

MINUTES**DATA SHARING & DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING TASK FORCE****Thursday July 18, 2019****1:00 P.M.****Committee Room 272, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee Members Present: **Senators** Jane English, Co-Chair; Will Bond, Breanne Davis, Greg Leding and James Sturch; **Representatives** Karilyn Brown, Fredrick Love and Austin McCollum

Other Legislators Present: **Senators** Ronald Caldwell, Kim Hammer and Mark Johnson; **Representatives** Jim Dotson and Jack Ladyman

Call to Order

Senator English called the meeting to order and thanked everyone in attendance for their presence.

Review of Task Force Goals and Responsibilities [Handout 1]

Senator English provided a handout on the asset mapping discovered through the Arkansas Workforce Education Excellence Task Force and made the following points.

- asset mapping shows kindergarten, federal and state programs
- lack of coordination between agencies, expenditures and programs
- unknown results for expenditures of approximately \$5 billion
- agency transparency and data sharing provides the ability to assess program coordination, duplication of services and areas of improvement
- Arkansas Department of Information Services (DIS) could compile data that enables the legislature to make better decisions

Consideration to Approve June 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes [Exhibit C]

Senator Bond made a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Leding made the second and without objection, the minutes were approved.

Arkansas Department of Information Systems Presentation [Handout 2]

Ms. Jessica Jones, Director, DIS, provided a handout on the Data and Transparency Panel (DTP).

Ms. Jones' presentation included the points below:

- Act 912 of 2017 established DTP and created the positions of Chief Data Officer (CDO) and Chief Privacy Officer (CPO)
- some of the responsibilities of DTP are to establish a state agency data catalog, determine procedures to implement and oversee a statewide data warehouse program and identify what data may be available to the public
- DTP is chaired by the CDO; other members include 13 state agencies, the CPO as well as appointees of the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House
- gap analysis of state department needs was a collaboration between University of Arkansas Little Rock, Institute of Chief Data Officers and DIS; a total of six gaps were found, data sharing being the largest need
- funding amounts and rationale must be determined
- gap analysis findings indicate a comprehensive multi-agency data sharing agreement and a master data management system; a governance model and quality management are recommended

- based on the data catalog, DIS can now see the type of information that can be shared

Ms. Adita Karkera, Deputy CDO, DIS, provided additional information below:

- data assets are records of a data system hosted by an agency
- Arkansas does not have a collection and inventory of the data assets that are housed in different agencies
- requested information regarding agency inventory of data assets include: agency, name, description, data steward, business owner, sensitivity and public access
- purpose is to learn what each agency has in order to leverage the data for better decision making
- majority of agencies that are part of the DTP are using the system which is on an online portal today
- data system was used for the Recidivism Proof of Concept (POC) and is being used for the Workforce Analytics POC
- at the moment each agency can only view their own data; the CDO can see all of the data assets and provide advice to others as needed
- Indiana’s Management Performance Hub (MPH) is the most widely recognized and successful example of transforming state government and data
- MPH was put in place through an executive order for data sharing; it is used for studies to guide policy and increase transparency for several use cases
- November 2017 the CDO office convened the Inaugural CDO Forum; it was the first step to start discussions on inter-agency data sharing
- CDOs from New York, Texas and Tennessee were in attendance to discuss the challenges and success stories in their states
- the CDO office has been in touch with Arizona, Florida, Connecticut and Maryland to discuss either their data sharing agreement or open data plan

Ms. Yessica Jones, Director, DIS, added:

- Feasibility Cost Study required by Act 912 of 2017 was completed by the CDO office in collaboration with some of the members of the DTP
- cost study is still under review; a request for approval will be made at the next DTP meeting on July 29, 2019
- study researched the current data management, analytics of its practices and public sector entities
- recommendation was to have a centralized trusted broker called the “Data Hub” within DIS

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.