

DMLSS Team Wins Government Open Source Award For Successful Integration

Army COL Chris Harrington, DHSS Deputy Program Manager for Medical Logistics, and the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support project team won the 2009 Health Information Systems Using Government Open Source Technology Award for their work in successfully integrating Open Source Software into DMLSS.

The award was presented to Harrington and his team on Nov. 5, during the Government Open Source Conference in Washington, D.C. DMLSS is a Tri-service suite of applications used at nearly 200 military hospitals and clinics worldwide. By automating and standardizing medical logistics functions, DMLSS helps reduce the time providers and healthcare professionals spend on logistics.

Implementation of DMLSS reduces quantities of required storage space and unused medical supplies for the Military Health System. Using over 100 separate OSS systems combined in a single client-server, DMLSS:

- Processes over 59,000 materiel requisitions daily
- Receives \$19 million dollars in medical materiel daily
- Tracks \$20 billion dollars in property
- Monitors over \$3 billion dollars in 976,000 biomedical equipment items
- Stocks 1,126 point-of-use supply cabinets
- Provides enterprise-wide joint asset visibility of medical supplies and blood data



Recent projections indicate nearly \$4 billion dollars in costs will be avoided through 2012 as a result of efficient customer solutions made possible by OSS. As DMLSS migrates to a service oriented architecture, OSS provides more flexibility in integrating new technical capabilities resulting in faster deployment of enhanced technologies to users and improved healthcare delivery by the MHS.

Harrington and the team were also recognized for their work to sponsor and support enhancements to OSS applications. Most notably, the team is lauded as the first and key champion 140 version 2 validation of a cryptographic library used by government and industry to secure connections for information across the MHS. This validation is being widely adopted by commercial vendors resulting in significant savings to the American taxpayer.

"Congratulations to Col. Harrington and his team for receiving this prestigious award and for continuing to deliver the best in medical logistics for the entire MHS," said DHSS Program Manager Dr. Dan Magee.

For more information about the award, please log onto <http://goscon.org/awards>.

Former DHSS Director Receives 2009 Paul F. Truran, Jr. Award in Medical Materiel and Logistics Management

The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States presented the Paul F. Truran, Jr., Medical Materiel and Logistics Management Award to Air Force Col. Troy Molnar on Nov. 18.

Molnar was nominated by DHSS for his work as Director of the Department of Defense Joint Medical Logistics Functional Development Center at Fort Detrick, Md. Established in 1992, the award recognizes outstanding accomplishments in medical logistics and the advances in medical materiel management. AMSUS recognizes Molnar for his professional leadership and technical expertise at JMLFDC supporting the Defense Medical Logistics enterprise and laying the foundation for a fully integrated and Net-centric services oriented architecture.

Molnar led a team of 230 information technology professionals in providing development and sustainment support for DMLSS suite which includes DMLSS 3.1.0, DMLSS Customer Assistance Module, Common User Database, Joint Medical Asset Repository and the Shipboard Automated Medical System.



Joining Col Molnar as he accepts his award are (from left) Lt. Gen. Charles B. Green, M.D., Air Force Surgeon General and Maj. Gen. Kimberley A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Surgeon General, Air Force Medical Force Development and Surgeon General, Nursing Services.

MHS Chief Information Officer Discusses DHSS Products during Health.mil Podcast

MHS CIO Mr. Charles Campbell discussed several DHSS products during his Nov. 25 appearance on the health.mil/dotmildocs podcast.

As OCIO, Campbell oversees a variety of programs that deliver medical services to service members around the world. DHSS products discussed by Campbell included the Patient Movement Items Tracking System, the Clinical Data Mart, ESSENCE medical surveillance, TRICARE Online, and MHS Learn. To hear the podcast please click onto <http://health.mil/dotmildocs/Default.aspx?id=652¤tPg=1>. Campbell's discussion regarding DHSS products begins at the eight minute mark.

New Patient Safety Reporting System Passes System Qualification Testing with Limited Deployment Planned for 2010

PSR moved one step closer to limited deployment and system acceptance testing in 2010 by successfully passing SQT.

Once deployed, PSR will enable standardized patient safety event reporting for the MHS. PSR will provide analytic tools to help identify areas for patient safety and quality improvement initiatives to achieve goals for reducing the frequency and severity of patient safety events. PSR will promote cost avoidance through reduction of visits, tests, treatments and admissions for preventable and avoidable health care related events.

"With PSR, patient safety event reporting can be completely anonymous" said Ms. Donna Sheets, PSR Project Controller. "MTF staff will use their Common Access Card to access PSR to report an event – no username and password are required."

PSR is a Web-based commercial off-the-shelf application from Datix Event Reporting and Management now used in acute and primary care facilities serving over 40 million patients worldwide.

The following locations have been selected for PSR's limited deployment scheduled to begin in February:

- DoD Patient Safety Center, DoD Patient Safety Program
- Army Medical Command, FT Sam Houston, Texas
- Madigan Army Medical Center, FT Lewis, Wash.

- Martin Army Community Hospital, FT Benning, Ga.
- Kimbrough Army Health Clinic, FT Meade Md.
- The Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.
- National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda MD
- Pensacola Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Fla.
- Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- Air Force Medical Operations Agency, San Antonio, Texas
- 79th Medical Group, Malcolm Grow Hospital, Andrews AFB, Md.
- 355th Medical Group, Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz.
- 59th Air Transportable Hospital, Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas

"We are very excited to provide this new capability to our MHS customers" said CDR Donald Sawyer, PHS, Director of Clinical Support Services. "PSR is easy to use and intuitive... it only takes minutes to complete an event report." For more information on PSR, please visit click onto <http://www.health.mil/dhss>.



The PSR Project Team after learning PSR successfully passed SQT are (from left) Sylvia Ortega, CDR Donald Sawyer, Donna Sheets, Shane Sanders, and Laura Tozzi.

TRICARE Online Will Be Temporarily Unavailable During Maintenance Upgrades

Maintenance upgrade to TOL, scheduled to begin on Dec. 4, will result in a temporary system outage through Dec. 6. All TOL services are expected to be fully restored no later than Dec. 9.

During this upgrade, all TOL services, including Online Patient Appointing, Pharmacy Prescription Refilling and Non-Availability Statement processing will be affected. For scheduling and appointing needs, TOL users are encouraged to contact their assigned military treatment facility. The following maintenance upgrades are scheduled to occur:

- Upgrade to version 4.0 Oracle baseline
- Decommission MTF Web pages/Web-wizard services
- Reinstate and Common Access Card-enforce secure provider access to the Composite Health Care System and Personal Health Record services
- Implement Health Assessment Review Tool-Full link
- Upgrade production to Solaris 10

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