Experience Sharing of AKA ECS and HSS System Under SWDF IT Project

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The Projects

Projects' names:

- ECS System (Elderly Centre Service Management System)
- HSS System (Home Support Service Management System)

Target users:

AKA staff and service-users



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Objectives of the Projects

- 1. To develop a secure, reliable, accurate and user friendly platform to integrate and streamline decision-making process, data-management, operation workflows and documentation for AKA Elderly Centre and Home Support Service,
- 2. To support multi-disciplinary service teams to collaborate conveniently at various locations, and
- 3. To establish a **Big Data System** for AKA elderly service



Overview of the "HSS"



Roles of practice

- AKA: Formulation of system requirement and operational needs
- Vendor: Technical and system development
- CoA: Big Data Design and Analysis



Stage 1: Bidding and tendering documentation

- Formulation of wish list by brainstorming and consolidation of users' requirements amongst Agency as a whole
- Intra-agency collaboration among 1. Elderly Service Units (2 DECCs and 2 NECs), 2. Home Care Service Teams (Team 1 & 2, 3 and 4), 3. IT Dept, 4. Finance Dept, 5. R&D and 6. HQs



Stage 1: Bidding and tendering documentation (Experience gained)

- Compromise of wish-list from service units and administrative branches is indispensable
- Worthwhile to invest time and manpower to formulate the framework of user's requirements
- Take reference of prevailing IT system templates



Stage 2: Project management

- Regular meetings among vendor, agency's service units and administrative branches
- Intra-agency alignment and compromise
- Inter-agency collaboration (HKU CoA)
- Business re-engineering
- Workflow and mock-up formulation



Stage 2: Project management (Experience gained)



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- Regular (formal / informal) meeting and email correspondence are essential to monitor the progress of IT project
- Compromise is fundamental and an ART
- Develop an atmosphere of co-ownership and co-creation
- Commitment to service / business re-engineering

Stage 3: Strategies applied

- Sum of 50+ meetings conducted including core & ad-hoc meetings, site visits and speedy responses involving elderly service centers and home care service teams for soliciting staff's feedback and continuous optimization
- Sequential batches of UATs for fine-tuning service modules with staff's involvement
- Fostering direct communication between technical and frontline staff
- Service-user's involvement



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Development process Stage 3: Strategies applied (Experience gained)



- Time to digest and optimize the system
 development progress
- Various platform between frontline and technical staff (ie. regular meeting, on-spot demonstration and site visit) to achieve mutual understanding and system development direction
- Constant feedback from staff and service users for system optimization via UATs and hands-on demonstration



Stage 4: Staff Orientation and Training

- Jointly provided by the vendor, agency and HKU CoA
- MoCA Training provided by CUHK
- User Manual provided by HKU CoA

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Stage 4: Staff Orientation and Training (Experience gained)



- Enhancing commitment and knowledge as well as to alleviate the "worry" derived from the new system
- Traceable documentation (ie. recording of training and user manual) for daily operation and future optimization



Big Data Incorporation

Opportunity

 Incorporation of Big Data System into SWDF IT Project (within membership module) in collaboration with HKU CoA

Pain Point addressed

 Non-structural service data derived from different elderly service units



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Big Data Incorporation

Objectives

- To build a database for more efficient intervention and advocate new policy and service initiatives,
- To systematically report the health and well-being of older adults in Southern District, and
- To examine individual- and neighbourhood-level factors associated with individual characteristics and longitudinal changes



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Big Data Incorporation

Development process

- Reflecting frontline staff service experience and service-user's needs
- Formulation of research proposal with theoretical framework
- Design of Big Data Questionnaires with validated psycho-metric scales
- Pilot test with staff's and service-user's feedback
- Trial run of Big Data Questionnaires
- Staff training and workshop
- Rollout of Big Data Questionnaires

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Physical and online big data training delivered by Prof. Lou, the Director of CoA, HKU for AKA Staff.





Pilot test with staff's and service-user's feedback

Service implications

- 1. Collaboration of Agency's health service, strengthening neighborhood support network and thematic mental health services to address biopsycho-social needs of service users amidst the fifth wave of COVID-19.
- Incorporation of data analyses in annual year plan of AKA elderly service units to address serviceuser's needs



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Effectiveness of the IT Project

Care: Facilitate to find out service-user's needs

Helpfulness: Effectively respond service-user's needs with evidence-based intervention

Accessibility: Provide timely, integrated and varied system for staff to echo service-user's needs

Reliability: Analyse service data in collaboration with academia with secure infrastructure

Mutuality: Achieve business re-engineering with shared mission and vision amongst service units through experience exchange

Concluding remarks

- 1. Necessity of continuous business re-engineering for changing social needs
- 2. The worthiness of adoption of IT investment in service delivery
- 3. Mindset changes of staff from resistance to willingness
- 4. Honoring evidence-based practice



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