

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved Minutes

Friday, February 8, 2019 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board Privatization Committee

5th Floor Conference Room 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present

Lawrence Fox, Chair, - via conference telephone Thomas Ahneman Charles Casella - via conference telephone Albert Ilg Brenda Sisco

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:24 A.M. by Chair Lawrence Fox.

2. Approve the minutes of the January 11, 2019 meeting

Motion made by Albert Ilg and seconded by Thomas Ahneman to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2019 meeting. All voted in favor, with Brenda Sisco abstaining due to being absent from the January 8, 2019 meeting.

3. UCONN Health – Optum, Virtelligence, Pivot Point, and CSI

Chair Fox re-introduced the issue referred to the Board by William Garrity of University Health Professionals Local 3837. Mr. Garrity in his letter alleges concerns with four entities implementing the Electronic Medical Record system. The four entities are Optum, Virtelligence, Pivot Point, and CSI.

Chair Fox asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the response from the University of Connecticut and asked Executive Director David Guay to provide a synopsis of the response. Executive Director Guay explained that the response is essentially that the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation does not fall under the Board's jurisdiction.

Executive Director Guay also provided the Committee members with Chapter 187c of the Statutes which outlines the authorities of the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation. Executive Director Guay explained his conversation with the Board's Assistant Attorney General on C.G.S. Sec. 10a-263.

Discussion held among the Committee members on the Board's jurisdiction and how the Statutes support or don't support the Universities position. Executive Director Guay offered that the outstanding questions of jurisdiction are a perfect fit for the Board's comprehensive review of the procurement and contracting statutes.

By consensus the Committee determined to accept the letter from the University of Connecticut and conclude the matter without any action.

4. Preparation for next review

Kronos time and attendance program contract suggested as a possibility for the Committee's annual review was discussed.

Chair Fox suggested meeting with the new Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Commissioner and coordinating the next review into IT. Executive Director Guay suggested meeting with the new DAS Commissioner and issue an invitation to meet with the Privatization Contract Committee. Brenda Sisco suggested the invitation be to meet with the full Board. All agreed. Charles Casella suggested that it may be time for a meeting with the Governor.

By consensus the Committee directed Executive Director Guay to meet with the new DAS Commissioner and issue an invitation for him to meet with the Board.

5. Public Comment

Robert Rinker addressed the Committee. Mr. Rinker raised a question about the Kronos contract and whether we know if a cost effectiveness evaluation was performed? Mr. Rinker further noted that another IT issue outstanding is the Department of Motor Vehicles Contract. At some point we were going to be told what were the lessons learned from the project and we have not been apprised of any lessons learned yet. Mr. Rinker suggested that if we are having a conversation with the new Commissioner of DAS, it would be important to know the lessons learned.

Mr. Rinker noted that for the Committee's discussion today on the UConn Health Center Finance Corporation and C.G.S. Section 10a-263. Mr. Rinker's position is that the there is an argument that it is not inconsistent law, because the Board's statute granting authority didn't exist until much later.

Charles Casella called for a need for an informal opinion from the Attorney General.

6. Other Business

No other business.

7. Adjournment

Motion made by Brenda Sisco and second by Thomas Ahneman to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay