

Collaborative Design for Medicaid Contract Compliance

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Welcome



- Moderator Nick Blake, Vice President of Client Services, Briljent
- This session is the Collaborative Design for Medicaid Contract Compliance
- In this session we will discuss our experiences:
 - Working collaboratively to design a new system
 - Overcoming end user problems through information gathering and collaborative design
 - Adopting repeatable processes
 - Learning how to identify the right time to invest in process automation and recommendations for working with a solution provider
- Please remember to silence your cell phones
- We will manage the session by holding all questions until the last 10 minutes
- When asking questions please identify yourself and use the microphones to ensure that all attendees and the presenters can hear the question

Speakers



- Tammy Mihm, Managed Care Compliance Director, State of TN,
 Division of TennCare, Office of Compliance Management
- Michele Napier, Compliance Specialist, State of TN, Division of TennCare, Office of Compliance Management
- Chris Bybee, Vice President of Software Development, Trinisys
- Kelly Silva, Senior Project Manager, Trinisys

^{**} additional details are provided at the end of the presentation & are also available on the MESC app

About TennCare

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- TennCare is the state's Medicaid program that provides health care for approximately 1.6 million Tennesseans and operates with of approximately \$13.3 billion
- There are **26 Managed Care Organizations** (MCC/MCOs) operating in the State
- These organizations generate approximately
 11,000 contract reporting deliverables each year
- Processing these deliverables involves close coordination across 19 different groups within the TennCare organization
- Part of CMS Region 4

Office of Compliance Management (OCM)





OCM provides oversight of all communications between the Managed Care Contractors and TennCare for Medicaid Contract Compliance

OCM ensures all communications occur and are recorded for audit purposes for all compliance items including ones such as the following:

- contract deliverables
- on-request reports
- requests for information
- corrective action plan
- liquidated damages
- rescissions
- recoupments

How our journey started...

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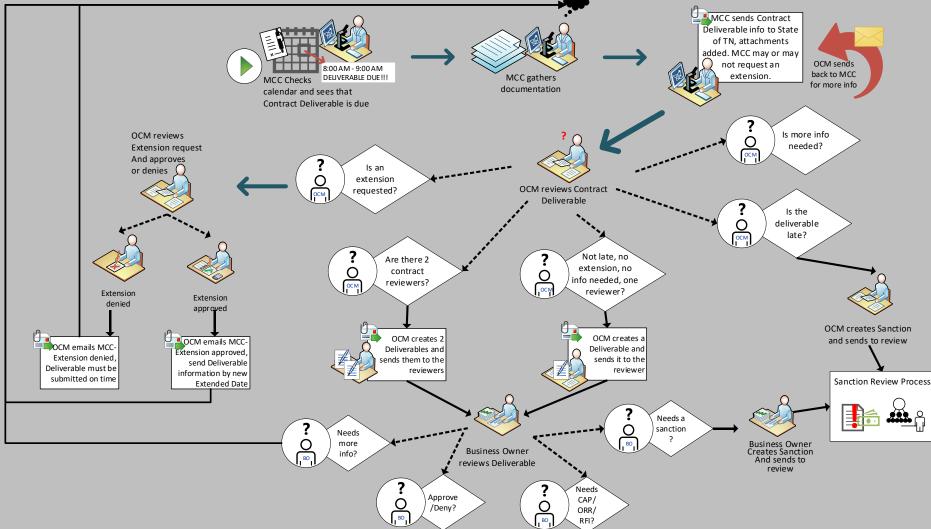
- "Imagine if you will....."
- Electronic deliverables but no tracking of the review process
- No follow up mechanism with the MCO
- No real tracking or review trail for anything
- Sanctions was a manual paper process;
 the team kept track via a spreadsheet



No reporting

2 Manual Processes





What we needed....



Our prior system worked well for 10 years but it was still not exactly what we needed:

- Reporting was complicated
- Certain steps of the workflow still had to be manually owned
- Lack of automation
- OCM acted as the middleman, transitioning items to the next step

The new system needed to include more automation, better reporting & auditing, notifications and more.

The identification of these needs and the workarounds utilized to compensate for them helped us to know that it was time for a new system.

Great collaboration starts with asking...

"How do you know?"

There are many players involved in the complex workflow for the oversight of Medicaid programs and each of them needs to know **different** pieces of information at **different** times.



MCO's:

- How do I know which deliverables are due and when?
- How do I know the status of submissions already made?
- How do I know if my submission has been assessed with liquidated damages?

OCM:

- How do I know submission dates are being consistently enforced?
- How do I know reviews of submissions are documented and complete?
- How do I know what issues are outstanding?





Unanswered questions create chaos, confusion, assumptions, and inefficiency.

Questions need efficient answers.

The solution (and the key to better collaboration) is answering the question with the right information at the right time.

