

## ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

October 26, 2009 Policy Committee Minutes

Bonnie Styles called the meeting to order.

### Members present:

Bonnie Styles Illinois State Museums;  
Scott Norton, IL State Board of Education;  
Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle;  
Jeff Newell, IL Community College Board

Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University;  
Amy Edwards, IL Board of Higher Education;  
Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library;

### Springfield staff and guests:

Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services;  
Tom Oseland, Central Management Services;  
Melissa Camille, Central Management Services;  
Kirk Mulvany, Central Management Services

Stacey Nall, Central Management Services;  
Carla Paoni, AT & T  
Lawren Tucker, Illinois State Library

### Chicago staff and guests:

Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services  
Laura Zarembo, Healthcare & Family Services

Doug Power, Northern Illinois University

### Announcements and Remarks

Greg Wass was attending the NASCIO Conference and asked Bonnie Styles to chair the meeting in his absence. Lori reminded the members to complete their time keeping sheets and annual ethics training.

### Minutes

Bonnie introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from July 20, 2009. Bonnie asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Kathleen Bloomberg motioned that the minutes be approved. Scott Norton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Illinois Rural HealthNet Overview

Doug Power from Northern Illinois University presented this agenda item. Doug provided a progress update. The Illinois Rural HealthNet (IRHN) has received its 501(c)3 status, has completed the first request for proposals for network planning and management, and is in process of evaluating the second request for proposal for fiber-based services. IRHN anticipates issuing the third and final request for proposals within the next seven to ten days for last mile and middle mile solutions. In January/February, they expect to have contracts ready for Universal Services Administration Corporation (USAC) review and approval. To date IRHN has received two-thirds of the awarded money as a result of a \$2M match provided by the State of Illinois. IRHN is working to secure an additional \$1M in matching funds required to receive the remaining grant funds. The grant rules require that all funds be obligated by June 30, 2010 and the project fully complete within four years. Kathleen Bloomberg asked if IRHN applied for stimulus funds. Doug responded that IRHN did not apply due to the requirement for matching funds.

### ARRA Broadband Application

Kirk Mulvany presented this agenda item. Since the meeting in July, the application has been completed and turned in as of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Round one awards are expected to be announced

throughout November and December. Kirk reported that staff are moving forward on planning activities in order to be prepared for a quick start if and when ICN is awarded ARRA funds. Questions were asked about work being done for round two. Kirk reported that we are waiting on the results of round one and/or any feedback on our initial application. Staff are monitoring the release for round two funding and will be ready to resubmit if needed.

### **Health Information Exchange**

Laura Zaremba from HealthCare and Family Services (HFS) presented this agenda action item. Laura reported that the State has awarded \$3M for Health Information Exchange (HIE) planning grants which will address local planning and HIE implementation needs. The ultimate goal of the planning grants is to secure the commitment of a majority of stakeholder groups within each Medical Trading Area to participate in a health information exchange that will operate as a component of a state-level health information exchange in the future. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes an additional \$20B for health information technology. Illinois has submitted an application for these additional ARRA funds.

### **Budget Update**

Kirk Mulvany presented this agenda item. At this point ICN is allocated a \$12M appropriation for this year which is about the same as the previous year. Earlier in the year the ICN was looking at a \$5M reduction in funding and was evaluating the potential impact on services. Staff will continue to negotiate price reductions for backbone circuits and egress and pursue maximum e-rate funding. The migration to fiber will drive down the overall operating costs and enable ICN to provide increased bandwidth at the same or lower operating costs. ICN did receive \$26M in the Illinois capital bill that is being used to leverage stimulus money. This funding is providing a 20% match for the \$103M that we asked from the federal stimulus program.

### **E-Rate Update**

Tom Oseland presented this agenda item. The total reimbursement request for the E-Rate program during funding year 2008 (fiscal year 2009) is just under \$800,000. Approximately \$452,000 of that has already been submitted for reimbursement. The remaining balance is on hold pending USAC review of ICN's request to assign the appropriate vendors to funding requests associated with the state master contract for the second half of the year. Once USAC completes their review, the ICN will be able to submit the remaining reimbursement requests.

The ICN 2009 application remains under review at USAC. It will most likely remain on hold until the status of the state master contract is known for services during the second half of the year. Work is under way in preparation of the 2010 ICN E-rate application.

Work on the audit was recently finished up with KPMG. The final report submitted by KPMG to USAC contained no findings and only two management comments or recommendations.

### **Regional Meetings**

Robin Woodsome presented this agenda item. Staff once again hosted a series of informational meetings through the state, with two more meetings left. The attendance has been really good this year. At the next meeting we will be able to provide an update with actual numbers of attendees.

**Policy Committee Meeting Schedule**

Bonnie Styles presented this agenda item, and asked for members to review the proposed dates for 2010. Kathleen Bloomberg motioned to approve the 2010 meeting schedule as presented. Jeff Newell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bonnie requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Dickson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Amy Edwards seconded. Motion carried.