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From: Mary-Beth Baptista, Interim Executive Director, Board of Licensed Social Workers

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RE: BLSW Annual IT Strategic Plan Progress Report – June 2026

Executive Summary: The Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW / Agency) strategic plan covers 2024-26. Due to the size of the agency, previously there was no requirement for an IT strategic plan.

Strategic Objectives: Due to the size of the agency, previously there was no requirement for an IT strategic plan. Board oversees all agency functions and approves agency budget. The agency's executive director is primarily responsible for operational and small project decisions. Larger efforts may be reviewed and approved by the full Board.

Metrics and Targets: The agency does not have documented processes in this area. Processes are ad hoc as IT needs arise. The Board oversees all agency functions and approves agency budget. The agency's executive director is primarily responsible for operational and small project decisions.

Initiatives: The agency reported a critical IT project for the 27-29 Budget cycle. BLSW is in the second year of a severable 60-month contract with Thentia for database services. DAS procurement is currently working on an RFP to establish a statewide price agreement for database providers. DAS procurement representatives state they will issue RFP imminently, with the goal of eventually choosing 3-5 providers to enter into price agreements with the State by fall of 2026. DAS Procurement does not currently have cost estimates; costs are intended to be added during the 27/29 Budget process once those numbers are available.

Resource Allocation: Based on market research, the Board projected an increase of \$600,000 over the current database costs and projected that amount when determining the appropriate licensure fee increase approved by the legislature in the 25-27 legislative session.

Risk and Mitigation Strategies: If costs exceed the estimated \$600,000 for a new contract, or if other service costs increase beyond what was forecasted, the Board may need to raise fees again in the 27/29 session.

Next Steps: DAS procurement is currently working on an RFP to establish a statewide price agreement for database providers. DAS procurement representatives state they will issue RFP imminently, with the goal of eventually choosing 3-5 providers to enter into price agreements with the State by fall of 2026. DAS Procurement does not currently have cost estimates; costs are intended to be added during the 27/29 Budget process once those numbers are available. Until then, there are no hard numbers available to agencies to take next steps.

Conclusion: BLSW ED and staff will continue to work closely with DAS procurement to assist and provide feedback during the RFP process. The agency will communicate any changes to the projections or actual costs of the project with LFO and CFO.