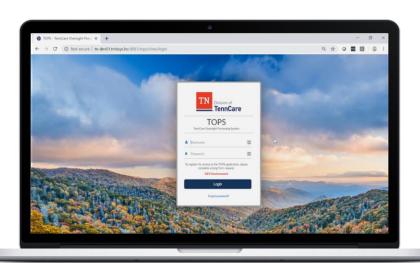
This is how we know



In this session we will share how TennCare worked with partner Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) and our technology partner Trinisys, to implement a solution that helps provide the answers; a system designed to provide timely information to all parties involved and coordinate next steps.

In short, we will show you our answer to the question "How do you know?" and how it enables great collaboration.

"This is how we know"...



About Trinisys

Trinisys offers leading enterprise data archival, migration, integration and web application solutions for the healthcare industry. We convert, connect, and combine data to automate manual processes, extend existing systems, and develop web solutions to improve processes and optimize resources. Trinisys connects systems to systems and people to systems.

Our core product, Convergence, enables sophisticated yet intuitive data conversion, disparate system integration, and web-enabled workflow management, effectively and efficiently solving modern business problems.





Trinisys' **Government Division** provides State and Local governments with powerful solutions that quicken business cycles, drive productivity, and increase revenues. Trinisys delivers **NASPO ValuePoint** Solutions in partnership with Insight Public Sector.

Collaborating with the right vendor



Key ingredients needed for the successful project:

- Business process and workflow implementation proficiency
- Secure and reliable web-enabled technology stack
- Archive capabilities for the legacy data
- Ability to listen to the SMEs and learn
- Right resources for the job (Business Analysts, Project Managers, Developers, DBAs, Security Engineers) complimenting those of the state to make a cohesive team
- Trust, Honesty and Open Communication

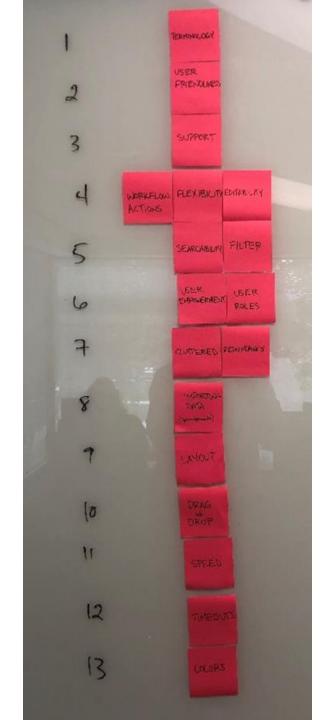
In short: Great Technology, Great people, and the ability to Listen and Learn

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The action of working with someone to produce or create something

The process of two or more people, entities or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal.

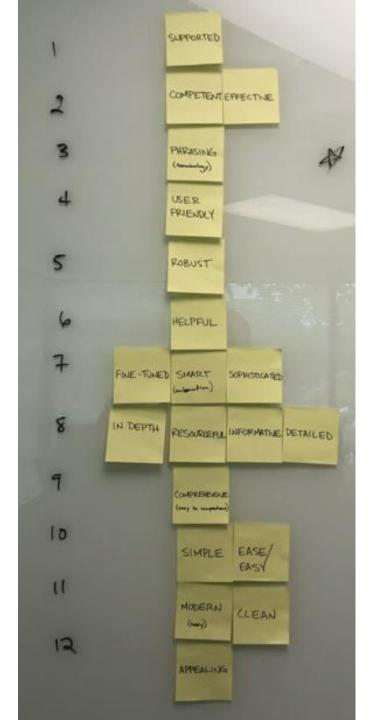




Pain Points

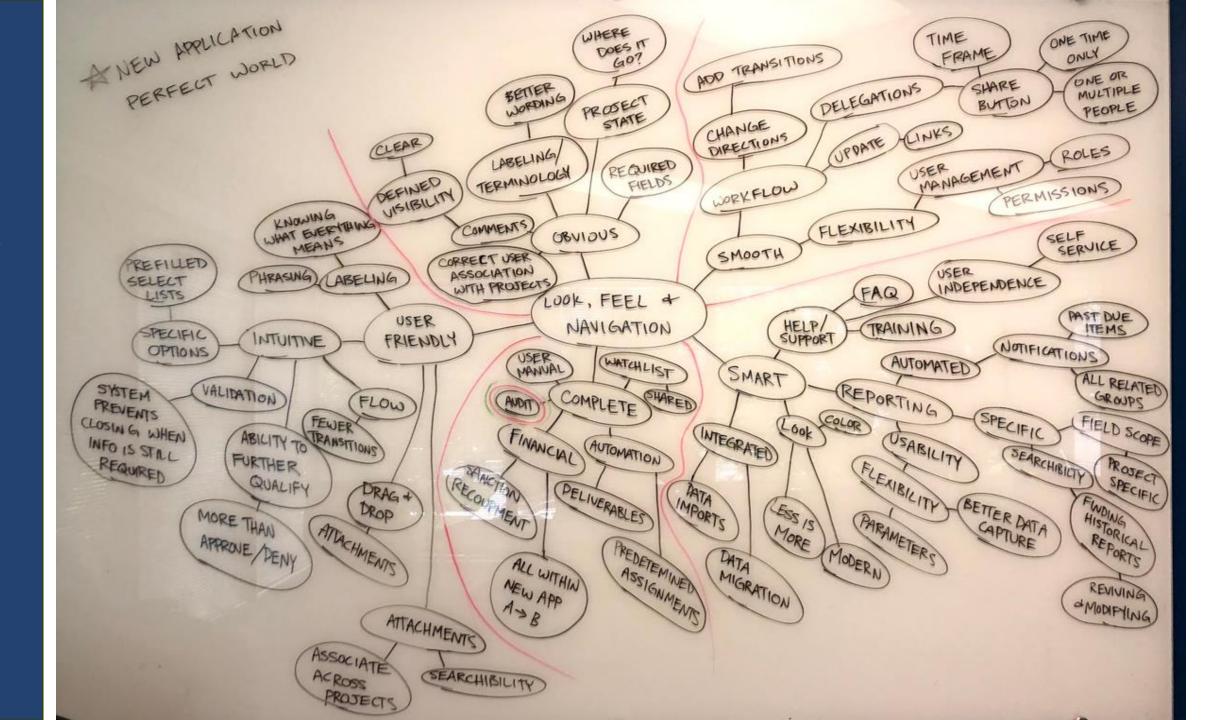
The OCM and Trinisys teams held multiple working sessions to design the new system.

