

CWDA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

August 2008

CWDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Tenaya Lodge – Yosemite
October 29 – 31, 2008**

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CWS/Web Project (formerly New System Project)

- ▶ The CWS/Web Project held a Town Hall during the Southern Region Children's Group meeting in July 2008. Rebecca Skarr (Acting Project Manager, CWS/Web Project), Sylvia Wall (County Consultant, CWDA), and George Tocher (County Consultant, Southern Region) presented CWS/Web Project overview and schedule highlights. Questions raised during the Q & A discussion are being compiled to clarify whether expressed wants or needs are within scope for the Initial Release (IR) of CWS/Web Request for Proposals (RFP). Additional Town Hall meetings for the other regions are scheduled in the coming weeks.
- ▶ The Request for Proposal (RFP) is scheduled for expanded county stakeholder review in September 2008 after the Verification & Validation (V&V) review has been completed.
- ▶ The federally required Annual Planning Advance Planning Document Update (PAPDU) was completed and sent to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in July 2008.
- ▶ The CWS/Web Project has hired Heide Trimarchi to fill the Change Management function to focus on preparing the support organization for the Maintenance & Operation (M&O) of the new system. She started at CWS/Web on July 31, 2008.

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CMIPS II Update

- ▶ System Design Sessions – The Case Management Information and Payrolling System II (CMIPS II) Project is in full swing! **THEY NEED YOU!** The CMIPS II application will be implemented statewide over the next three years. It will start off with a 13-month series of design sessions to design, code, and test the new system. These sessions are critical and cannot be successful without the assistance of county participants. A statewide county invite to the sessions was released to counties on August 6, 2008. Please notify cmips2info@osi.ca.gov if you can send a participant. We sincerely appreciate all the County and Public Authority participation in the various Workgroups. Recommendations from prior workgroups are under review at this time.
- ▶ Pilot Counties – Selection of the pilot counties is expected to be complete in August. Pilot Counties are expected to go live in January, 2010. The remaining counties will be rolled out in six groups, going live between April 2010 and July 2011.
- ▶ Regional Kickoffs – Don't Miss This!

The State is giving a CMIPS II Kickoff presentation at the August and September Adult Services Regional Meetings. Counties are encouraged to send a representative from each of the following areas of responsibility.

 - Executive Sponsors – Managers who are responsible for leadership and approval of Adult Services program direction and change.
 - IHSS Program Managers – Managers responsible for administration of IHSS.
 - Fiscal – Staff instrumental in assuring funding and claiming needs are met for IHSS and CMIPS II.
 - Information Technology (IT) – County staff responsible for planning and set-up of IT networking (County WAN), hardware & software.
 - Medi-Cal – Managers responsible for administration of the Medi-Cal program activities in support of IHSS (PCSP/IPW) in the County.

The Regional Kickoff presentations will provide important information for Counties. Kickoff topics are scheduled to include major functionality, roll-out schedule, activities & support, and county readiness.
- ▶ Infrastructure – Electronic Data Systems (EDS), the Office of System Integration (OSI) and the Department of Technology Services (DTS) are completing the network architecture for CMIPS II. DTS is working with EDS and OSI to build the development environment for the CMIPS II application, with completion expected in late August 2008. Once this is completed EDS then can begin developing the CMIPS II Application. DTS and OSI will be participating in Environment Architecture and System Administration and Performance Validation Requirement sessions that will be facilitated by EDS. The sessions will begin August 11, 2008, and will continue until the first week of September 2008.
- ▶ Interfaces – We are wrapping up workgroup sessions for SAW/CMIPS/MEDS interfaces by completing the Business Requirements definition phase. DHCS Interfaces are in the planning stage with requirements workgroups to be held during the month of August. Requirements Validation Sessions for all Interface Partners are schedule to be held during the month of September.
- ▶ CMIPS II County Advisory Team (CCAT) members have been selected and notified. **"Thank You"** to those county representatives who expressed an interest in being a part of this team! The first meeting is being planned for mid-late September. The Team will be used to provide county review and input on statewide issues related to Design, Development and Implementation of the CMIPS II system.

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