

SSIS Partnership Group

April 21, 2004

Attendees, Kris Boswinkel, Nan Beman, Dick Pingry, Gary Sprynczynatyk, Gwen Wildermuth, WT Browne, Margaret Thunder, Tom Oswald, Gary Bork, Dave Sagisser, Jackie Coupar-Lawson, Gary Lipp, Kathy Anderson, Michelle Kemper, Craig Sorensen, Cheri Ashfeld

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<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Project Update General</p>	<p><i>Gary Sprynczynatyk</i> (McLeod) opened the meeting with introductions. He congratulated <i>Gary Bork</i> (Carver) for an outstanding MSSA Conference and thanked him for his leadership as MSSA's immediate past president. Meeting minutes from March 24 were approved.</p> <p><i>Gwen Wildermuth</i> reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative budget negotiations must resolve the chasm between the House's recommended two percent (2%) cut in DHS administrative funds and the 50% cut represented by the Senate's \$30 million proposal. Any compromise will cause significant cuts at a time when the ongoing hiring freeze leaves SSIS with two training vacancies, SSIS Fiscal openings, and one person staffing the Help Line. The project received approval to hire one Network Team position. • Representatives from the North Carolina Dept. of Human Services and four NC counties visited SSIS to evaluate transferring the system to be their SACWIS. They were very impressed with SSIS during project presentations. Gwen thanked Scott and Dakota Counties for hosting site visits. • The AFCARS upload for the reporting period ending March 31, 2004 looks very good. Placement discharge date error rates are much improved. Counties still need to be diligent with last review date which is at about eight percent (8%). Gwen commended St. Louis County for being the <i>most improved</i>. <p><i>Gary Sprynczynatyk</i> updated members on two tasks the Partnership assigned to him.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He drafted a letter the MACSSA president sent to DHS Commissioner Kevin Goodno describing the statewide impact when SSIS's bandwidth was reduced. Gary also spoke personally to the commissioner. Goodno responded with a letter to all counties. 2. Gary also asked MACSSA to consider supporting an adult services partnership. They endorsed the recommendation and are soliciting nominations for an advisory group that would run parallel to the SSIS Partnership. 	

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<i>Network Issues</i>	<p><i>W. T. Browne</i> announced that DHS installed additional T1 lines on April 18. Early measurements show significant improvement in router memory and bandwidth performance. The clearing process appears much better, though he asked members to get additional feedback from their county workers. As a point of reference, W.T. noted that DHS originally had four T1 lines; SSIS used 68% of that capacity. The cutback reduced SSIS to one line. New line installation brings the total to six bundled T1 lines.</p>	
<i>Data Privacy/ Expanded SWNDX</i>	<p><i>Nan Beman</i> addressed recent questions about the legality of the expanded statewide SWNDX. The new functionality meets federal SACWIS requirements that pending allegations be included as a child safety issue. The attorney in DHS Data Practices approved the practice based on Minnesota Statute §13.46 and 626.556 and federal CD Regs 42 CFR 2.1 to 2.67. Counties must each establish a policy for high profile or very confidential cases, determining which workers have access to each tab (e.g., child protection reports and workgroups). Assigned worker only access shouldn't be too restrictive or child safety may be compromised. Counties are always under the requirements of Mn. Statute §13.05 to access "minimum necessary data." Counties should direct questions to Nan at nan.beman@state.mn.us or (651)-772-7833.</p>	
Demo: SSIS Fiscal GUI	<p>SSIS Fiscal designer/developers <i>Thom Jones</i> and <i>Jayson Carrigan</i> demoed the Fiscal GUI. The SSIS Fiscal interface philosophy addresses fiscal workers' task and speed requirements. Many screens mimic familiar SSIS and Outlook screens for easy navigation. The demonstration included screen previews for service arrangements and chart of accounts features.</p>	SSIS Fiscal Update
Adult Services Partnership	<p><i>Gary Sprynczynatyk</i> reminded members that MACSSA seeks a recommendation for the adult services group leadership. <i>Gwen Wildermuth</i> urged that the leadership include a representative from Continuing Care. <i>Tom Oswald</i> (Olmsted) suggested that the groups have three co-chair representing counties, SSIS, and Continuing Care.</p>	

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<p>Begin Review of Wish List</p>	<p>With limited time remaining, the group addressed the County Wish List's <i>Items for Discussion</i> section (page 9). Gwen Wildermuth briefly updated members on the status of possible interfaces (#133) with MMIS/MAXIS, licensing, PRISM, CCM, financial systems and MEC². Items #134-135 require wireless equipment. Members discussed wireless' convenience as well as its unpredictability in settings where cells are not available. Wireless systems would require some (county) hardware purchases and incur monthly access fees. Ramsey County representatives suggested an interface with Citrix.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 23, 2004 -- 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>County Wish List by Category</p>