

VISION USER GROUP



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Message from the New President



Wow! Can you believe the summer is nearly over and Vision 2010 conference is just around the corner? The Board met in June to beginning planning next year's conference, and as always, your conference evaluations and comments were driving factors in any improvements that were made. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the evaluations during the conference, as they provide valuable information to the planning process.

Even though our attendance was down for Vision 2009, we had an extremely successful conference. We were financially able to cover all the conference expenses even though we had a loss for the year.

It was a challenge, considering we had minimum requirements we had to guarantee some of our vendors. Special thanks to Karen Bowling, Jane Ann Bridges and all the other board members for watching our finances so closely.

So, we will begin Vision 2010 with a challenge to increase our attendance. Please encourage your facilities to budget for the conference. The conference will be geared toward all the current items that facilities are facing, i.e. ARRA, HITECH, Red Flags, RAC, etc. As we all know, the more education we can acquire on these subjects, the more it will allow our facilities to be more successful in implementing the requirements. If there is anything we can do to provide you with more information for your CEO or CFO to justify your attendance, please let us know.

I know everyone is asking, "What is the theme?" Sorry, can't tell you.....you will just have to be patient and wait until after the Fall Focus Group Meeting. Yeah, I know that's cruel, but part of the fun is waiting for the announcement. The Fall Focus Group and Vision Board meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, September 13 – 15, 2009 for detail conference planning. Look for more Vision 2010 information after the fall meeting.

I had briefly mentioned in the last newsletter about the merger of the Case Mix / Reimbursement Management and Patient Financial focus groups. This has successfully taken place and they are now officially known as the "Revenue Cycle Focus Group." Check out theirs and the other focus groups' newsletter articles.

You do not have to be a focus group member to be a conference speaker/presenter. If you have expertise in a specific area, please let a focus group member know. Also, please let them know if you are interested in joining one of the focus groups. If they currently do not have any positions open they will be glad to keep your name.

Hope you have a wonderful end-of-summer and beginning of fall (my favorite season of the year)! Please let me or any of the Board members know if you have any questions, comments, or ideas.

Sincerely,

Sarah

Sarah W Longest
2010 Vision User Group President
Grenada Lake Medical Center



Just a short message from your newsletter editor:

This is our second newsletter since the April conference, and we are already meeting with the focus group members to plan the sessions for *next* April. It really is amazing how soon all of this starts over again each year! Everyone is excited to plan another great conference.

Many thanks go out to our user group that will work so hard to create another wonderful offering of sessions and workshops. Hundreds of users will benefit from this conference.

Next issue will have the 2010 theme announcement.

Thanks

John Gahagan
Vision Board Newsletter Editor

P.S. And now, just because I thought they were funny, here's a little something from the **"Church Bulletin Bloopers"**:

When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.....

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Jones to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening. It will reopen Monday.

Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The lady at the Bible Study was tearful and crying constantly. She also appeared to be depressed.

The beautiful flowers on the altar this morning are to celebrate the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

At the Ladies Liturgy Society this Thursday, Mrs. Smith will sing "Put Me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.



The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our bell choir practice.

For those who have children and don't know it, there is a nursery downstairs.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a great chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Questionnaire :
"What is your Church Preference?"
Answer : "I prefer a red brick church."

The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 P.M. Please use the back door.

On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expense of a new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will please come forward to get a piece of paper.

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to be baptized on the table in the foyer.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The preacher will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy."

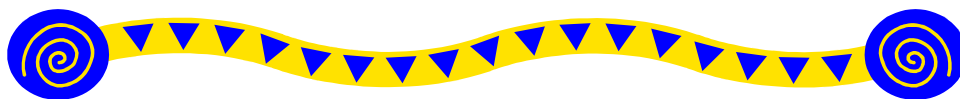
The visiting monster today is Rev. Jack Bains.

The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge---- Up Yours."

Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High."

Visiting Missionary: Bertha Belch.
Announcement: "Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa."





ANNOUNCING QUICKVIEW GENERAL AVAILABILITY (GA)

MedSeries4 Release 29.10 (Released 15 Jul 2009)

MedSeries4 Release 29.10 provides new files, data collection programs, and other related changes to support the new browser-based WebConnect QuickView module.

