

State of Connecticut



Donald DeFronzo
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INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2012 - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Members Present: Mr. Mark Raymond, Dr. Nancy Bull, Dr. Wendy Chang, Mr. John Vittner, Mr. Leon Rippel, Ms. Ellen Faucher

Others Present: Mr. Len Smith

Members Absent: Mr. Angelo Romano

Location: Room 1002, 101 East River Drive, East Hartford, Connecticut

Introductions

Mr. Raymond, who is acting as Chairperson on behalf of Commissioner DeFronzo, opened the meeting and welcomed those on attendance. Members introduced themselves and provided a short biography, including their backgrounds and current role at the state.

Review of Governing Statute (C.G.S. § 4d-12)

Mr. Raymond distributed copies of the Connecticut General Statute that details the roles and responsibilities of the Committee, which include:

- The review and approval of agency strategic IT Plans, submitted in accordance with C.G.S. § 4d-7,
- Review and approval of agency IT spending estimates, and
- Review and approval of enterprise technology standards and any exceptions thereto.

Ms. Faucher shared that she felt it would be challenging to provide a complete accounting of statewide IT spending.

Mr. Vittner asked a question about the scope of the Committee's responsibilities and authorities. Mr. Raymond indicated that we would ask for a review of the statute and seek an opinion on scope. The need for a legal review of the statute was supported by Dr. Chang.

Dr. Bull shared that she felt that the real value of the Committee comes from an open sharing of activities within represented groups and the Committee working toward shared solutions. Additionally the Committee should help ensure that IT plans focus on improved economic development and quality of life.

Mr. Rippel suggested that the state should look to Higher Education for assistance in modeling how IT strategy may impact the state. Dr. Chang shared that Purdue University is a model and driver for statewide IT strategy and is an incubator for new concepts and practices. Mr. Rippel contributed that leveraging an approach like that of Purdue here in our state may help create a pipeline for the development of individuals interested in state service.

Transition of IT Managers to State Agencies

Mr. Raymond provided the Committee with an overview of the transition of agency IT Managers from a centralized role with the former DOIT to their permanent assignment to their individual state agencies.

Consolidation of DOIT into DAS

Mr. Raymond also provided the Committee with an overview of the consolidation of the former DOIT into DAS and the creation of the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology. Mr. Raymond also discussed the new role of OPM relative to IT policy-making and strategy.

Update on the Labor & Management IT Workgroup

Mr. Raymond shared about the work of the Labor & Management IT Workgroup and the status of the workgroup in relation to the work that remains. Dr. Chang commented that she believed that the group should remain connected and meet periodically. Ms. Faucher supported Dr. Chang's comments and suggested that the workgroup could be used to help identify "low hanging [IT] fruit" that can be addressed by the state.

Update on the IT Bond Fund

Mr. Vittner provided the Committee with an overview of the Bond Fund and the goal of the fund, which is to promote the development of shared statewide solutions. He explained that IT Bond Fund projects will be evaluated as investments.

Update on Enterprise Architecture Standards and Practices

Mr. Smith provides a brief overview of the most recent update to the state's technology standards, which featured setting Apple iPads as an interim standard for mobile tablets, Ektron as the state's web content management standard as well as new standards for laptops.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. Dr. Bull suggested that future meetings be scheduled for a longer duration so there is sufficient time for the Committee discussion and review. Mr. Smith agreed to take this as an action item.