SSIS Partnership Group

November 3, 2010

Attendees: Gary Sprynczynatyk, Gwen Wildermuth, Beth Holmgren, Kate Stolpman, Jean Swanson Broberg, Janelle White, Terri Berg, Tom Henderson, Pam Selvig, Michelle Kemper, Gary Bork, Linda Fitzgerald, Janet Nilsen, Craig Sorensen, Jennifer Trombley, Ann Sessoms, Cheri Ashfeld

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Call to Order	Gary Sprynczynatyk (McLeod) welcomed attendees and initiated introductions. Minutes from the July 21, 2010 meeting were accepted as e-mailed.	
Enterprise Architecture Review Board	Gwen Wildermuth introduced Ann Sessoms who explained the relationship between the DHS enterprise architecture (EA) work, the Enterprise Architecture Board (EAB) and counties. Ann noted that: • EA is about changing the culture of how we do business. The focus is on aligning business processes, policies and the IT that supports them. • She requested that MACSSA appoint an advisory group with a representative from each region to help define the relationship between DHS EA work and the counties. This group has met twice. Monty Martin (Ramsey) attended the DHS EAB meeting in October. • The MACSSA Executive Committee's objective is to develop a single link between the EAB and MACSSA with one business and one IT representative on the EAB. MACSSA acknowledged it is difficult for one technology representative to advocate and communicate on behalf of large, medium and small counties. • The board's objective is to make decisions and move activities forward. It's working towards a people-centered approach that includes functionality such as ask-once-enter-once, ability for clients to apply and update information on-line and electronic verification functions. Partnership members voiced opinions about whether two county reps can represent and effectively communicate on behalf of all 87 counties. The discussion segued into the HSTC report.	
HSTC Report	Abbie Willis (Olmsted) reported that HSTC members reviewed their charter and history, evaluating if the group is still needed. It will become apparent whether HSTC dovetails well with EAB or should disband because it is redundant. Currently HSTC members are focusing on the technology site and finding a long-term sponsor. The site, a collaboration of five counties, is called the Cross County Technology Resource Center. HSTC members hope to activate the Scott County-hosted site in early 2011.	

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MN Choices Update	Ann Sessoms clarified that OEA is closely linked to MN Choices' (formerly COMPASS) technology side. It is becoming more linked to the business side, too. Jennifer Trombley described the various hats she wears working with MN Choices and SSIS. She said that assessments will change the most via MN Choices. They are looking at how assessments are done, paid for, and coded. They are currently documenting the "as is" processes. PEPSI (Provider Enrollment and Provider Standards Initiative) means that provider recruitment, enrollment and rate setting will become more of a state function. After the initial assessment transitions into the MN Choices assessment tool, the results will likely come back to SSIS (or other appropriate system) so case management for home and community-based services gets done through SSIS. Intake for MN Choices is a separate component. Counties differ in how they do intake. MN Choices' automated questions create a framework where different components of the tool can be used by counties or the tribes or health plans. During the next year, they will determine which components are needed and where different systems "bump" against each other. MN Choices tool's extensive questions start with the processes currently considered intake. The assessment questions will be in this separate "smart" tool which will guide the user efficiently through the assessment process. Janelle White (Ramsey) wanted MN Choices to understand that how the tool is used can have a huge impact on how counties do business. Jennifer responded that she currently expects the tool to be built so certain components may be optional, one of those being Intake. As they work through their as-is process definition and move to the to-be processes, this will all become more clear. Jennifer also responded to questions about county representation on payments meetings saying that at least two counties attended the last meeting. She will provide the list of attendees so counties can contact these reps with questions or feedback. A SharePoint site is coming. It will relay information to all counties. Current information is posted online at: www.dhs.state.mn.us/mnchoices. Jennifer stated that she understands counties' expectation of MN Choices: no duplicate entry, transparent links to other systems, integration of tools is kept simple and clean for county users.	

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Singular Billing Process	Gary Sprynczynatyk recapped the MCO billing standardization issue. Region 3's original proposal was streamlined into a much simpler one that lost detail and could be misinterpreted, resulting in a lesser chance of achieving standardization. Kate Stolpman drafted the following more descriptive Proposed Legislative Action: "DHS will require all Minnesota health plans to accept a billing format identical to that accepted by MMIS from all Minnesota counties for payment of Mental Health Targeted Case Management, Elderly Waiver and other claims categories as added to the benefit set. DHS will then make needed changes to the SSIS system to bill health plans for these services." Kate's proposal is on behalf of the Fiscal Advisory Committee (FAC). She distributed a summary of the MCO billing issues presented at an FAC meeting. It includes steps to contact the Medical Code TAG of the Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) asking for their assistance with the MCO issue. AUC member Barb Hollerung (DHS representative) supports taking the request to the committee for consideration. Kate assured Partnership members that it might be beneficial for regions and individual counties to send the AUC Business Need Explanation Form to the AUC, too. (Note: The method for introduction of an issue for discussion is the AUC Business Need Explanation Form (SBAR) or the Minnesota Companion Guide Work Request Form found at www.health.state.mn.us/auc/forms.htm. Completed SBAR forms can be emailed to mailto:Health.ASAGuides@state.mn.us or mailed to: Administrative Simplification Companion Guides, Minnesota Department of Health, PO Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164-0882)	MCO standardized authorization and billing formats for counties utilizing SSIS MCO Standardized Billing Issues
Project Update		
Version 5.5	Beth Holmgren reported that the majority of Version 5.5 programming is completed. Testers are on their second pass and fixes are underway, working toward a release by the end of the first quarter in 2011. Most changes will not impact functionality for agency users. Look-and-feel and documents will be different.	
NYTD Implementation	Jean Swanson Broberg reminded members that NYTD took effect on October 1. Version 5.4 installation was completed in mid-October. Records show that 69 youth turned 17 in October; they will be the first ones surveyed. There have been just a few requests for tweaks and enhancements.	

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Fiscal Module	Kate Stolpman summarized: • **Status of upcoming 5010 and ICD-10** - MMIS is currently working on mapping the EDI transaction changes (from 4010 to 5010). The implementation date is January 1, 2012. We continue to monitor the EDI transactions for any changes. Major changes include: o Switch from 997 to 999 for claims acknowledgement o Likely inclusion of 999 RA acknowledgement o Diagnosis code required for all claims. ICD-10 (diagnosis code) is still in discussion at federal level. We may do a conversion from ICD-9 to ICD-10 depending on federal guidance. Due date is October 1, 2013. • An October 4, 2010 **CADI Waiver Renewal announcement** addresses changes involve HCPCS description changes, updated billing information in SSIS, and changes in proofing messages to allow for billing of CADI services that were previously restricted to other waivers. **Note:** DSD plans to discontinue the use of contracts between counties and providers. Link to announcement sent out October 4, 2010. • **TBI waiver renewal changes** are also coming. SSIS will look at the changes and incorporate them into claiming. **Next meeting: Wednesday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m.**	