

**Local Educational Consortium (LEC) Committee  
Yolo County Office of Education  
Davis Room  
1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 100  
Woodland, CA 95776-6127**

**Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2007  
Final Version : October 5, 2007  
Gathering 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00a.m.-2:15p.m.**

**LEC Coordinator/Representative Attendees:**

Greg Englar, Sonoma County Office of Education– Region 1  
Eileen Dolan, Glenn County Office of Education-Region 2  
Debbie Geer, Glenn County Office of Education- Region 2  
Tonya Krutz, Glenn County Office of Education –Region 2  
Marjorie Rollins, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools, **Co-Chair**- Region 3  
Michelle Cowart, Contra Costa County Office of Education- Region 4  
Monica Morgan, Santa Cruz County Office of Education- Region 5  
Janice Holden, Stanislaus County Office of Education- Region 6  
Sue Hamblin, Stanislaus County Office of Education- Region 6  
Susan Ellyson, Madera County Office of Education- Region 7  
Ken Gragg, Kern County Superintendent of Schools- Region 8  
Margaret Roux, Kern County Superintendent of Schools- Region 8  
Annette Jewell, Orange County Department of Education- Region 9  
Christine Ridley, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools- Region 10  
Cathy Bray, Los Angeles County Office of Education, **Co-Chair**- Region 11  
Barbara Colombo, Los Angeles County Office of Education- Region 11  
Roger Chang, Los Angeles County Office of Education- Region 11

**Other Attendees:**

Anysia Drumheller, Butte County Office of Education  
Janice DiCroce, LGA Co-Chair  
Lynda Lindsay, LGA Co-Chair

**Absent:**

Brenda Higdon, Contra Costa County Office of Education-Region 4  
Janet Crabtree, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools- Region 10

## **1.0 Introductions**

Each individual stated his/her name and agency name.

## **2.0 Additions to the Agenda**

**There were four (4) additions to the agenda:**

- 14.0 Web Training
- 15.0 Code 13/14
- 16.0 LEC Fund
- 17.0 Averaging Person vs. Job Description

## **3.0 Approval of August Minutes**

1. August 2007 LEC Minutes were approved with clarification to item 5.1

## **4.0 DHCS and Co-Chair Report**

**Marjorie Rollins, Co-Chair and Cathy Bray, Co-Chair gave the DHCS and Co-Chair Report-**

1. The DHCS and LEC Co-Chair meeting is scheduled for October 2007. No official Co-Chair meeting occurred in September due to DHCS focus on CMS 2287.

### **4.1 CMS 2287**

**Marjorie Rollins, Co-Chair and Cathy Bray, Co-Chair gave the DHCS and Co-Chair Report-**

1. The LEAnet has been sending alerts, notifying the LEAs and other professional organizations of the proposed CMS 2287 rule.
2. As of September 6, 2007, the CMS 2287 proposed rule has not yet been officially published.
3. LEC members discussed the fact that the CMS fact sheet does not match CMS 2287.
4. If CMS 2287 is published, a 60 day comment period will begin. It is the concern of many that if this happens, there will not be enough time for comments due to mail delivery systems at CMS, and other barriers.
5. If CMS 2287 was administratively cut, the MAA program in California would be eliminated effective July, 2008.
6. The LEC Committee discussed a change of administration coming into office shortly after the proposed October, 2008 MAA administration cuts.
7. LEC members discussed SCHIP and how it relates to MAA. If the SCHIP bill is passed, there is a one year moratorium that would stop any cuts to MAA. However, if CMS 2287 goes into effect before SCHIP can be reauthorized, then the CMS 2287 cuts would take precedence.
8. The NAME organization is re-working their September Conference agenda to include discussions surrounding CMS 2287. They are also researching the exact dollar amount that is reimbursed to schools through MAA funds. NAME will also place template letters on their website, so that people can send letters to their appropriate representatives.

9. LEC members discussed the fact that CMS has mixed transportation and MAA funding information into the same report that they are using to administratively cut the program.
10. The LEAnet organization has hired Sara Rosenblum to research and write a response to CMS 2287.
11. Greg Morris, National School Boards Association, and other vendors throughout the state are preparing responses to CMS 2287. They are also seeking alternative efforts in their continued fight to stop CMS from eliminating MAA reimbursements.
12. CCSESA is following CMS 2287 very closely, and is in contact with Washington D.C. on a regular basis. CCSESA is ensuring that current information is provided to Superintendents.
13. A LEC Committee member requested that CCSESA post a brief explanation of CMS 2287 on their website, addressing the concerns of school districts. Co-Chair Marjorie Rollins will communicate this idea to Mr. Jeff Holland.
14. The Children's Health Initiative Agency, who has a vested interest in MAA, is keeping track of the data on students who currently have no health insurance.
15. The LEC Committee wants to remind LEAs that if the MAA program were to be eliminated, this would not take place until fiscal year 2008/09. With that being said, it is important that LEAs maintain the integrity of the program, while the legislative process goes forward. The upcoming presidential election may affect the ultimate outcome of the MAA program; and with that legislative support it may alter the present course of MAA. It was discussed that the program may suffer a few months of loss, and then be reinstated once a new United States President has been elected.
16. LEC Committee members discussed the importance of LEAs not dismantling their MAA programs prematurely.
17. The LEC Committee is continuing to collect letters from districts that include how MAA reimbursements have been used to better the lives of children; and how the loss of MAA reimbursements would severely impact the school health programs that these dollars support.
18. The LEC Co-Chairs proposed that the LEC Committee write a response letter to include comments and responses to CMS 2287. LEC Members Greg Englar, Sue Hamblin, and Annette Jewell will be composing the letter.
19. LEC Committee Members pointed out that the California MAA Plan looks different from other state plans, as it aligns with all CMS guidelines.
20. A LEC member requested that we obtain the results of the CMS 64 review. The LEC Co-Chairs informed the committee that DHCS has not received this report; however, the one document DHCS has is the CMS review and approval of the California MAA guide.

