



CNIC Peer Communications Group Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2005

Approved 6/21/05

Attendees:

Shawn Dawson, ODOT; Wes Ford, DHS; Dennis Green, Employment; Raelynn Henson, CNIC Project Office; John Hubbard, DOC; Natalya Ishenin, DHCS; Julie Mallord, CNIC Project Office; Dominic Rivera, DCBS. Minutes by Cathy Hoffman, DAS IRMD.

Review & Approve Minutes

The TIM and TAM issue on the rumor list at the last meeting has been resolved and can be removed from the list of pending rumors.

The minutes of the May 20 meeting were approved as presented.

Work Group Summary Assignment Announcement

Summaries are due by close of business on Tuesday, June 7. The easiest way to gather information for brief bullets is to go into QuickPlace and pull up the final May status report for each group. If unable to meet the close of business deadline, members are to contact Raelynn.

Rumor Mill and Round Table

Redundant data connections: The revised answer to the rumor regarding plans to provide redundant data connections to the state data center facility was reviewed and discussed. It was confirmed that the answer correctly addresses the question.

Legislative testimony: There was lengthy discussion about the recent legislative hearings regarding CNIC which included concern about staffing numbers, perceived decision making strategies, and avenues of budget review. Comments were made regarding how late in the legislative process the CNIC budget was being heard. One person stated generally that this was “part and parcel to how this project is being handled – without regard to work group involvement in the decision-making process.” Concern was also voiced that portions of the testimony were not accurate (or would not be perceived by staff to be accurate) especially related to Accenture’s experience with data center consolidation projects. Julie stated the importance of the project continuing to follow the process and plan. Legislative inquiry and oversight of state projects is a natural part of the process. All agreed that when responding to rumors within agencies, facts should always be the basis of communication and not an individual’s opinion.

Server Equipment: Dennis will check with Kenny Harrison regarding a potential rumor issue that came up at a recent meeting. A discussion of selection of server equipment ensued. Before a decision is made, evaluation of agency use of products should be considered. Different agencies could experience different satisfaction levels based on specific use/application of a product. This also brings up the importance of work groups consistently using a consensus model for decision-making, allowing enough time for review and feedback before decisions are made, and ensuring all opinions are heard and considered.

Print Plant: Wes reported that research indicates the print plant will not be part of the data center but will hold the equipment. The agencies have been questioned regarding their needs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.