Identifying the pain points, as you've heard mentioned in this session, was the first step.



New System

After identifying the pain points, the teams documented what should be included in the new system



Common Pain Points



Waiting on other participants vs. automated workflows

Access to information or lack thereof vs. self service portal with all the necessary information

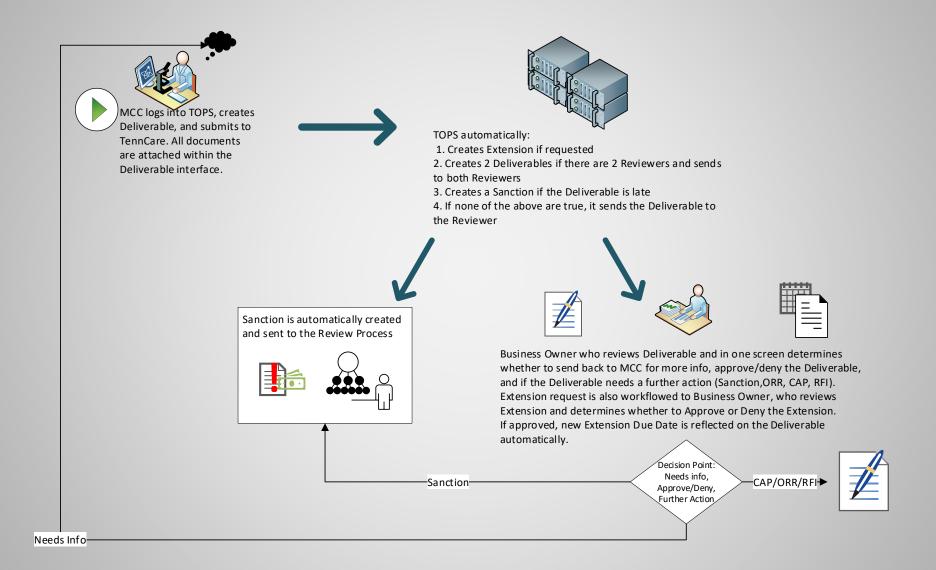
Manual updates vs. direct system imports

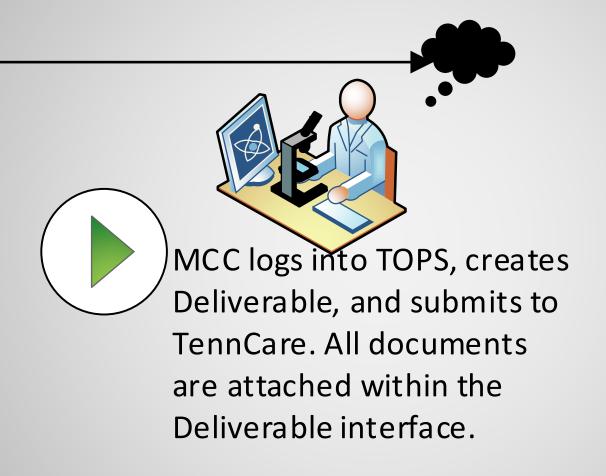
Manual deliverable creation vs. automation of deliverables

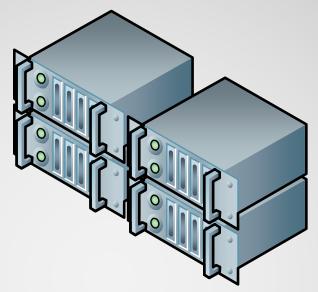
Terminology – prior wording was not user friendly or consistent vs. standardized intuitive terminology and wording

