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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Report
March 17, 2005

Member	Affiliation	Attended	
		Yes	No
James Berard (Acting Chair)	DoIT-RI Department of Administration	X	
Stephen Alves	RI Senate		X
Ed Giroux	RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education		X
Maggie Janik	Office of Higher Education		X
Michael Hogan	RI House of Representatives—Policy Office		X
Nicholas Leporacci	RI Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals		X
Janet Levesque	RI League of Cities and Towns	X	
Raymond McKay	City of Warwick		X
Dexter Merry	Public Telecommunications Authority		X
James R. Monti, Jr.	West Warwick School District		X
Thomas Mullaney	Budget Office-RI Department of Administration	X	
Beth Perry	Library Board of Rhode Island	X	
David Porter	University of Rhode Island	X	
Phil Silva	For Department of Labor and Training		X
A.T. Wall	RI Department of Corrections	X	
James Willis	Secretary of State's Office	X	
Don Wolfe	Member-at-Large	X	
William Wray	Citizens Financial Group		X
Other Attendees	Affiliation		
Carol Ciotola	DoIT-RI Department of Administration		
Joan Gammon	RI.gov		
Tom Viall	RI.gov		
Tracy Williams	DoIT-RI Department of Administration		

Action Items:

- ✚ The April agenda will include a discussion of the Board's role.
- ✚ T. Williams will contact D. Porter with respect to the renewal of URI's telecommunications contract due in August.

Chair's Report—J. Berard (Acting Chair) introduced the new Chief Information Officer, Tracy Williams, to the Board. After being welcomed by the Board, she presented background information about herself and spoke on her experience with respect to IT.

Approval of the January 20/February 17, 2005, Meeting Reports—The January 20/February 17 Meeting Reports were distributed for review. No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

Updates: IT Architecture Team/Web Data Sharing Committee—C. Cyr was unable to attend this meeting, thus J. Berard deferred updates to a future meeting.

RI.gov V3 Preview—J. Gammon cited RI.gov's goal to have the best state portal for Rhode Island. In this regard, best practices will be incorporated into V3, as well as improvements that resulted from previous feedback from various sources. T. Viall then presented the preview, pointing out its new look

and feel. J. Gammon noted the logo change. Based on a request for feedback, the following was presented:

- Snowstorm alerts are currently not presented on the portal. The CIO will work with RI.gov to include them.
- Steps need to be taken to ensure that the search functionality works. RI.gov acknowledged that the current search engine cannot search individual state sites; in this regard a tool is being built to accomplish this task.
- On the question of offering additional languages on the portal, J. Gammon stated that there have been discussions but no movement forward.

The RI.gov Portal Report was distributed for Board's information.

News and Announcements from the Board—

- (1) D. Wolfe stated that the way in which the CIO transition took place and the Director's apparent disinterest in what this Board does left him unclear as to the Board's role. He suggested, therefore, that its role be discussed to determine whether or not it still has a function. It does not seem to him that the Board is fulfilling the requirements placed on in through legislation.

A. T. Wall stated that similar conversations about the Board occurred in the summer of 2002 when Barbara Weaver left the CIO's position and Howard Boksenbaum was named Acting CIO. At that time there was no communication as to the Board's direction; and in reviewing the legislation authorizing this Board, which was quite sweeping in scope, it was evident that the Board was not fulfilling its statutory purpose. Discussion at that time was deferred due to the pending change in administration. It may now be prudent to have an honest discussion on whether or not the Board is necessary.

T. Williams stated that she would need to read the legislation to understand the purpose of the Board and to determine how well it has fulfilled its requirements. In this regard, she will place discussion of the Board's role on the April agenda.

D. Wolfe suggested that the function of the governance for the IT Task Force be reviewed as well.

- (2) D. Porter informed the Board that URI's telecommunications contract is up for renewal in August. He asked the CIO for guidance, since URI may need to extend the existing contract. T. Williams stated that she would contact him in this regard, noting that expiring contracts should have automatic extensions built in.

Next Meeting—Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room "C" (2d floor), DOA.

Adjournment—J. Berard adjourned this meeting at 3:25 p.m.