## **5.0 Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

### **Eileen Dolan, Glenn County Office of Education-Region 2 gave the Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century PowerPoint presentation-**

1. A Power Point presentation was presented by Eileen Dolan, Region 2 LEC. It was very well received by the LEC Committee. The information presented

represented how education has evolved over the last 50 years, to include Medi-Cal covered services within the school system; rather than using the private sector healthcare to meet the needs of children. The LEC Co-Chairs would like to use the presentation at the NAME conference and at the CASBO conference in April 2008.

#### **6.0 LGA Liaison Report**

1. No report this month.
2. The next LGA meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.

#### **7.0 Manual Changes/ DHCS Trainings**

1. Co-Chair, Cathy Bray informed the LEC Committee that preliminary meetings were held in August, 2007 to set up trainings for the 07/08 school year. The locations for those meetings have been reserved, although further discussion has been put on hold at this time.
2. Changes to the MAA Manual are continuing to be discussed. The LEC Committee is carrying on business as usual in terms of CMS 2287. It is crucial that if CMS 2287 is published, MAA trainings and discussion of manual changes will continue for the coming year.

#### **8.0 Invoice News**

##### **Marjorie Rollins, Co-Chair, gave the Invoice News Report-**

1. The LEC Committee discussed the status of MAA invoice payments from DHCS. Some LEAs have received their MAA reimbursements; however, no reimbursements have been received since the signing of the California State Budget.
2. The LGA Co-Chairs reported that they have been receiving invoice payments.
3. The LEC Co-Chairs informed the LEC Committee that if they had not received payments for 05/06 invoices, they should contact their DHCS analyst.
4. Due to the DHCS move, invoices may have been misplaced. Another possibility is that a previous analyst is no longer available, in which case LEC members should contact Barbara Schultz, CDHS.
5. LEC Committee members expressed concerns that no official announcements were forthcoming when an analyst has left or is on extended leave. The LEC Co-Chairs advised LEC members to send emails to their analysts and Barbara Schultz, DHCS, especially if it concerns late invoices.

#### **9.0 LEA billing report**

1. No LEA meeting was held this month.
2. Greg Englar and Sue Hamblin have scheduled a conference call for September 12, 2007.

#### **10.0 Conference and Workshop**

1. CASBO Conference is still scheduled in April, 2008. A two hour time slot has been reserved for MAA presentations.

2. CASBO Conference Presenter include: Barbara Colombo, Marjorie Rollins, Annette Jewell and Janice Holden. Eileen Dolan has been added to present Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### **11.0 Sub-Committee Report**

1. The Questions/Answers from the DHCS trainings were condensed in order to promote clarity and avoid duplicating answers.
2. The Sub-Committee decided that Community Colleges should refer to the DHCS MAA manual when referencing which codes they are allowed to use.
3. The Goal in the Q/A document is to be useful and informative for LEAs. It is also the hope that DHCS will post them on their official website.
4. The entire LEC Committee discussed what further roles the LECs should take when being responsible for Q/A from DHCS trainings. The LEC Co-Chairs will discuss this with DHCS.
5. The sub-committee will take the suggestions regarding the Q/A revised document, and further clarify answers. The information will then be shared at the October LEC Committee meeting.

### **12.0 CCSESA and Legislative Updates**

1. See item 4.1- CMS 2287

### **13.0 LEA Appeals**

1. There were no LEA Appeals.

### **14.0 Web training**

1. Greg Englar and Annette Jewell will continue to discuss protocol on web based trainings.

### **15.0 Code 13/14**

1. Question asked by LEC Committee Member:  
“Where does a participant code their time when they are preparing for a staff meeting that involves program planning-conferences?”  
LEC Committee Answer:  
“Refer to the participant’s duty statement and job description, specifically looking for Code 14 allowance. If Code 14 is not a part of the participant’s job description/duty statement, this activity would fall under Code 1.”

### **16.0 LEC fund**

1. LECs have provided the needed working funds to provide services and facilities for the meetings. An accounting of the funds was provided by Marjorie Rollins.

### **17.0 Averaging Person versus Job Description**

1. The LEC Committee has agreed that it is the individual position not the person that can be averaged on invoices.

### **18.0 Review of meeting actions and homework:**

1. Debbie Geer reviewed the meeting actions and homework
2. The next Co-Chair meeting will be October 3, 2007