Searchability was poor vs. intuitive search and edit capability

User empowerment was low vs. role-based permissions with full access

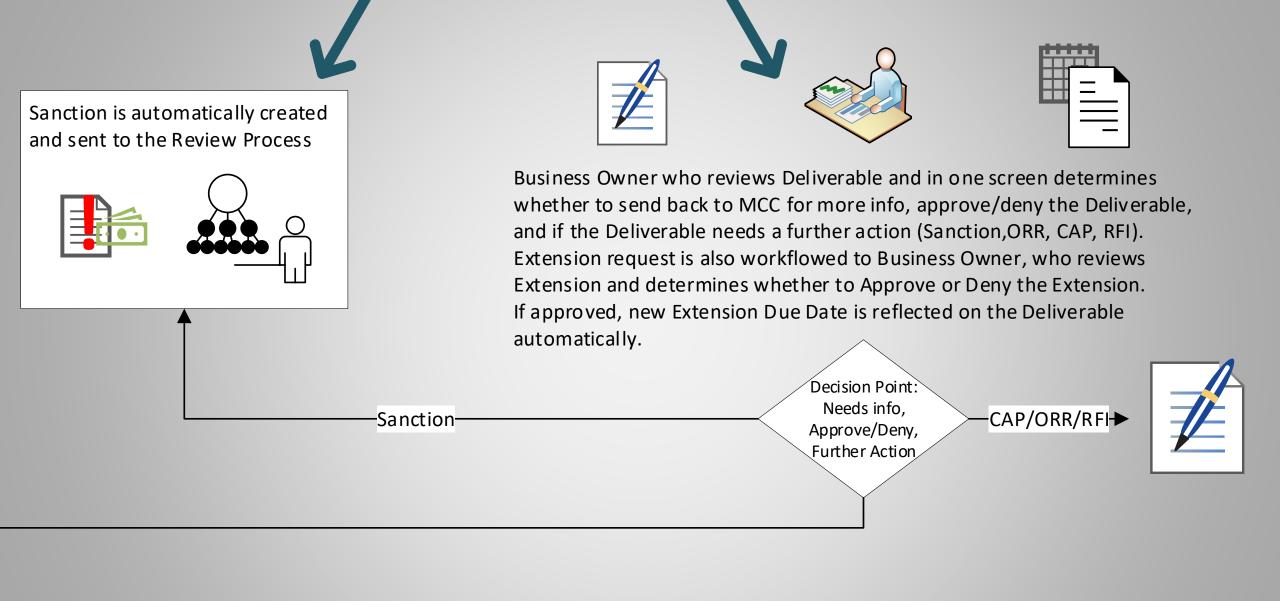


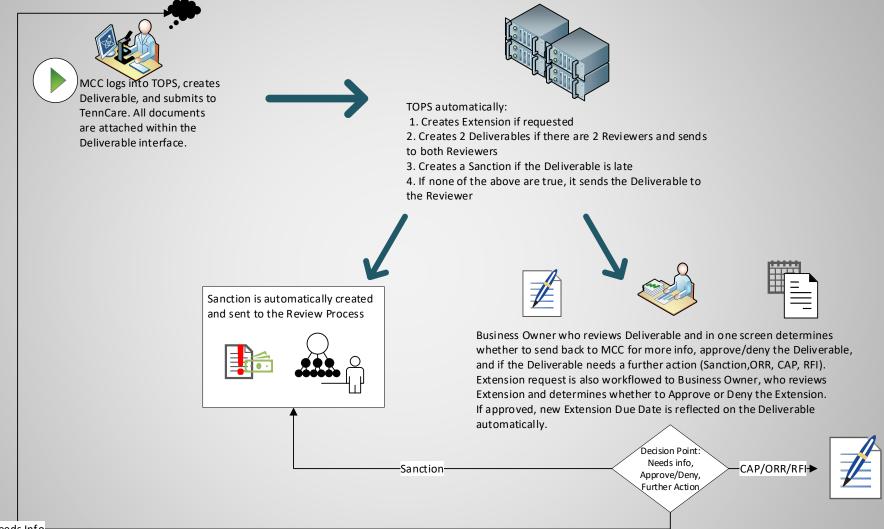




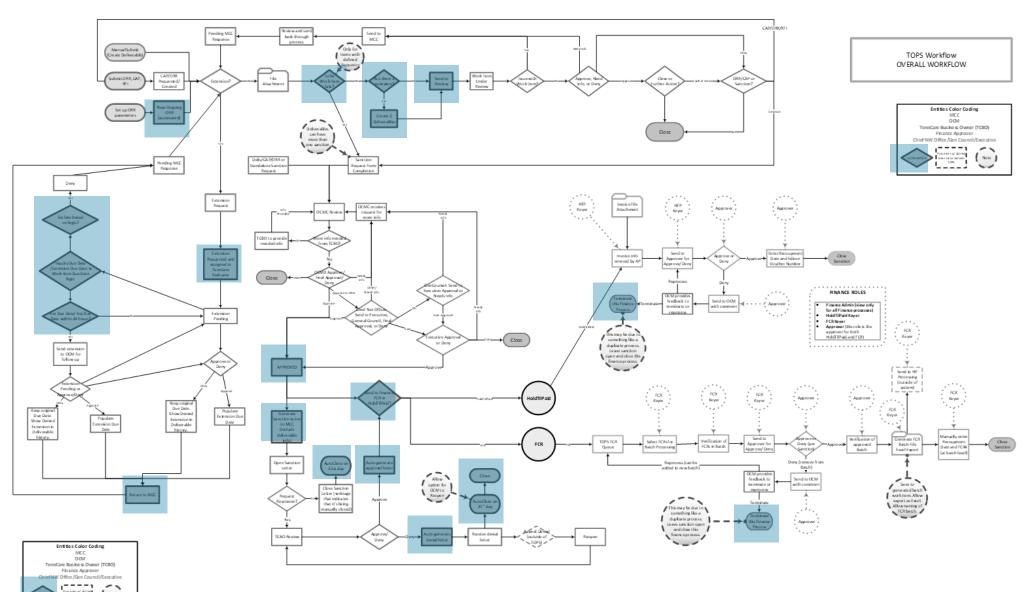
TOPS automatically:

- 1. Creates Extension if requested
- 2. Creates 2 Deliverables if there are 2 Reviewers and sends to both Reviewers
- 3. Creates a Sanction if the Deliverable is late
- 4. If none of the above are true, it sends the Deliverable to the Reviewer





Comprehensive Workflow & Automation



*Areas in blue indicate automated processes

Automation for the win....



In addition to the many other efficiencies gained by the new system, the all participants in the process benefit from the following automated tasks:

