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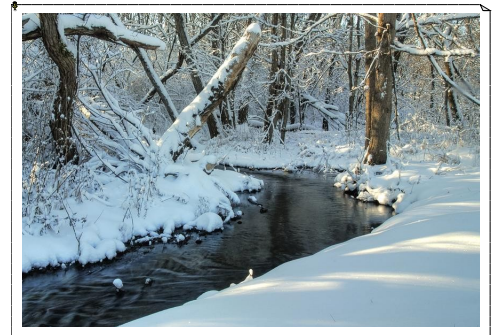
- GHX for the EDI-Data Management system will be fully implemented in 90 days.
- Medbuy is setting up a discussion board just for NSC members.
- Remember to make use of the handbook and templates that were sent out for you to utilize as you require.

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Medbuy - GPO conversion

- Conversions are continuing and a schedule for contracts expiring before March has been published.
- Next week Medbuy will be trialing a new web site exclusive to Northwest Supply Chain members. The site will contain a discussion board so that questions and answers can be initiated and seen by all members. This will also facilitate questionnaires and broadcast messages. There will be a second section on the web site for documents such as supplier letters and schedules. A third section will have a calendar to track conversion dates. Once the web site is published to the group, Medbuy will provide a webinar to show us how to use the site.
- Supplier representatives will be reminded to make their initial contact at the sites with the supply chain personnel so they are aware of the rep's presence and reason for the visit. By working together and communicating, there is less chance for miscommunications about conversions.
- A Medbuy Orientation Session was held January 23, 2013
- Phase 2 for pharmacy will be starting in June. In preparation, Medbuy's Rita Dhami and Krista Logan will be the pharmacy contacts and will be developing a transition plan for pharmacy.



GHX - Data Management

- Initial meetings will begin next week between GHX and Northwest Supply Chain to set the project steps. One of the first action items will be to get the Connect Plus communications server out to the Ormed sites so that we have connectivity to GHX.
- Ormed will co-ordinate with GHX the setting up of the existing EDI vendors to GHX specifications. We will also use the opportunity to update our site information and compare vendor lists to see which other vendors are EDI capable through GHX.
- Ormed will provide their ECTS module and setup the configuration once we find out the timelines required by GHX.

Medical Mart - Distribution

The implementation has been going extremely well and we are continuing to move forward with this initiative. Almost all of the sites have returned their surveys. Remember to send out supplier letters to let them know in advance which products are moving!

WEB presence

To find the Northwest Supply Chain web page, browse to the TBRHSC web site (www.tbrhsc.net). Select "About TBRHSC" from the top menu bar, then select Northwest Supply Chain from the left hand list. This will open a list of NSC links that you can select from, and as we develop more documents, we will be posting them on the webpage. What's New– Added Nicole Landgraff contact info and the Medbuy Newsletter.

If you have any suggestions to make this webpage more usable and informative, please let Emil or Natalie know

Northwest Supply Chain News

Our Clinical Contract Specialist's position has been filled, Nicole Landgraff joined Northwest Supply Chain on February 4. Nicole will be an excellent resource to Hospitals, Vendors, and our GPO as we begin the conversion on the more clinically sensitive contracts.

With the new data management system from GHX, we will be switching EDI providers from Telus to GHX. This will require the EDI mappings for the suppliers to change. Ormed will assist with the re-mapping and GHX will supply us with a list of their EDI capable suppliers so we can expand the number of suppliers we can send electronically.

As the Canadian version of the Ormed system has been bought by MediSolution, they will re-brand the software over the next year, so watch for a new name for Ormed.

Accomplishments/Tenders

- Established a baseline savings for new initiatives.
- Phase 4 of the NSC project is being submitted to the Ministry of Finance
- Chemical Analyzers
- Welch Allyn Pricing Agreement
- Meditech Middleware

Tenders in Draft stages:

- Legal Services tender

Tenders presently published:

- Insurance consulting
- Holter Monitoring System, Cindy Langen

Tenders being evaluated:

- Diesel Generator Servicing

Tenders recently awarded and main contact:

- Privacy Impact Assessment/Threat Risk Assessment, Cindy Langen

Ongoing Contract Initiatives

- Primary Distribution Agreement - Medical Mart
- Non-GPO Contracting Opportunities under review
- Data Management System - GHX
- Populating of the inventory item master files at each site with key data around contract information to allow for 3rd party data management solution.
- Primary GPO conversion - Medbuy

Future Opportunities

- Elevator maintenance
- Green energy act.
- ABM
- Diagnostic imaging agreements
- Biohazard waste

Medbuy Updates

Vendor letters have been sent advising of contract conversions :

Contract # C8258 - OR Sutures,

Commences Mar 1/13, Distributor: J & J

Contract # C8221 - OR Suture Boots and Vessel Loops,

Commences Mar 1/13, Distributor: Advanced Surgi-Pharm

Contract # C8275 - Endomechanical Products,

Commences Mar 1/13, Distributor: Tyco Healthcare

Contract # C5733 - Endoscopic Cleaning Brushes,

Commences Feb 1/13, Distributor: PRLmed Canada Inc.

Medbuy will be forwarding each member their individual participation report. They would like each member to confirm their participation in any contracts including Healthpro and local agreements, so they can update their conversion plan.

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