

Minnesota Eligibility Technology System Executive Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Details

April 25, 2023

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Location: Room 300 South, State Office Building, 100 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Participants

Voting Members

- Libby Caulum, MNSure
- Kari Koob, MNSure
- Greg Poehling, DHS
- Vacant Seat, DHS
- Dustin Letica, St. Louis County
- Kari Ouimette, Scott County

Non-Voting Members

- Mike Wright, MNIT
- Jon Eichten, MNIT

Guests

- Brian Sittarich, MNIT

Agenda Items

Call to Order & Welcome

Presenter: Jon Eichten

Jon Eichten, (MNIT) - called the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System Executive Steering Committee meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The following ESC members were present: Co-chair Jon Eichten, co-chair Greg Poehling, Kari Koob, Dustin Letica and Kari Ouimette. Others in attendance included: Brian Sittarich

Quorum was met and Jon reviewed the meeting agenda.

Administrative Items

Presenter: Jon Eichten

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The committee needed to approve the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes as that is the last time the METS ESC met.

Dustin Letica made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Kari Ouimette.

With no discussion it was opened for a roll call vote:

Poehling - Aye; Letica - Aye; Ouimette - Aye; Koob - Aye; Caulum - Absent; DHS Vacant Seat - Absent

Motion passed with none apposed.

METS IT Program Status Update

Presenter: Brian Sittarich, METS Program Manager, MNIT Services @ DHS/MNsure

Presented was an update on the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System.

METS Updates

Continuous Coverage Unwind - Provided was the final timeline for the resuming renewals for the public healthcare programs. Points covered were Medical Assistance renewals, MinnesotaCare renewals and the return to the regular renewals cycle.

Comments/Questions - None

Renewal Self-Service Update - Provided was the status of the project, next steps and recognition. The project sponsors have decided to pause the project due to the immediate need to focus on the Medical Assistance Eligibility renewals. The next steps for the project team will be to develop a plan to place the project on hold while providing a means to restart work in the future. The project team was also recognized for their work done to this point.

Question: Kari K. - With the pause being 3 - 12 months is there a possibility that work could pick up in the next quarter or is it looking more like the 12-month period? Brian responded, It's more likely that work would resume closer to the 12-month mark.

Comment: Greg (Speaking for DHS) - We're just starting to end the public health emergency and started the MA renewals process and DHS needs a little time to get that work underway. That's the reason for the 3-12 month pause.

METS SGG Oversight of Maintenance and Operations Costs - METS ESC is directed the METS SGG have gained a better understanding of the overall METS budget, including development as well as maintenance and operations. MNIT Leadership and METS ESC will be coordinating efforts to ramp up the Maintenance and Operations knowledge base for the METS SGG and ESC members. The first two of four sessions have been delivered which included the basics on how funding is obtained and an overview of Merative and hardware/software costs.

Comments/Questions - None

Standing Topics

Reflects the METS FFY 2023 roadmap that was approved by the METS ESC beginning on October 1, 2023. Items presented were the METS FFY23 Roadmap, Upcoming Deliverables and Stoplight Report.

METS FFY23 Roadmap - Covered was the Ongoing/Annual work “Lights On” and Development Projects with an emphasis on three changes from the previous update. Three development projects moved to a closed status; METS Configuration Auditing, Minnesota Eliminate the Family Glitch and Extending MA Postpartum for Pregnant Women.

Comments/Questions - None

Upcoming Deliverables - Work was presented in two parts focusing on changes, Rolling Deliverable Schedule and Release Timeframe, providing a rolling view of recent and planned deliverables both by new development and ongoing/annual work.

Rolling Deliverable Schedule - New Development Projects

Provided was a rolling view of recent and planned deliverables, both by project and by release time frame. There were several updates to the rolling deliverable schedule since our last let's ESC meeting.

Comments/Questions - None

Rolling Deliverable Schedule - Ongoing/Annual Work

Provided was a rolling view of recent and planned deliverables, both by project and by release time frame. There were no updates to the rolling deliverable schedule since our last let's ESC meeting.

Comments/Questions - None

2023 Release Timeframes

Spring Release (5/14/23) - Slide showed three projects and the other deliverables that were expected to be delivered. This release was canceled.

Question: Greg - Is the 1095-B Tax Year 2022 deliverable still being done in the spring it's just not part of the release? Brian responded, It's not included in the METS deployment but it is being done in other spring deliverables.

Summer Release (7/16/23) - Slide showed two projects and the other deliverables that are expected to be delivered. There were no changes from the last meeting.

Comments or Questions - None

Fall Release (9/17/23) - Slide showed one project and the other deliverables that are expected to be delivered. There were no changes from the last meeting.

Comments or Questions - None

Stoplight Report - Presented were the active projects on the roadmap along with their red, yellow or green status as reported by the project managers as of Monday, February 14, 2023. Three projects reported: three in red (Data Mart 1.5, Renewals Self-Service and Curam Upgrade 2022) and three in green. A report and get to green plans were provided for red and yellow projects.

Question: Kari K. - Curam Upgrade, with this delay will we need a quick turnaround on the next upgrade? Brian responded, No Merative will support our current version through April 2025.

Question: Jon - I assume that Merative has not yet released an end of support date for the version we are moving to? Brian responded, Correct.

New Business

No new business was introduced.

Public Comment

No public was in attendance or comments were made.

Adjourn

Next meeting is expected to be held May 23, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Jon adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.