- Automated deliverables (1 or 2 reviewers)
- Automated ongoing on request reports
- Date logic for extensions, inquiries and more
- Liquidated damages letters
- Generation of finance items, automatically delivered to finance
- Alerts and notifications
- Auto closing of liquidated damages





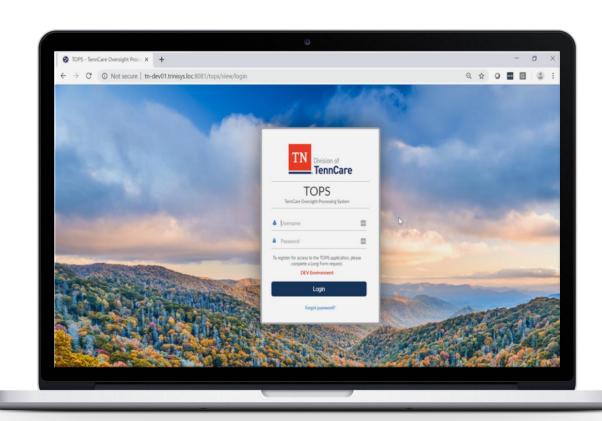
Let's hear from some of the MCO users of the new system about their experiences.



How do you know when the status of items change?

Demonstration



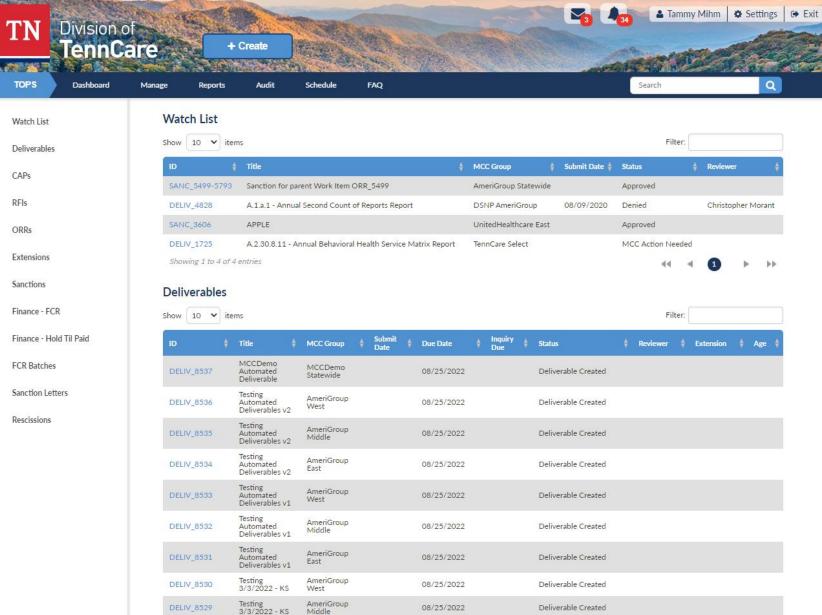


Role Based Dashboards



The system includes dashboards with role-based views. Each role's dashboard is tailored to include pertinent and high priority information unique to that role regarding deliverables and action items.

