

**LDO Monthly Meeting
December 8, 2004
2:00-3:00 EST
Toll Free Dial In Number: (866) 222-0917
PARTICIPANT CODE: 941999**

I. Roll Call

Name of Organization		Attendee Name	Name of Organization		Attendee Name
DaVita	X	Janet Holland	CSC		Andy Hanks
	X	Bob Lehn			Ida Sarsitis
	X	Patrick Fletcher		X	Cammie Dunnagan
		Jason Aronovitz, DO		X	Shannon Wright
DCI	X	Chris Lovell			Crystal Henderson
FMCNA	X	Roger Theriault	CMS		Kathy Sagel
	X	Norma Ofsthun		X	Diane Frankenfield
		Nancy Lew		X	Matthew Leipold
	X	Alexis Porras			Terry Conner
	X	Dr. Lazarus		X	Pam Frederick
Gambro		Jose' Nabut			Victoria Schlining
	X	Kay Hall		X	Gina Clemons
RCG		Diane Thierauf		X	Jefferson Rowland
		Barb O'Beirne			Connie Cole
	X	David Maloney			

I. General Topics (Matthew/Gina)

- ESRD Reporting Tool JAD session in Baltimore on November 9-10
 - Thank-you for sending sample reports. It was identified that flexibility would be key in manipulating data and producing customized meaningful reports. CSC will provide functional specs. CMS will be reviewing data elements as they exist now and additional elements added through the CDS.
 - First Stage of Users will be CSM, Project officers, Regional Offices, Networks and data partners like USRDS.
- Communication with the Networks - contacts and email issues
 - Request that LDO's identify point people within their organizations that CMS and Networks can communicate with for quality projects. Looking at the structure of each individual and identifying how communication can be fostered between CMS/Networks and LDO regional contact.
 - Contact Information received from FMCNA and Gambro – Thank-you
 - DCI – Chris Lovell will be the data contact and Pam Haverman is the clinical contact
 - Janet Holland will provide DaVita contact information
 - David Maloney will provide RCG contact information
 - Discussion regarding how to include both IT and clinical discussion on the call. It was agreed that the format of the call should be agenda driven as follows:
 - Divided into IT specific, Clinical/Quality/Program specific, and Decision Making
 - Early agenda so appropriate people can attend
 - Standard schedule – 2:00-3:30 (last 30 minutes will be for tabled items that need further discussion)

- Special Projects Proposals
 - Submission deadline is January 14th
- March Forum Conference
 - March 14th will be the next Network Conference. The focus of this conference will be on strategic partnerships and CMS would like to have LDO attendance during the sessions. If you have topics or abstracts that you would like to submit for conference consideration regarding LDO/NW partnerships send those to Kathy Sagel at KSagel@cms.hhs.gov.
- Facility Personnel Collection: Networks have agreed to a standardized format to collect facility personnel. This is being developed for the next release of SIMS/VISION. They will be collecting the following job codes:

Mandatory:	Voluntary:	
Medical Director	2728 Contact	Vascular Access Surgeon
Head Nurse/Nurse Supervisor	2744 Contact	Vascular Access Radiologist
Administrator	2746 Contact	Vascular Access Coordinator
Data Contact	Additional Medical Staff	Nephrologist (Pediatric)
Nephrologist	Additional Nursing Staff	Quality Improvement Coordinator
Social Worker	Chief Executive Officer	VISION Contact
Dietitian	Lead Technician	Technical Contact
Facility Representative	Home Dialysis Coordinator	Transplant Nephrologist
	Facility Alternative Representative	Transplant Surgeon
	PD Nurse	Regional Administration/Management
	Nurse (PD Home Training)	Regional Quality Corporate
		Transplant Coordinator

- LDOs discussed that they would like to investigate if some of this information could be provided electronically for facility validation

II. Monthly Core Data Set:

- Update on File Specification and elements collected
 - CMS has agreed that lab data could be collected through the MCDSC that are collected as part of the CPM project. This expands that data collection to 14 elements. Updated file specs will be distributed for LDO comments
- Does there need to be a data use agreement signed by LDOs?
 - CMS is investigating
- Confirm you have access to Quality Net Exchange. If you need access contact Shannon Wright (swright@esrdsources.net)

III. CPM File Specification Update (Shannon/Vickie)

- Update from CPM JAD session
 - Thank-you for those that attended the CPM JAD
- Review of changes for 04-05 CPM collection
 - Updated file spec will be distributed for comment

IV. Vascular Access (JR/Shannon)

- Ongoing - FMCNA requested another review of the mapping categories for the Fistula First Project. JR will investigate this and further discuss with Diane Frankenfield the Fistula First vs. CPM data elements related to vascular access and how this is going to be recommended as part of the CDS.

- FMCNA suggested that maybe the project collect more of the raw data instead of trying to group into the buckets before it gets to the Networks/CMS. Alexis feels that they are doing a lot of interpretation and that the project is banking on that data being accurate.

V. Patient Events (Shannon)

- Revisions to the Patient Activity Report, Patient Roster, and Business Rules/Definitions have been finalized. Comments should be submitted to Shannon Wright by Dec. 31st. Implementation of newest version will coincide with the Spring Release of VISION/SIMS.