

MINUTES OF THE e-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deena Horst at 3:37 p.m. on February 13, 2001, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Alldritt, who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Temporary Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rick Beyer, Secretary, Kansas Department of Human Resources (KDHR)
William Sanders, Chief Information Officer, KDHR
Roger Aeschliman, Deputy Secretary, KDHR

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The minutes for the February 8 meeting were approved. (Motion, Representative Gatewood, second, Representative Wilson)

Rick Beyer, Secretary, Kansas Department of Human Resources, (KDHR) recounted the Information Technology (IT) changes that have occurred at KDHR in the past 4 years, migrating from its own mainframe computer to reliance on the services of DISC (Division of Information Systems and Communications), enabling the agency to create a project and management infrastructure that is fully integrated with other agencies. (Attachment 1) He said that with decreasing funds, only by relying on an effective electronic government delivery system will the agency be able to increase services.

Mr. Beyer introduced William Sanders, Chief Information Officer, KDHR, who listed recent electronic government initiatives. (Attachment 2) Internal e-government applications include a tracking system for employee training and a motor vehicle accounting system that allows the agency to reduce its vehicle pool. Mr. Sanders said external IT applications include a unique labor market partnering system with others states called kansasjoblink.com, which matches jobs to prospective employees. He said the Workers Compensation System is still being developed so that an accurate claims database can provide data to meet federal regulations.

Answering questions, Mr. Sanders said the Information Systems division has 40 programers, and the Workforce Technology partnership has an additional 30 programers. He said the Workers Compensation System will go live October 1, 2001; he expects the Unemployment System will be online by November 1, 2001. Regarding the agency's ability to deliver services, he outlined a service delivery model that ranges from face-to-face to remote self-service through the Internet. His goal is to improve services under all categories. He said the process of developing information systems is outlined and supervised by DISC—from needs assessment to RFP to selection of a vendor to building the system.. He said that in the bidding process the agency chooses the best bid, not necessarily the lowest. Regarding sharing of personal data, the agency's goal is to share needed data with partners without breaching an individual's privacy. Asked about future goals for KDHR, Mr. Sanders said he wants to see the agency's core business online by December 2001. Further, he would like to develop a way to allow fund transfers from employers to agencies and increase electronic transfers from agency to recipients.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 526-S.