

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

November 19, 2007 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Submitted for: Action

Summary: Distribution of the November 19, 2007 minutes for review by the Policy Committee.

Action Requested: Adoption of the November 19, 2007 minutes.

Recommended Motion: The ICN Policy Committee adopts the November 19, 2007 minutes with any edits as noted.

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Greg Wass called the meeting to order:

Members present:

Greg Wass, Office of the Governor University;	Amy Edwards, Board of Higher Education;	Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University;	Anne
Craig, Illinois State Library;		Chet Olson, City of Rochelle;	
Scott Norton, IL State Board of Education;		Todd Jorns, IL Community College Board	
Bonnie Styles, IL State Museums; Board		Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library	
Carolyn Brown Hodge, Office of the Lt. Governor; Library			

Springfield staff and guests:

Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services; Services;	Stacey Mattera, Central Management Services
Tom Oseland, Central Management Services	

Chicago staff and guests:

Geoff Potter, Central Management Services

Announcements and Remarks

Greg Wass introduced himself as the new chair of the ICN Policy Committee and the Chief Information Officer for the State. Greg works in the Office of Governor and is filling a new role for Illinois. Greg stated he is delighted to participate in the Illinois Century Network and is looking forward to learning more about the network and working with the committee and constituents to identify opportunities to further utilize the Network.

Lori provided an update on the effort with AT&T to expand metro Ethernet throughout the state. CMS and AT&T have reached agreement on pricing and are working to amend the master contract accordingly. In the meantime, the Regional Technology Center staff are working with AT&T to market the new service offering to constituents and identify communities ready for implementation. CMS has also reached out to Verizon to initiate a similar effort but so far there is no progress to report.

Lori also reported that CMS is researching an effort in the State of New York where the state's Development Authority of North County has created and open access telecommunications network utilizing state-owned fiber. The network is utilized by public and private entities to sell broadband services. Representatives from New York shared their experience during the Rural Telecommunications Congress hosted by the Lt. Governor's Office.

Minutes

Greg introduced the first item on the agenda, comments & approval of the September 17, 2007 minutes.

Mike Dickson motion that the minutes be approved, Chet Olson seconded the motion on the September 17, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

E-Rate Update

Tom Oseland from Business Services provided the E-rate update. To date CMS has received just under \$3.4 million in reimbursements. This amount covers the majority of the funding year eight and nine applications leaving approximately \$8,700 outstanding. The funding year ten application is under review and includes a reimbursement request of approximately \$1.1 million. Staff are working to finalize the funding year eleven application which is due in early February.

Network Update

Lori provided the network update. CMS has approved the dark fiber strategy and funding in fiscal year 09 has been designated. Staff are working to identify the resources needed to implement the dark fiber including the physical fiber to connect the various network Points of Presence (POP), optical equipment, and management of the fiber. Staff anticipate that several Requests for Proposals will be issued to procure the needed equipment and services.

Mike Dickson mentioned that we may find that vendor responses to the managed services RFP may vary based on the specific manufacturer's equipment selected to light the fiber. The managed service vendors have standardized internally on a specific manufacturer and thus their technicians and tools are based on that specific equipment

CMS will be reaching out to other entities who have recently issued procurements for optical equipment to learn from their experience.

The dark fiber strategy focuses on implementing the core ring (Chicago, Peoria, Springfield, Collinsville, Champaign, Bloomington) first and then expanding throughout the state.

Staff will be relying heavily on the Advanced Engineering Taskforce to provide input and direction on modifying the service offerings and cost recovery model the network advances to significantly higher speeds as a result of the fiber.

Lori also reported on efforts to increase security detection and prevention on the network. CMS recently implemented a new tool, Stealthwatch, which has reduced the amount of staff time needed to detect and defend security attacks.

Mike Dickson asked if the Network Staff had looked further into the use of Iron Port for Spam prevention.

Lori replied that CMS is using a spam product for the State agencies as part of the State's enterprise email service. Lori thought the product was Iron Port but would need to follow up. Mike indicated that Western Illinois University is considering implementing Iron Port as is several other colleges and universities. There may be an opportunity to negotiate better pricing through collaboration.

Greg Wass asked if we could compare prices between Western's quote and the pricing on the existing CMS contract to ensure that the State is receiving a good price.

Regional Meetings

Lori presented the regional meeting update. Staff completed a series of nine regional meetings around the state. Approximately 200 constituents attended the meetings. Each meeting included representatives from the various ICN support teams including Network Operations and the Regional Technology Centers. The presentation included updates on the network, services, security issues, and bandwidth management.

A major concern from the constituents is bandwidth management. Most sites are fully utilizing their available bandwidth and are interested in tools for traffic shaping and prioritization.

Greg Wass asked if any committee members attended the sessions?

Kathleen Bloomberg attend the in East Peoria. Kathleen reported that the meeting was well done and suggested in the future that CMS conduct informational sessions for eligible constituents not yet connected to the network where the focus would be more on the reasons why to connected.

Ann Craig mentioned that Robin Woodsome presented at the annual Illinois Library Association meeting held in October. The presentation was targeted specifically to libraries which was very helpful.

Lori indicated that the ICN also exhibited at the Illinois Association of Museums conference in order to expand awareness of the ICN among the museum community.

Greg Wass suggested that CMS survey meeting participants for feedback to shape future planning.

Future Committee Meetings

Greg led a discussion on the dates, location and format for future committee meetings. Members agreed that the current meeting schedule, 3rd Monday of the month in February, June, September and November is appropriate. Members will continue to have the option to participate in Chicago or Springfield via video or via audio conference. It was decided that the Springfield location alternate between the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois State Library.

Greg asked that a call for agenda items be sent to committee members in advance and encouraged members to consider sharing internal initiatives that will drive the utilization/demand for network services. Greg also asked CMS staff to look into coordinating presentations from ICN constituents at future meetings. The goal is to highlight innovative uses of the network and highlight best practices.

2008 Meeting Schedule & Agenda

Greg Wass indicated that we would rotate the meetings from the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois State Library.

February 25, 2008 Illinois Community College Board, Springfield
James R. Thompson Center, Chicago

June 16, 2008 Illinois State Library, Springfield
James R. Thompson Center, Chicago

September 22, 2008 Illinois Community College Board, Springfield
James R. Thompson Center, Chicago

November 17, 2008 Illinois State Library, Springfield
James R. Thompson Center, Chicago

Greg Wass motioned to adjourn. Chet Olson & Bonnie Styles second the motion.