

KENTUCKY INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 25, 1997
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS: Chair Jim Nelson, Steve Dooley, Barbara Bean, David Couch, Jerry Frantz, Jim Ramsey, and Mike Grisham, representing James R. Ramsey.

GUESTS: Reid Bishop, Jules Delambre, Jack Ellis, Heather Harker, Leslie Flanders, Bob Johnson, Chris Laasko, Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Carol Utay, Nancy Ward and Charlotte Wright.

STAFF: Doug Robinson, Shirley Rodgers and Jessamine Saufley.

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order by welcoming members and guests. The minutes of the August 21, 1997, meeting were approved as distributed. Chair Nelson welcomed Barbara Bean to the Commission as the new representative for the Revenue Cabinet replacing Nancy Ward, who has accepted the position of Deputy Director in the EMPOWER Kentucky Office. Chair Nelson offered congratulations to both Barbara and Nancy.

Chair Nelson asked Steve Dooley to report on the status of the Electronic Signature sub-committee. Steve stated that the committee is finalizing the draft legislation and that the Commission will receive a copy of the draft for review and final approval within the next few weeks.

Chair Nelson called for Work Group Reports:

Growth Management: Doug Robinson reported.

- Deferred action on Tourism Cabinet's plan until the State Fair Board is included.
- Recommended approval of Department of Mines and Mineral's plan. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
- Recommended approval of the Petroleum Storage Tank Environmental Assurance Fund's plan with the recommendation that they pursue electronic commerce with their customer base. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Licensing and Regulation: Steve Dooley reported.

- Recommended approval of the Board of Nursing's plan. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Chair Nelson asked Doug Robinson to provide a KIRM office and EMPOWER Kentucky report. Doug stated that the Strategic Information Technology plan is now available on the KIRM website. He stated that the Information Technology Architecture and Standards were distributed to the Information Resource Managers during a recent IRM Advisory Group meeting and comments will be received until September 26, 1997. Doug added that the Strategic Information Technology team will review comments and make any needed changes.

Doug also reported that the EMPOWER Infrastructure Training Team is in the process of reviewing a skills inventory assessment, which was distributed to agency IRMs. He stated that there were over 700 surveys received, and the final report on the training and gap analysis will be presented to the Commission once it is completed.

Doug reported that the KIRM workgroups have four more plans to review. He added that staff will begin developing agency-specific and global findings and recommendations to be forwarded to the agencies in October. Doug continued by stating that the findings and plans will be placed on the KIRM website upon completion. He also reported that the Capital Planning Advisory Board met on August 22 to discuss general recommendations from the Commission and will take action on these items during the October 2 meeting. Doug added that the recommendations included hoteling and telecommuting concepts.

Doug stated that Kentucky Telelinking Network (KTLN) did not receive the federal Star Schools funding to continue funding the project. He added that the Kentucky Education Television will explore alternate funding mechanisms, but will continue KTLN administration. Doug stated that this issue will certainly impact any virtual university initiatives under postsecondary education reform.

Doug introduced Leslie Flanders (Scott County), Charlotte Wright (Anderson County) and Carol Utay (Jessamine County) with the Kentucky Community Webways via video to present their 1996 Research and Development (R&D) grant experiences and findings. Supervisors and students involved in supporting the project were also present at the remote sites. Leslie began the presentation by stating that the priority area of the project was community access and education within Anderson, Scott and Jessamine County's Boards of Education. She added that the project provided for a model for information resource sharing data through a centralized web site for the three counties. Leslie also stated that the project was designed and operated by students working together using information resources to support high quality, life-long educational opportunities, prosperous economies and participatory government. She added that the data included resource directories and mapping, environmental issues, tourism information, interviews with local officials, homework hotline, teacher/parent chat times and mentoring sessions. Charlotte and Carol added comments relative to the grant and concluded that the project was beneficial to all participants. Chair Nelson thanked Leslie, Charlotte, Carol and other participants for their presentation and report.

Doug introduced Bob Johnson, Owensboro Community College via video to present his report on the Owensboro Community Network grant project. Bob stated that the project implemented equipment to activate a free fiber loop provided by the local Owensboro cable franchise connecting ten strategic institutions and agencies. He added that the network allowed for the deployment of education and training, employment information and remote health diagnostics and monitoring. Bob continued by stating that community access to services is provided through Owensboro On-Line: The Western

Kentucky. He concluded by reporting that the community participation was strong and that many private and public partners were involved, which was

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publicized at a recent press conference in Owensboro. Chair Nelson thanked Bob for his participation and report.

Doug introduced Heather Harker, Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, to present a report on their grant project. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Executive Director of KCDHH was also present. Heather stated that the grant was awarded to promote access for the deaf and hard of hearing. She added that there is a critical shortage of sign language interpreters in the Commonwealth, with only 30 certified interpreters available to serve as many as 371,000, deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Heather stated that the project implemented high capacity telecommunication, video and multimedia software and hardware, including video-ready laptop computers and the Internet, to enable a very limited number of interpreters to deliver their services to a much larger number of individuals throughout the Commonwealth. She also reported that the project has been a learning experience and will greatly reduce the barriers to communication. In Chair Nelson's absence, Vice-Chair Steve Dooley thanked Heather for her presentation and report and commended Bobbie Beth Scoggins for her continued efforts in making a difference in the area of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Doug reported that other grant reports will be conducted at future Commission meetings. During discussion, the Commission voiced a need to publicize the research and development grant success stories to share their experiences and to assist others. One suggestion discussed was to utilize the resources of the Kentucky Educational Television. Doug indicated he will pursue this option with Ginny Fox.

Vice Chair Dooley thanked the grant recipients for their participation during the Commission meeting. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.