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+EMS SAFR Project

SacValley MedShare ("SVMS") and its partners, Northern California EMS ("Nor-Cal EMS," 5 counties) and Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS ("S-SV EMS," 10 counties) are about to commence work on a regional Plus EMS Project, funded by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority supported by CMS and other funds. The Project represents 22 transport agencies and 17 receiving hospitals, in addition to the two LEMSAs and the HIO. We are pleased that the subcontractor for our EMS Connector (interface engine and persistent database) is San Diego Health Connect ("SDHC" or "Health Connect"), a significantly knowledgeable party in the implementation and management of the SAFR model. All of the transport agency participants use NEMSIS 3.4 connections to their five electronic Patient Care Record (ePCR) systems. All will submit data through the Connector to hospitals and the HIO and all will submit data to the California EMS Information System.

****UPDATE: November 1st 2019 we were officially granted the greenlight to move forward with the +EMS Project. We are in the process of completing the first Milestone which involves contracting with the Regional Health Information Organization that will serve as the "hub" for patient query information. Establishing connections with EMS providers and hospitals and developing service level agreements.**

We are very close to moving on to the next phase to complete the first Milestone, which will be to start testing SEARCH and ALERT functions.



To keep up to date on the +EMS SAFR Project you can click the link below:

<https://sacvalleymys.org/ems-safr-project>

Cal-HOP

To be launched in 2019, the California Health Information Exchange Onboarding Program (Cal-HOP) will provide funding to assist Medi-Cal providers access and use health information exchange technology to improve the quality and effectiveness of care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Cal-HOP will:

- Increase the number of Medi-Cal providers that can exchange patient data via a Health Information Organization (HIO);
 - Expand the data-exchange capabilities of Medi-Cal providers already participating in HIOs; and
 - Facilitate Medi-Cal providers' access to the CURES prescription drug monitoring database.

****Update: Still waiting on CMS for final approval. Planning on putting out the call for HIO's to qualify by the end of the month. We are ready to go with everything that is expected to qualify.**

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Cal-HOP.aspx>



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!!

NextGen Healthcare Recognizes Shasta Community Health Center with its 2019 Client Innovation Award

[NextGen Healthcare, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:NXGN), a leading provider of ambulatory-focused technology solutions, announced that Shasta Community Health Center is the winner of its 2019 Client Innovation Award. The selection was made at the company's User Group Meeting (UGM) in Orlando, Florida. [Shasta Community Health Center](#), a non-profit primary health system based in Redding, California used NextGen HealthCare's Template Editor to develop a sophisticated set of software workflow templates to digitize its peer review process, making the electronic health record (EHR) easier for physicians to use and stay compliant with the practices quarterly peer review cycle. Previously, due to the centers size, gathering, sharing and reporting patients' charts was a challenge. With these new templates, the clinic has improved data collection times, increased engagement with its doctors, minimized the need for manual input and established a foundation for success. So many of our clients are using NextGen Healthcare technology to solve really complex issues within their organizations, shared Dr. Bob Murry, Chief Medical Information Officer for NextGen Healthcare. The creativity and talent Shasta Community Health Center invested in innovating templates to improve physician efficiency while also keeping pace with regulatory requirements is inspiring.

The flexibility of the NextGen platform has continuously allowed SCHC to mold the electronic health record to meet our organizational needs instead of forcing us to adapt our practice to the software. In an ever-changing healthcare landscape, this is proving a demonstrable advantage, said Charles Kitzman, Chief Information Officer at Shasta Community Health Center.

Founded in 1988, Shasta Community Health Center has been using NextGen Healthcare (EHR) software for 16 years.



Please welcome our new SVMS board member!



James S. Proffitt, CHFP, Shasta Cascade Health Centers

Jim was born in San Francisco and holds a BA in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. A part-time resident since 2008, he moved to McCloud full-time in 2014. He brings over 30 years of operational and financial management experience to his work at our clinics. Jim achieved the Certified Healthcare Financial Professional credential from the Healthcare Financial Management Association in 2016. He served two years as Chief Financial Officer before being appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2017. Jim serves on the boards of SacValley MedShare and the McCloud Community Resource Network.

Jim is pleased to do his part to ensure that McCloud, Dunsmuir, and Mount Shasta have access to quality healthcare.



Quest went live with Lab feed in early December 2019

Quest is the world's leading provider of **diagnostic** testing, information and services that patients and doctors need to make better healthcare decisions. Their services range from routine blood tests — such as total cholesterol, Pap testing and white blood cell count — to complex, gene-based and molecular testing.

SSI Update

Accomplishments for 2019:

- Completed all Direct connections to a Meaningful Use Certified HISP
- Migrated products to Amazon Web Services (AWS). Enhanced security, Disaster Recovery and efficient upgrades
- CCX – improved eHealth Exchange responses to query workflows
 - o Configurable to include XCA gateways and auto respond without pretesting/manual configuration
- eHealth Exchange
 - o SacValley participants can query eHealth Exchange via their native EMR – broadcasting & Hub connectivity

Looking ahead for 2020:

- National network connectivity: eHX, Carequality, and Commonwell
- Assess requirements (is any) for the 21 st Century Cures Act
- Working towards to HITRUST
- Single Sign-On
- On-demand CCD content improvements
- Improve monitoring and SacValley EMS and Cures Projects and SacValley specific requests

Volume of Activity – as of 12/31/19

Unduplicated ADT: **1,088,052**

Unique Patients in MPI: **1,009,553**

Volume of HL7 Messages for December 2019

HL7 Messages Processed: **2,949,386**

Our monthly Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month @ 2pm. You can view our Agendas on our website as well as find other helpful resources and information.

<https://sacvalleyms.org/>

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MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the quality and safety of healthcare across the North Central Valley, by sharing health information in a secure and efficient fashion between all providers, facilities and patients.