

Vision 2010 . . . In Full Swing

Dear MS4 Users,

There is so much going on in our world today, with 5010s, ICD-10s, ARRA - - - not to mention the day to day efforts of running our hospitals. We thought we would update you on a few timely items, even though our quarterly newsletter just went out in September.

I'm happy to report that the Focus Groups and Vision Board all met in Salt Lake City in September to begin planning the Vision 2010 educational content and activities. One of our traditions is to unveil the Vision theme at this meeting, and we didn't disappoint.

With all the chaos that surrounds us every day, we need to find a moment of refuge here and there. We need to reflect on the things that are truly important to us, and find respite in happy thoughts and soothing memories. With that introduction, I'd like to announce the theme of Vision 2010. Think of it as a return to your youth, when things were simpler and you knew no boundaries. Every day was a new adventure and the possibilities were endless. You were invincible, and your imagination could take you anywhere you wanted to go.

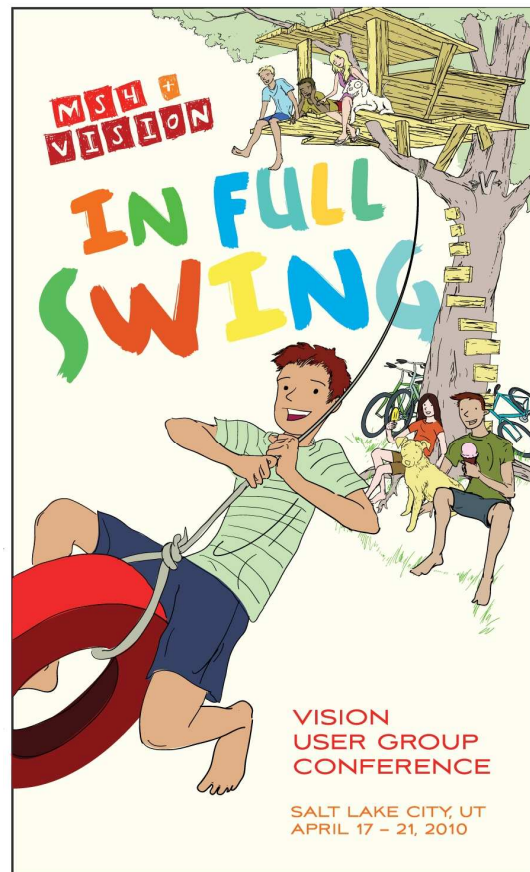
So dig out those peddle pushers and dungarees. Put on your beanie, brush your hair into pigtails, and join us April 17 – 21, 2010 in Salt Lake City for . . .

“MS4 & Vision: In Full Swing.”

Sincerely,

Sarah

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New at Vision 2010:
CPOE Symposium
and
Healthcare Spotlight

ARRA UPDATE

Like you, the Vision Board members are experiencing the same ARRA / Meaningful Use pressures as the rest of the county. We know that many of you have attended the Siemens ARRA webcasts, reading postings on the Siemens Customer World site (<https://www.smed.com/Customers/>) and have been working with your Siemens account representative to complete your roadmaps to Meaningful Use.*

To complement this activity, the Vision Conference will include an ARRA/CPOE focus to help you along the path to achieving and demonstrating Meaningful Use.

The following programs are being held in addition to the Vision 2010 tracks and workshops:

CPOE Symposium

Learn how CPOE is helping clinicians address patient safety initiatives, plus share best practices for planning and implementing CPOE using MS4's Clinical Suite. You'll hear from other MS4 hospitals that have implemented CPOE and learn from their experiences. Lunch will be served, and the conference Welcome Reception will follow.

April 18, 2010

\$150 with full conference registration

Healthcare Spotlight – ARRA & Meaningful Use

New this year, the "Healthcare Spotlight" registration is offered to those Vision attendees interested in a focused approach to learning about a current industry topic. This year the two-day registration will provide sessions to help guide you through the legal, regulatory, and fine print of the latest developments in ARRA, HITECH, and Meaningful Use updates. They will feature a wide range of knowledgeable experts who can help put these concepts in perspective.

April 18 - 19, 2010

\$300 (includes Sunday CPOE Symposium, Welcome Reception, and Monday sessions with lunch)

Watch for more conference information over the next few months.

*If you have not been contacted by your Siemens representative, and would like to reach out to him or her, please contact Nanette Bond (nadine.bond@siemens.com) or Ray Carpenter (raymond.carpenter@siemens.com). They can direct your call to the right Siemens contact.

For additional information regarding ARRA, visit <https://www.smed.com/Customers/>. Be sure to check out the Executive Gateway on the Siemens Customer World site.

Technical Focus Group
September Article Reprint

This article had some good overall information on preparing for your ARRA projects – from an MS4 perspective.

Technical Focus Group

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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 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:

- Assess hardware and load all PTFs
- Get current on software
- Apply ongoing releases (stay current) – including Siemens “surround” applications (Pharmacy, MAK, EDM, etc.)
- 3rd party interface planning
- Installation of WebSphere install and training if needed
- WAS (6.1), OS (V5R4), & IE7 at minimum
- Identify hospital resources for implementation project teams
- Data retention review/cleanup
- Install Windows server
- Form hospital governance committee
- Contract for Siemens licenses to needed applications

"Get Me to the Money!"
(One hospital's journey has begun.)

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One thing you can say about the folks at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital is that we don't let any grass grow under our feet. Once we decided that we wanted to demonstrate Meaningful Use and "get to the money," we started immediately down the path of getting current with our Siemens applications and assessing our hardware.

Since that time, we have been the beta site for several MS4 releases, currently beta testing Fall Bundle 09 (29.30). This is a key clinical release that contains additional support for the CPOE process, such as:

- o Links to external reference material
- o Quick Reference tool for viewing laboratory results
- o Verbal Orders documentation
- o Capturing of Electronic Signature
- o Medication Ordering Workflow enhancements to support the bidirectional interface and closed loop workflow.

We have also met with our Siemens account executive to create our roadmap to Meaningful Use. This consisted of scheduling upgrades of our "Siemens surround" products (Pharmacy, MAK, EDM, etc.), creating our governance team that will oversee the implementation of the CPOE process, and rolling out WebConnect Documentation hospital-wide.

We know this will not be an easy task, but the MS4 roadmap laid it out in understandable terms and helped us see the big picture. I encourage you to meet with your account exec and get the ball rolling if you haven't already. Even though the government has not finalized the Meaningful Use requirements, MS4 has been working diligently on the requirements we do know and laying the groundwork to accommodate the unknowns.

Don't be left behind. Take advantage of other MS4 hospitals' experiences through the Vision CPOE Symposium and other session offerings. We're all here to help each other.



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