

# SSI S Partnership Group

January 24, 2007

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<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p><b>Adult Services Expansion Progress</b></p> <p><b>Project Update</b> General</p>	<p>Gary Sprynczynatyk (McLeod) opened the meeting with introductions. Minutes from 12/6/06 were accepted.</p> <p>Gary reminded members that MACSSA sent a letter to DHS Commissioner Cal Ludeman restating county directors' support for expanding SSI S into adult services. DHS' response questioned where this project fits within county priorities, and whether counties are ready to make a financial commitment to the expansion. Gary met with the MACSSA Adult Services Committee today.</p> <p>After receiving DHS' sresponse letter, Gwen Wildermuth contacted Joanna Berg, CIO. DHS could be influenced by either a stronger financial commitment from MACSSA, or the counties indicating that SSI S expansion is a higher priority. Possibly the Legislative Auditor's Report could be helpful. Senior Management acknowledges that there is no adult services case management information system in place and a single, huge system that includes providers is years in the future.</p> <p>Partnership members discussed issues that influence their counties' support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In SSI S's 1996 beginnings, MACSSA voted to support SSI S and partner with DHS. County boards were not the decision makers. Boards supported the project because it provided computers for social workers and promised a cost savings from new technology.</li> <li>• Even if counties offer a firm resolution, they can't make a total commitment until budgets are set. DHS needs to recognize that counties have consistently supported the Partnership and consider SSI S a strong, legitimate county partner.</li> </ul> <p>Conclusion: Gwen will send a copy of the DHS response letter to Partnership members. The group will evaluate the Legislative Auditor's Report before writing a stronger letter to DHS.</p> <p>Gwen highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSI S said good bye to CSIS. Jack Kinzer continues working for SSI S as a business analyst for claiming. Counties will use CSIS time reporting until at least April 24, 2007. The system is being maintained by MAXIS for child care payment.</li> </ul>	

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<p><i>Fiscal Progress</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor Programs(Worker and Fiscal) will hold half their 2007 meetings via VPC. In the past, DHS could host a maximum of 16 statewide sites for 3.5 hours. In March, the Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) will connect to 30 locations for six hours. It is very difficult scheduling sites so SSI S is researching web conferencing (<i>webinars</i>).</li> <li>• SSI S is working with the White Earth Tribe to provide SSI S access and teach them to use it for child welfare services. This effort fulfills a DHS initiative but uses significant SSI S staff resources. White Earth will be implemented in late March or April. Leach Lake has a summer timeline.</li> <li>• The 2005 AFCA RS Review now requires cleaning up discrepancies between paper files and SSI S data in 40 statewide cases. Two SSI S employees are helping affected counties with their cleanup.</li> </ul> <p>Kate Stolpman reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counties are busy getting IV-E and SEA GR reports in. Fiscal Flyer #36 (1/22/07) provided updates and helpful information.</li> <li>• Version 4.3 is in detail testing.</li> <li>• The MMIS interface with SSI S shows places where MA eligibility is set up differently in the two systems. The interface has been retooled and testing is underway.</li> <li>• Fiscal staff are meeting with policy and waiver staff. They hope to improve communication about decisions and raise awareness of county needs and activities.</li> <li>• Staff are also working with Anoka County on piloting a vendor web interface. The analysis, design, and some programming is done. The vendor web interface would put service arrangement information from SSI S online for vendors to enter invoice/payment request info. The information will come back to SSI S as a payment request.</li> <li>• CMHRS will be in Version 4.3.5, not the earlier V4.3.</li> </ul> <p>Kate requested that county directors advocate for county inclusion and input in health care and continuing care initiatives and decisions.</p>	

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<i>Server Rollout</i>	W. T. Browne announced that 21 counties will get replacement servers. The schedule will be announced the week of February 12 with installation beginning approximately March 1. The White Earth and Leach Lake Tribes are among those getting IBM X3600 servers.	
<i>Central Training Database</i>	W.T. reminded members that the Centralized Training Database is available for counties to use in training or for new workers' navigation practice. It can be set up directly from a workstation to the training server. Five counties have used the database so far, fewer than SSI S expected. The steps to reserving the 15 available logons per session are in Project Update #223, 9/29/06.	
<i>Release Schedule</i>	Beth Holmgren distributed an updated Version 4.x Release Schedule, noting that V4.3 includes significant changes to intake and maltreatment as well as the planned claiming and TCM/CSR report. Policy staff's request to revise Risk Assessment requires an additional 4.3.5 release which will also include CMHRS. V4.3's pilot is planned for February; V4.3.5 should pilot in June. SSI S is looking at an October-November timeframe to implement the last SACWIS requirements: Adoption, View Remote Workgroups, Vulnerable Adult Maltreatment, and the last phase of the IV-E/MAXIS Interface.	V4.x Release Schedule
<i>Amended Cost Allocation Plan</i>	Beth announced that the Amended Cost Allocation Plan's effective date has been changed to January 1, 2007.	
<b>Other</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gary is working with Dick Dean to streamline the Tools for Management course, reducing it to three hours and offering the class adjacent to MACSSA meeting dates. The next class will be in April or June.</li> <li>2. Steve Zorn read a county worker's thank you to the Help Line staff. It complimented staff for their knowledgeable answers, positive attitudes, and consistent patience with county callers.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">➤ Next meeting: <b>Wednesday, February 21</b> 11:15 a.m.-12:30</p>	