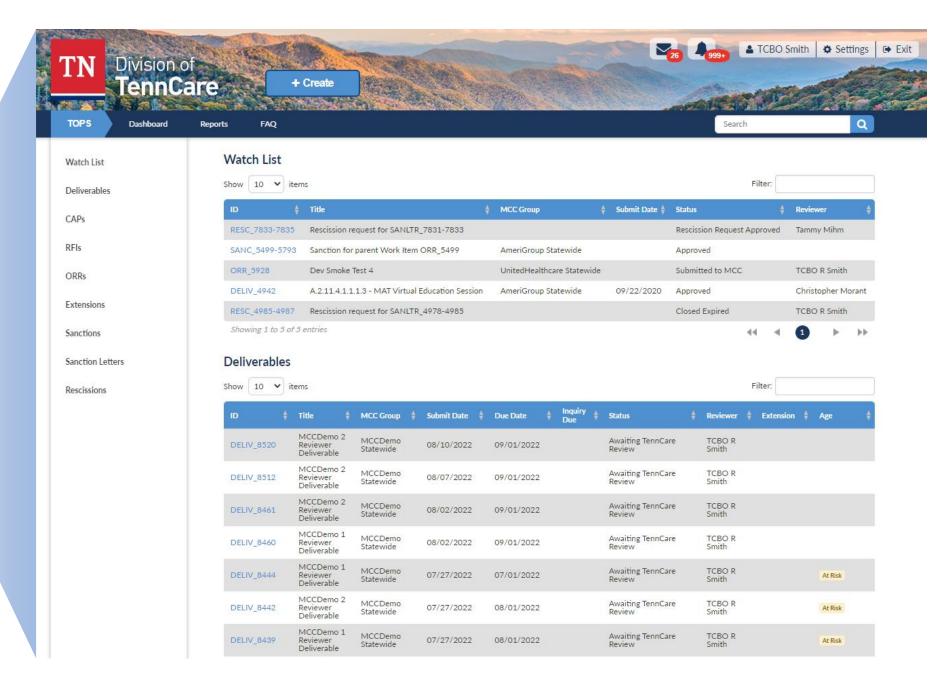


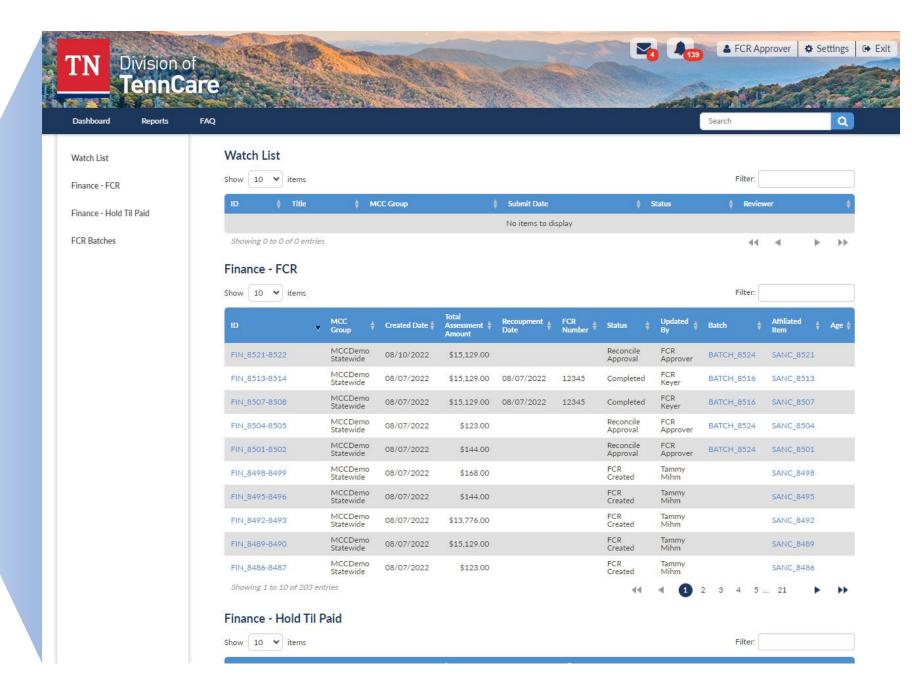




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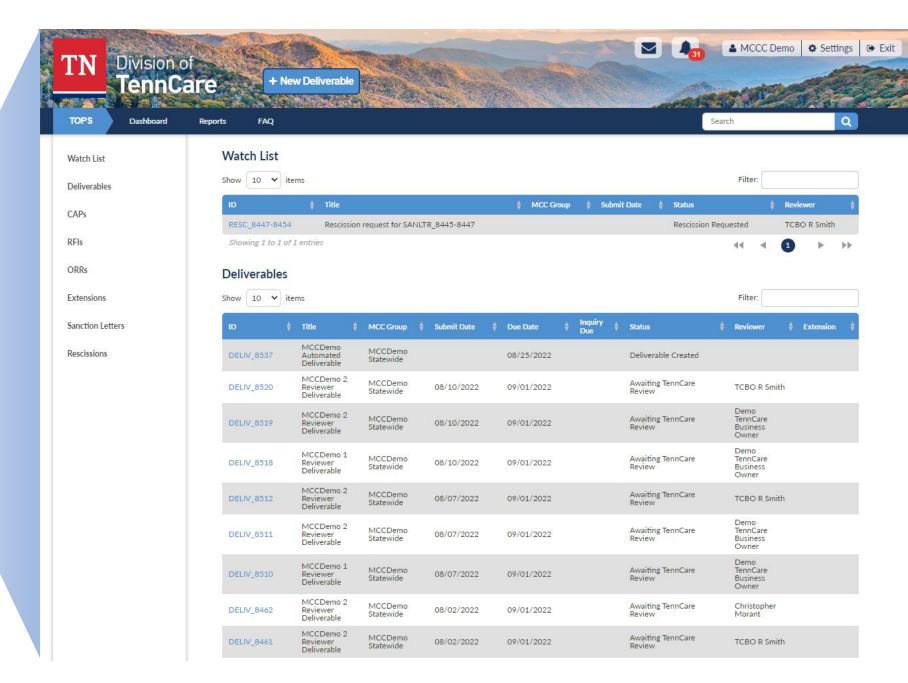