Using the WebConnect QuickView module, executives and managers can regularly review metrics, summaries, and indicators that can assist in the day-to-day management and planning for an enterprise. Users can set preferences that allow them to select specific quadrants to view when a navigator option is selected. WebConnect QuickView allows users to define and set metrics, graph and view daily, MTD, and YTD data, and drill down from summary to detail information.

The MS4 AR/ADT, Payroll, and General Purpose applications provide the data collection points for WebConnect QuickView.

Installing WebConnect QuickView requires a contract addendum. Following the installation of this release, you may contact your account executive (AE) or Regional Service Manager (RSM) to initiate the addendum. The contract addendum does not require a license fee for the application, but it does require professional service fees to assist with implementation and configuration of WebConnect QuickView, security setup, file maintenance, and training. There are also specific support, hardware, and software requirements that must be in place such as WebSphere and a Siemens Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection.

All MedSeries4 customers must install MedSeries4 Release 29.10 regardless of whether they intend to install WebConnect QuickView. This release includes core program changes upon which future updates will be based. No new end-user functionality is introduced with this release. Any WebConnect QuickView functionality (quadrant displays, graphs, etc.) are not available until WebConnect QuickView is installed.

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Technical Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Mark Erb
Siemens Co-Chair: Kalyani Yerra

ARRA / Meaningful Use Update

There are multiple avenues for learning about ARRA in general (see Siemens Customer World site for links). But there is also some MS4-specific information that will be coming your way. For MS4 customers who have decided to “go for the money,” Siemens is ready to help you get there. Siemens field representatives (AEs, account managers, etc.) will be helping each hospital develop a clinical roadmap that will position the hospital to demonstrate “Meaningful Use” (MU). This roadmap will provide the hospital with a list and implementation sequence of the Siemens applications required, as well as an aggressive timeline.

Be looking for your Siemens regional customer care representative to help you collect the necessary data for roadmap creation. Your field representative will have several tools to assist in this process:

1. MS4 Bridge to MU – this document maps each MU objective to the Siemens application necessary to achieve it
2. MS4 MU Solution Checklist – outlines a comprehensive list of every Siemens application that will need to be implemented in order to demonstrate MU
3. MS4 Model Implementation Roadmap – this timeline demonstrates the sequence and duration of applications required to demonstrate MU
4. MS4 MU Survey – this MS4-specific questionnaire collects the data necessary to personalize the MS4 roadmap. It is a method for gathering current release levels, hardware configuration, number of users, etc.

There are some things that MS4 hospitals can do immediately to prepare themselves for this process:

- Upgrade hardware/PTFs
- Get current on software
- Apply ongoing releases (stay current)
- 3rd party interface planning
- WebSphere install and training
- WAS (6.1), OS (V5R4), & IE7 at minimum
- Identify hospital resources for project teams
- Data retention review/cleanup
- Windows server installed
- Form hospital governance committee
- Contract for Siemens licenses to needed applications

ARRA

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MIRA Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Diane Muir
Siemens Co-Chair: Gaylene Gladden

FALL FOCUS GROUP MEETING – Can you believe it!! Plans for VISION 2010 will begin in September during the Fall Focus Group Meeting which will be held in Salt Lake City.

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Bundle 2009 (GA late September, 2009)

New Reports:

- ◇ Comparison Report – Admit Source/Discharge Disposition
- ◇ Abstract Incomplete Reason Report
- ◇ Chart Analysis Statistical Report
- ◇ Comparison Report – Diagnosis/Procedure
- ◇ DRG Frequency – added National LOS
- ◇ Incomplete Charts by Physician – added Fax# and vacation dates
- ◇ New Master File Listings for Deficiency Master, Group Deficiency Master, Major Location and Minor Location Masters
- ◇ Coding Completion will now track changes to DC Disposition, DRG calculation, and marking abstracts for deletion.
- ◇ DRG calculation will be automatic if not done before trying to “C/C” and account.
- ◇ CPT Linking Enhancements – added Performing physician, modifiers and revenue code to the link screen.

Joint Focus Group:

- ◇ The MIRA Focus Group and the Clinical Focus Group have created an alliance. This is to foster mutual decisions as the clinical product continues to develop. We have had some very informative sessions and look forward to continuing this shared development to produce a product that meets the needs of HIM as well as patient care.

