2018 DEFENSE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

Last month, the Program Executive Office, Defense Healthcare Management Systems (PEO DHMS) and its program management offices (PMO) attended and exhibited at the 2018 Defense Health Information Technology Symposium (DHITS) in Orlando, Florida. The symposium brought together stakeholders from across the Military Health System (MHS). This year, the three-day annual conference focused on the theme “One Team – One Mission: The Future is Now!”

DHITS Kick Off


During the first official day of the event, Stacy Cummings, program executive officer, PEO DHMS, joined Bono to address attendees in a session titled “MHS GENESIS Lessons Learned.” This session provided an update on MHS GENESIS and opened the floor for audience questions.

Program Management Offices Host Sessions

The DoD Healthcare Management System Modernization (DHSM®) PMO, which includes the Defense Medical Information Exchange Program, presented seven breakout sessions during the conference, sharing MHS GENESIS updates and lessons learned from the initial fielding sites.

Col. Michael Greenly, acting program manager, Joint Operational Medicine Information System PMO, spoke to conference participants at a session titled “Operational Medicine Training, Sustainment, and Transition.” A few items highlighted included operational medicine updates and the strategy and sustainment activities for the Theater Medical Information Program-Joint software suite.

PEO DHMS Conducts Live Demonstrations

Throughout the event, PEO DHMS showcased live demonstrations of MHS GENESIS, the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, the Mobile Computing Capability, and the Joint Legacy Viewer to conference attendees.

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Staff provide demonstrations at the PEO DHMS exhibit booth

Craig Schaefer, DHSM PMO program manager, presents at DHITS
Greetings! Welcome to the summer edition of the Program Executive Office, Defense Healthcare Management Systems’ (PEO DHMS) newsletter, The Scope. Inside this issue, you will read the recent accomplishments of the PEO DHMS team to achieve our interoperability and modernization goals.

The cover story highlights our participation in the 2018 Defense Health Information Technology Symposium (DHITS). We had a fantastic week at DHITS 2018, taking advantage of the many opportunities to come together and collaborate on the future of health IT. We had the opportunity to provide briefs and exhibit during our time at DHITS. We focused on MHS GENESIS and how it is transforming the delivery of healthcare for our service members, veterans, and their families. Also during the conference, PEO DHMS provided demonstrations of MHS GENESIS, the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, the Joint Legacy Viewer (JLV), and the Mobile Computing Capability (MCC). DHITS provides a unique opportunity to listen and learn from our providers to ensure we meet their needs and deploy the best possible solution.

On this page we showcase the media roundtable where we formally announced the next facilities to deploy MHS GENESIS. Our training corner on page 3 highlights new JLV updates to improve end user experiences. In addition, we showcase MCC’s upcoming software release.

Lastly, on page 4, we spotlight the Joint Operational Medicine Information Systems (JOMIS) Program Management Office’s participation in the 2018 Rim of the Pacific exercise in Hawaii. During the exercise, JOMIS facilitated use of MCC and the Medical Situational Awareness in the Theater software across different operational scenarios. In addition, we showcase Sandra MycIntyre, a staff member with the DoD Healthcare Management System Modernization Program Management Office, who assisted midwives in Haiti. Also on page 4, we highlight the Department of Defense (DoD)/Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Program Office’s (IPO) participation at the 2018 FedHealthIT Innovation Awards and Network Event. Dr. Lauren Thompson, director of DoD/VA IPO, provided the keynote speech during a panel discussion.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our team is making significant progress in health IT. I hope you have a happy Labor Day!

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Did you know, MHS GENESIS improves data access and sharing of health information across the spectrum of military operations, the VA, and civilian healthcare organizations?

Learn more at www.health.mil/dhms.
JLV & YOU – WHAT’S NEW IN THE JOINT LEGACY VIEWER

The Joint Legacy Viewer (JLV) provides a read-only, integrated view of patient health data from the Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and private sector partners in a single display.

The DoD Healthcare Management System Modernization Program Management Office updates JLV regularly to improve user experience. Here are a few recent JLV updates:

**More Data Parsing into JLV Widgets**
JLV now parses sections of the Patient Continuity of Care Document (CCD) and Aggregate CCDs from MHS GENESIS into appropriate JLV widgets.