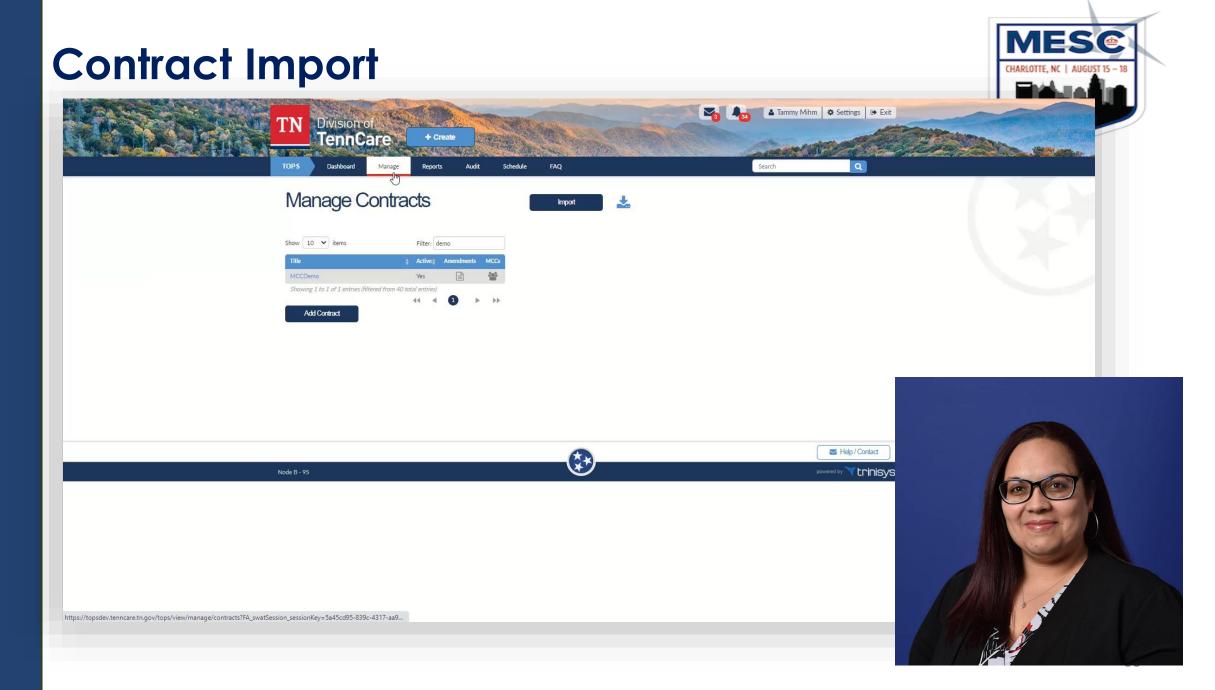


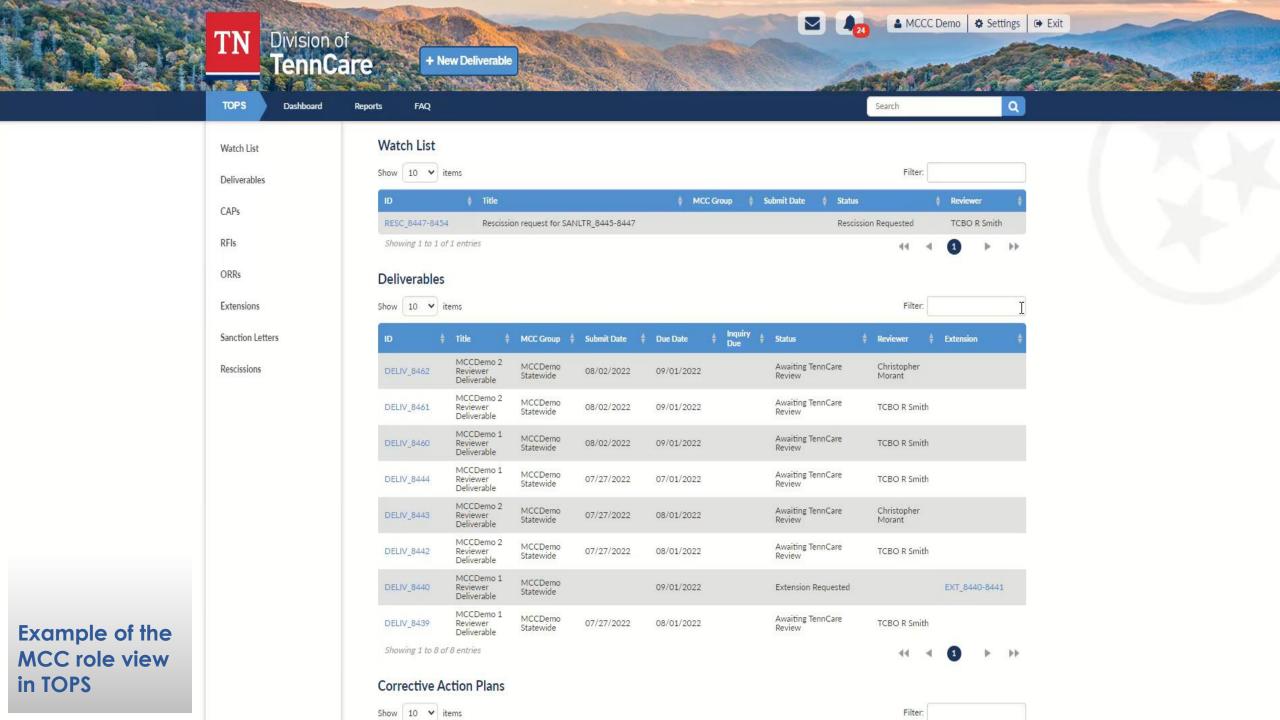












How things changed



- How it changed things for the OCM team
- How it helped us during the pandemic
- Efficiency and self-service opportunities
- Working remotely enablement
- Ability to take on additional responsibilities
- Adoption and promotion of change
- Functionality expansion with Centralized Repository
- Addition of marketing member material



QUESTIONS...

THANK YOU!



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Presentations will be posted to the conference website www.mesconference.org within the next few days

Additional details about today's presenters are below

Tammy Mihm





 Managed Care Compliance Director, Office of Compliance Management at State of TN, Division of TennCare

Tammy has over 27 years of experience with the State of Tennessee Medicaid program. She has spent the majority of her years leading the TennCare Office of Compliance Management as the Director. She transitioned TennCare's compliance oversight process to its first web-based tool in 2010 making their process completely paperless. In 2018, Tammy and her team began working with Trinisys to develop its replacement, the TennCare Oversight Processing System known as TOPS, which is now fully implemented. In addition to Compliance Oversight, she is the Program Manager for the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program and will be the Keynote Speaker at the upcoming NEMTAC Conference. Tammy lives in Murfreesboro, TN and has one daughter who is starting her senior year at Middle Tennessee State University.

Michele Napier





 Compliance Specialist, Office of Compliance Management at State of TN, Division of TennCare

