

**SMAA LEA Workgroup Meeting**  
**Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am**  
**Call In Number: 866-881-4501 No-Pin Required**

**Minutes:**

**1. COVID 19 Survey Results**

A 10 question Survey was sent out to the SMAA/LEA Workgroup. We asked questions that would help DHCS implement policies on how to handle school closures amid COVID-19 and how Random Moments in Time Survey (RMTS) will be handled.

Below is a copy of the Survey that was sent out and reviewed during the call:

\*\*There was a total of 57 Respondents

1. Due to COVID-19 closures, what percent of your TSP list participants are continuing to perform tasks/duties related to their job responsibilities?
  - a. Less than 10% - 25.71% of Respondents
  - b. Between 10-50% - 34.29% of Respondents
  - c. Between 50-75% - 20% of Respondents
  - d. Over 75% - 20% of respondents
2. Please check as many answers below that describe your District due to COVID-19 closures:
  - a. District is closed except for administrators and food services – 75% of Respondents
  - b. All TSP and LEABOP practitioners are continuing to perform tasks/duties related to their job responsibilities while:
    - i. Working from home – 84.38% of Respondents
    - ii. Working onsite – 12.50% of Respondents
    - iii. Working at other facility
  - c. District is sustaining IDEA/504 by providing required services at this time - 28.13% of respondents
  - d. LEABOP Coordinators are continuing to carry out their job responsibilities by:
    - i. Working from Home - 75% of Respondents
    - ii. Working On-Site – 21.88% of Respondents
  - e. Medi-Cal (S-MAA) coordinators are carrying out their responsibilities by:
    - i. Working from Home – 71.88% of Respondents
    - ii. Working On-site – 21.88% of Respondents

3. If your LEABOP providers are still providing direct health services, how are they being delivered:
  - a. On site or Health Office - 3.70% of Respondents
  - b. Telephone consultation/guidance to care givers – 77.78% of Respondents
  - c. FaceTime/zoom/texting – 66.67% of Respondents
  - d. HIPPA approved telehealth for speech (real time audio/visual) – 44.44% of Respondents
  - e. ”Homework” materials to practice therapy services that would be provided face to face (e.g., packets of written instructional therapy) – 48.15% of Respondents
  - f. Providers are not providing health services at this time – 22.22% of Respondents
  - g. Other (please specify)
    - i. Services will start on 4/6/20
    - ii. Just starting these services after a few weeks of closure
    - iii. Still being worked out-Kids are on break this week.
    - iv. providing online resources for additional for parents/guardians via letters, email, district website
4. Are school providers that are still working, providing SMAA related administrative services such as referrals to Medi-Cal providers or services? (LEA SMAA)?
  - a. Yes – 38.46% of Respondents
  - b. No – 42.31% of Respondents
5. If telehealth services other than speech was billable, would you use them?
  - a. Yes – 61.54% of respondents
  - b. No – 19.23%
6. For what other services would you use telehealth? (Please Specify)
  - a. We are researching OT, PT and Psychological
  - b. Mental Health Counseling
  - c. I don’t know what is happening currently
  - d. Psychology, Occupational Therapy
  - e. OT, SPECIALIZED ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION
7. Where/how are LEABOP services provided?
  - a. By Phone – 87.50% of Respondents
  - b. At School Site – 4.17% of Respondents
  - c. Other Location (Please Specify) - 33.33% of Respondents
    - i. Still deciding how they will be provided
    - ii. Zoom
    - iii. Not started yet, but setting things up
    - iv. Virtually
8. If the district is still providing SMAA outreach and linkage activities, where are the providers directing the students and families to (you can answer more than one)
  - a. School nurses are providing answers and questions and referral to health care providers – 80% of Respondents
  - b. Managed care plans – 15% of Respondents
  - c. Primary care providers – 35% of Respondents

- d. Social services agency – 40% of Respondents
  - e. Other (Please specify) – 25% of Respondents
    - i. School nurses only TSP working directly with students now
    - ii. Family Resource Centers
    - iii. We have 2 CECs that are working and signing students/families into MediCal
9. Are district administrative staff still able to provide cost and time data for SMAA quarterly claims:
- a. Business Services Staff:
    - i. Yes – 69.57%
    - ii. No – 30.43%
  - b. Human Resources Staff
    - i. Yes – 60.87%
    - ii. No – 34.78%
10. What would you suggest that DHCS propose to CMS about the RMTS in response to the COVID-19 crisis?
- a. Take an average of non-averaged quarters from the prior year in order to implement an average for Quarter 4 2020 – 53.85% of Respondents
  - b. Replicate the MAA percentages from the same quarter in the previous year - 50.00% of Respondents
  - c. Don't suspend moments during this quarter until there is written guidance from CMS and DHCS – 15.38% of Respondents
  - d. Other (Please Specify) - 11.54% of Respondents
    - i. I am not sure
    - ii. Take an average of quarters from the current year Q1, Q2, Q3 in order to implement an average for Quarter 4, 2020
11. Please list any other concerns you have about the impact of COVID-19 on the SMAA or LEABOP program:
- a. TSP list change – 38.46% of Respondents
  - b. Work schedule revisions – 65.38% of Respondents
  - c. Audit issues and Suggest:
    - i. Suspending current audits as many district staff cannot get into their schools at this time – 88.46% of Respondents
    - ii. Consider only minimal audits to relieve the district from providing information they cannot provide at this time. Consider audit closed after minimal audit – 30.77% of Respondents
    - iii. Back casting for SPA 15-121 enactment (future issue) – 26.29% of Respondents
    - iv. Other (Please Specify) – 11.54% of Respondents
      - 1. All TSPs' schedules have been disrupted and modified. Every week changes keep happening.
      - 2. Averaging of Qtrs. 2-4 will negatively affect the next year's Qtr. 1 average

3. Guidance on documental evidence when providing telehealth/phone health services.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am**