MEMBERSHIP

The MIRA Focus Group continues to look for new members. We are pleased to report that we have had two hospitals submit membership documentation. Membership involvement consists of a monthly conference call and attendance at the Fall Meeting and Vision Conference each year. Members will have first hand knowledge of the upcoming fixes and enhancements for the MS4 MIRA and Privacy Administration applications, and have the opportunity to voice specific needs of your hospital, as well as the HIM industry, that will help MS4 continue to develop a better MIRA product. And you will have a great network of friends!

If you are interested in joining, please contact Gaylene Gladden at gaylene.gladden@siemens.com.

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Patient Care Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Kim Atkins
Siemens Co-Chair: Liz Hansen

The summer has flown by and we are preparing for the annual fall meeting in Salt Lake. The fall meeting is a time used by the focus group to finalize plans for the next Vision user conference. We spend a great deal of time reviewing the session evaluations and suggestions to make each conference beneficial to the users. Comments and scores are very important to us when determining which type of sessions to hold at next year's Vision.

The fall meeting also provides an opportunity to provide input to future releases and learn about new functionality that is being worked on by the MS4 Development team. We will spend time learning more about the ARRA program and CCHIT requirements.

The group is also working on fine tuning some changes to the monthly calls. Our goal is to allow individual members to spend time sharing ideas from their facilities and highlighting their accomplishments. This time is very valuable to all of us when looking at other facilities' ideas and implementation of the products.

We are looking forward to a very productive two days in Salt Lake. If you have any suggestions for the patient care focus group's Vision presentations please contact Kim Atkins at katkins@frhs.org.

Revenue Cycle Focus Group

Client Co-Chair – Lisa Badie
Client Co-Chair Elect – Tarek Chatila
Siemens Co-Chair: Diane Hummel, Lynnette Moore

The Revenue Cycle Focus Group conducts monthly conference calls to review SPECs with Siemens, receive Board updates, review new clients, discuss release updates, discuss general issues, and plan for each year's Vision Conference. We are continuing to work with Siemens Support and Development on the following items:

- Medicare Bad Debt Log missing fields
- Claim History Reporting and possible Secondary Claim capability
- Denial Management utilizing ACTS & CHI, and some type of log for denial status
- Data Dictionary
- Data Stream issues

29.10 WebConnect Quick View was GA in July. The Red Flag regulation has been delayed until November 1, 2009. The software will be in Release 29.20, which is currently in BETA and should be GA towards the end of September.

Immediately following the 2009 Vision Conference, the RCFG met to review the Conference and began working on the 2010 Vision Conference. We will meet on September 12 in Salt Lake City to begin the detail planning of the sessions and workshops for the 2010 Vision Conference.

We have room on our group and welcome interested RE/Case Mix specialists. If you would like to join the fun, you can email our Focus Group recruiter, Carmen Musitano, at Carmen.musitano@uhsinc.com, or call 610-768-3300 ext. 3417.

Submitted by Debby Schumer, Banner Health

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Financial Services Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Tricia Billington

Siemens Co-Chair: Michael West, Masami Goldsberry

In September 2009, the Financial Services Focus Group will meet and conduct their annual fall planning meeting. The group will spend time planning and coordinating information about sessions and workshops for the 2010 Vision User Conference in the area of General Financials. We expect it to be another wonderful focus group meeting and look forward to meeting with the members of our group. As we begin planning for the 2010 Vision Conference, we welcome any ideas for session or workshop topics. Please send these ideas to our Client Co-chair, Tricia Billington. If you would be interested in presenting a topic at the conference, we would welcome your participation.

The Financial Services Focus Group is excited to announce two new members, **Margie Gentry** from TJ Samson Community Hospital in Kentucky, and **Michelle Weatherly** from Wise Regional Health Systems in Texas. Both Margie and Michelle bring knowledge and experience in financials that will be very beneficial to our group.

Some recent enhancements to the general financial products that will be available in the Summer Bundle, 29.20 are:

- Multi-entity direct deposit
- Employee Notes in HR
- EDI upgrade to Gentran 5.4. This upgrade includes the option of TCPIP for customers who use the Sterling Commerce® Van and maintenance work on PP, GL, AP, MM, BG, and MC.

The FSFG is seeking additional members. We are looking for people who have experience with the general financials applications (GL, MA, AP, PP/HR, FA, and Budgeting). We are especially in need of representatives for payroll and human resources.

For session/workshop ideas, membership information, or any other questions, please call or email:

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