**Report Builder Enhancement**
The Report Builder is redesigned so reports are built in the background. You'll receive an alert when the reports are ready to download. Also, the new “Patient Reports” tab displays a list of completed and in-progress reports for the given patient, so you won’t need to build a specific report more than once.

**New milSuite Site**

Have a question about JLV? Submit to the Ask a Question tool or read the frequently asked questions.

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**MOBILE COMPUTING CAPABILITY – NEW FEATURES**

The Mobile Computing Capability’s (MCC) upcoming software release will include several new features to improve healthcare documentation.

One new capability is the ability to send patient encounters from one MCC device to another using the military tactical network. This allows the first responder to send a documented patient encounter at the point of injury to a forward care/transport team providing the knowledge required for appropriate patient treatment. MCC patient encounters and demographic data will also sync with the Theater Medical Data Store, providing a more complete view in the electronic health record.

The fall software release also includes an updated allergy import capability with food, environmental, and drug subcategories. It also allows users to print a patient’s Tactical Combat Casualty Care card at the point of injury using Star mobile printers and the Star PassPRNT application on the MCC mobile device.

Additionally, this release features improved display optics, including color coding to easily locate required fields, improved spacing to increase legibility, removal of redundant language, and updated icons.


Did you know Joint Legacy Viewer users can access all of their patients’ available healthcare data regardless of whether they previously received care from the DoD, VA, or participating private sector providers?
DHMSM® PMO STAFF MEMBER ASSISTS IN HAITI

In June, Sandra McIntyre, DoD Healthcare Management System Modernization Program Management Office assistant program manager for future requirements, traveled with Food for the Poor, a nonprofit organization, to support a mission with the midwives in the impoverished neighborhood of Shada in Cap-Haitian, Haiti. During their visit, the group delivered birthing kits, trained 150 midwives, and visited hospitals and schools. The training included sharing a film they developed prior to their arrival that covered routine delivery, as well as how to handle common complications. They also provided a high-level overview of the birthing process, and conducted hands-on stations which included baby CPR, using a bulb syringe, properly cutting the umbilical cord, and carefully monitoring the mother following the birth.

“My favorite part was meeting mothers and midwives who gave testimony on the difference the kits are making for the health of both the mothers and children by providing deliveries in more sanitary conditions,” said McIntyre.

DOD/VA IPO DIRECTOR JOINS PANEL DISCUSSION

On June 12, Dr. Lauren Thompson, director of the Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Program Office, attended the 2018 FedHealthIT Innovation Awards and Networking Event and provided a keynote speech during a panel discussion titled, “Leading for Impact in Federal Health IT.” The event brought together over 300 senior federal health IT executives from industry and government. It recognized federal health innovation, technology, and consulting sector programs nominated by their peers for driving innovation and results. The panelists included leaders from the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Veterans Health Administration. They discussed the importance of “leading for impact” within each organization and driving positive disruption and innovation.

JOMIS PMO PARTICIPATES IN RIMPAC EXERCISE

In July, several Joint Operational Medicine Information System (JOMIS) Program Management Office staff members participated in the 2018 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise in Hawaii. RIMPAC is the world’s largest maritime warfare exercise. With staff members assisting users at Ford Island and aboard the USNS Mercy, USS Carl Vinson, and USS William P. Lawrence, JOMIS facilitated use of the Mobile Computing Capability, Medical Situational Awareness in the Theater, and Theater Medical Data Store (TMDS) software across different operational scenarios. This included land-to-land, land-to-ship, and ship-to-ship. Users captured over 300 simulated patient encounters (sick call, medical emergencies, mass casualties, etc.) across the four sites. They successfully uploaded the encounters into the TMDS training tier, ensuring the visibility in the electronic health record. Key takeaways from the exercise include valuable end user feedback, recommendations for areas of improvement, and identification of potential areas of optimization and system adoption barriers.

Dr. Lauren Thompson discusses leading for impact while serving as a keynote panelist alongside other government senior leaders.