Michele has 15 years of experience with the State of Tennessee's Medicaid program. She works within the Office of Compliance Management and participated in the development and implementation of the original web-based tracking tool. She served on TennCare's team working with Trinisys to develop its replacement, the TennCare Oversight Processing System known as TOPS, which is now fully implemented. She serves as the subject matter expert for all of TOPS system related support and user trainings for all internal and external users. In addition to her involvement with the TOPS system, she is a vital part of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program. Michele and her husband live in Pleasant View, TN with their son.

Chris Bybee





VP Software Development, Trinisys

Chris has over two decades of experience leading development teams and implementing enterprise solutions in financial and healthcare industries. Chris's expertise in helping organizations visualize and execute large scale business automation, integration and cloud solutions guides every Trinisys Professional Services implementation as well as the Trinisys Product Development team. Chris earned his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering at Auburn University. Prior to Trinisys, Chris was the Director of Software Engineering in the Profit Stars division at Jack Henry & Associates. Chris and his wife live in Murfreesboro, TN with their two children.

Kelly Silva





Senior Project Manager, Trinisys

Kelly has over 15 years of experience as a project manager, product owner, data analyst, and strategist in the financial and healthcare industries. Kelly's specialties include business process design and improvement, requirements gathering and analysis, data analysis, business intelligence, QA and testing, and IT strategy. As a Senior Project Manager at Trinisys, Kelly has been instrumental in guiding the projects for the State of Tennessee, and as a subject matter expert for Trinisys Government Services. Kelly earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Information Systems at Tennessee State University. Kelly and her wife live in Nashville, TN, and their four adult children all live close by.