

# **SMAA LEA Workgroup Call Minutes**

## **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

1. **DHCS Update** – Jennifer Kent, DHCS Director, announced her resignation and will be leaving at the end of September. There is ongoing reorganizing within the DHCS and new staff will be attending the upcoming NAME conference.
  
2. **SPA Update**

DHCS continues to work on the final changes to officially submit the SPA to CMS for approval. As all the details in the SPA have been reviewed, the expectation from DHCS is that it will be approved quickly by CMS once it is submitted.

  - **Transportation** – The last item being addressed between DHCS and CMS is transportation. There may be no back-casting for transportation related services before July of 2019.
  
  - **Training Slides (See attached)** – Comments and suggestions on the training slides will be submitted to DHCS. Items that were raised as concerns included RMTS being included in LEA BOP. More clarification is needed on the timeline. Also, TSPs are asked to verify their activities related to an IEP, Services or Care Plan. The concern is that it will be confusing staff that do not participate in moments regularly. This section needs more clarification and an explanation included as well. There was also some question about training those providing direct services in RMTS before the SPA is approved and the RMTS in LEA BOP won't be implemented until July 2020- basically in the next school year.
  
3. **Office of School Health**

The official title for this department within CDE will now be the School Health Unit. CDE will be reorganizing their internal department structure to accommodate this new unit. The current bill continues to progress and will soon be sent to the Governor for his signature. Both DHCS and CDE are in support of this bill.

  - **AB 1322 Berman** – See attached
  
4. **Cannabis Funding for Schools**

Cannabis funds have been increasing and a percentage will be used for schools. AB 258 envisions grants to increase health personnel within schools, with a focus on the assessment of substance abuse referral to evidence informed/based treatment.

  - **AB 258** – See attached
  
5. **California Budget**

There is \$500,000 in one of the budget related bills, AB 75 for a task force at CDE in coordination with CDE that will focus on

  - 1) Supporting districts and regional centers on the transition of children with autism to a school setting with an emphasis on three year olds.
  - 2) Examining SMAA, LEA BOP and EPSDT and making recommendations to the Legislature on how these programs might be changed in order to access additional funds through county/state and federal programs.

- AB 75 – Section 50 Update- See attached

**6. THK Outreach**

Teachers for Healthy Kids is working with managed care plans in different counties throughout the state to implement a project to create additional health support by health plans through arrangements with schools. Examples include health education workshops for parent groups that meet on campus, health plan sponsored well-child visits at school campuses and vaccine accessibility projects. Please contact THK if your district is interested in learning more about these new opportunities for engagement, health education and health resources for students. THK, Nena Garcia (916) 440-8811 or [ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org](mailto:ngarcia@teachersforhealthykids.org)

**7. Next Call:**

**SMAA LEA Workgroup Call: Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**