMTS qualifications not valid were removed, and if districts had special dispensation for certain classifications. Authorized vs. non-authorized. The functions grid still needs to be reviewed and could be used for determining compliant and non-compliant actions.

2. New Legislation

LAUSD proposed a draft piece of legislation that requests there be fiscal and audit guidance for the LEA BOP. The legislative language states all stakeholders would have input. The goal is for rules to be clear to avoid issues coming up during audits. LAUSD welcome feedback and will work in collaboration with the existing workgroups. The bill will hopefully be in print sometime in January.

3. Mental Health in Schools- funding opportunity (see attached)

THK and Sac City Unified recently met with the head of Mental Health Division, Karen Bayer. We were referred to the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission. A meeting was held with their Executive Director. A new Program has been approved by the Commission to encourage schools and county mental health to work together. School districts can approach counties to apply for this money. Proposals can include how districts can be mental health providers, deliver services, etc.

4. Assessing school needs (See attached)

California is one of 15 states, implementing a new SPA including Free Care. This change could happen in July. There is a meeting with CDE and DHCS to review a comprehensive list of services and to put together a survey to determine lack of services we decided to specifically, the focus area of mental health.

5. Free Care –Draft background documents

Free care documents to be sent to your superintendents. Three explanation sheets are attached for your review. CDE will send out to each superintendent. Next meeting will be in February. Input on these documents is welcome.

The meeting materials packet and slides from the recent meeting on Free Care are available electronically here: <https://healthyschoolscampaign.org/healthy-students-promising-futures-learning-collaborative-meeting/>.

6. Using Every Students Succeeds Act to Address School Health Issues- Webinar
Date TBD, early February

THK is coordinating a webinar with the group Families in Schools to discuss how districts can connect with parents/families. They will review best practices and new strategies. LAUSD will be sharing details from their new pilot project that has health educators presenting to parent groups and helps them to use resources from health plans and local community organizations. Also, The Coalition of Chronic Absenteeism will be presenting on health issues tied to absenteeism.

Please include and invite others within your district to participate in this webinar as it will highlight resources and discusses issues that touch multiple departments within school districts.

7. Update from the field

DHCS is looking at combining the LEA Advisory Workgroup with the SMAA Workgroup. It would have one meeting. Now that programs will have some overlap, it could potentially be more beneficial. Comments so far on this change are generally positive.

Next SMAA LEA Workgroup call

Thursday, January 11th at 9:30am

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