

Message from MACO

MACO and MCCC are working together in a more coordinated fashion than ever before...

...I know I speak on behalf of all the MACO members who are also a part of MCCC that this communication and coordination is appreciated and seen as a real benefit to all. Thanks for the opportunity to partner and I look forward to other similar opportunities.

Submitted by:
Luci Botzek, JD ~ MACO Administrator/
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Message from AMC

As important as it was for MCCC to be created in the 70's, it is even more important today that counties work together to reduce costs and provide quality services.

MCCC plays a vital role in ensuring the Minnesota Counties can continue to meet the technological challenges of today and tomorrow.

Submitted by:
Jim Mulder, Executive Director, AMC

Message from the Minnesota Department of Health

The great thing about working with MCCC is that they are 'user owned and operated', so there is tremendous commitment to developing and maintaining a quality product, and to getting the most out of every dollar invested.

Submitted by:
Bill Brand, M.P.H.
Minnesota Department of Health

Message from the CriMNet Office

"The CriMNet Program considers MCCC a major contributor to the state's criminal justice information integration goals. MCCC was recently awarded a CriMNet implementation grant that will be used to enhance the sharing of data among probation agencies, as well as create an adaptor between CSTS and the CriMNet backbone."

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**FORMING A
NEW MCCC
USER GROUP**

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BENEFITS OF AN MCCC USER GROUP:

Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) is a joint powers organization providing services, software, and other cost-effective measures to substantially reduce the cost of data processing for counties. Established in 1978, MCCC works with all 87 Minnesota Counties, several Minnesota agencies, some Minnesota cities, and a few out-of-state counties and agencies.

MCCC currently has seven User Groups:

- Minnesota Property Tax
- Law Enforcement
- Finance & General Government
- Community Health Service
- Corrections
- County Attorneys
- Information Services Support Group

MCCC provides the following services to User Groups:

- Assists User Groups with organizing their group.
- Facilitates User Group meetings.
- Facilitates training for the User Groups.
- Manages funds, serves as a fiduciary agent for the User Groups.
- Serves as a liaison between the User Groups and their vendors.
- Facilitates the sharing of information and resources between the different User Groups.
- Manages the RFP and contracting process.
- Negotiates contracts on behalf of the User Groups.
- Helps identify problems and develop solutions.
- Applies for grants on behalf of the User Groups.
- Handles an array of other User Group responsibilities

Some of the MCCC User Groups own their software. This allows them to control all software changes, releases, updates and customizations to best meet their needs. MCCC User Group software is maintained, supported,

and enhanced by vendors selected by the User Groups through an RFP process.

FORMING A NEW USER GROUP: One or more counties must request the formation of a new User Group. The request is reviewed and approved or denied by the MCCC Executive Committee. If approved, the requesting counties will work with MCCC staff to set an initial meeting for interested parties. Potential User Group Members must take the steps listed below to become an official member of the User Group. This will require at a minimum a Board Resolution from member counties. Once we have members, the User Group will be tasked with electing officers, developing and approving User Group Rules and Regulations, and setting a meeting schedule.

JOINING MCCC: For counties that are not now members of the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative, joining MCCC is a fairly simple process. Joining MCCC requires your County Board to pass a resolution to join MCCC and sign a "Joint Powers Agreement." Joining MCCC is also a financial commitment to pay the dues, support fees and the county's share of User Group expenses.

In addition to the Joint Powers agreement, all members will need to provide a Board Resolution for membership in the specific User Group and assign a contact person.

JOINING AN MCCC USER GROUP: If your county is currently a member, it is not necessary to execute another "Joint Powers Agreement." Your Board will only need to pass a resolution to participate in the User Group and assign the contact person.

Counties/Agencies that participate in two or more User Groups, not including ISSG, are full MCCC Members and will be asked to identify an MCCC Delegate and Alternate to vote at MCCC Board Meetings.

COSTS: The administrative costs of MCCC are paid through annual membership dues. Software development, support and maintenance fees are approved by a vote of each User Group. Several User Groups also have formed an Enhancement Fund. Funds are spent by approval of the User Group or the User Group's Advisory committee, depending on the specific User Group Rules and Regulations.

User Group expenses, such as meeting costs and conference calls, are paid for by the User Group and are divided as defined in each User Groups' Rules and Regulations. User Group members also pay their share of any User Group system development or enhancement projects that are approved according to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the User Group. These User Group software costs are billed by MCCC based on contracts with service providers the User Group has approved and is utilizing.

The manner in which the User Group functions and the costs that the User Group members would be liable for are determined by the Cooperative's Bylaws, terms of service in provider contracts and the Rules and Regulations that the User Group adopts for themselves. A copy of the MCCC Bylaws and samples of other User Group Rules & Regulations can be found on our website: www.mnccc.org. MCCC User Groups usually elect an Advisory Committee that meets more regularly than the User Group and provide recommendations and leadership for the User Group.

MCCC has provided a proven formula for cost-effective software management for counties for nearly thirty years! We look forward to working with your new User Group to continue providing service and support to counties throughout Minnesota.