

**Central Ohio Regional Shared Services Steering Committee (CORSSSC)
Meeting Summary**

Educational Service Center of Central Ohio
2080 Citygate Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Wednesday, February 1, 2012
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Attendees:

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| Alicia Alarie, MEC | Laura Koprowski, MORPC |
| Rick Amweg, Board of Regents | Kyle Kridler, City of Westerville |
| Bart Anderson, ESC of Central Ohio | Karl Kuespert, Franklin County |
| Scott Brock, City of Marysville | Elsa Kuhn, Metro School |
| Bill Brownson, CFO Methodist Church | Larry Lester, City of Hilliard |
| Jeff Cabot, ESC of Central Ohio | James Miller, City of Reynoldsburg |
| Charlotte Colley, City of Dublin | John O'Meara, Metro Parks |
| Eric Davies, Transformative Consulting | Victor Painsi, Madison Township |
| Chris Downey, ESC of Central Ohio | Gary Palatas, Fr. Co. Engineer's Office |
| Kristen Easterday, Cols. Chamber | Kyle Pifher, Finley Davies |
| Terry Emery, Marysville/Union County | Hugh Quill, Public Performance Partners |
| Edwin England, ESC of Central Ohio | Bill Reimer, ESC of Central Ohio |
| Brad Farmer, Columbus State CC | Caitlin Richard, Hands On Central Ohio |
| Larry Flowers, State Fire Marshall | Maggie Snow, Fr. Co. Health Benefits |
| Tom Goodney, ESC of Central Ohio | Scott Solsmon, Fr. Co. Health Benefits |
| Matthew Hansen, City of Reynoldsburg | Michael Stinziano, State Rep. |
| Dewitt Harrell, Cols. Metro Library | Steve Stolte, Union Co. Commissioner |
| Tracy Hatmaker, Prairie Township | Eric Ulas, ESC of Central Ohio |
| Brian Healy, AEP Shared Services | Don Yablonski, Metro Parks |
| John Hrusovsky, Quick Solutions | Dot Yeager, Franklin County Board of DD |
| Erik Janas, Franklin County | Larry Zimmerman, Marysville Schools |
| Chester Jourdan, MORPC | Thea Walsh, Ohio Department of Development |

Welcome & Introductions – Bart Anderson, ESC of Central Ohio. Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

Educational Service Center of Central Ohio – Bart Anderson. Educational Service Centers have been providing shared services in the educational setting since their creation, in 1914. ESC of Central Ohio serves Delaware, Franklin, and Union Counties and 25 school districts with over 200,000 students. They have a new mandate from the state to explore services to local governments in addition to local school districts. ESC of Central Ohio is here to serve and looking for ways to add value and efficiency to local government.

Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) – Thea Walsh. Ms. Walsh is Deputy Chief of the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Redevelopment, charged with operating the Local

Government Innovation Fund and providing staff support to the Ohio Local Government Innovation Council.

She observed that she was encouraged by the existence of the Central Ohio Regional Shared Services Steering Committee. Although they have been working with local governments for several years, they are new to school district interaction. Thea gave an overview of the Program Policies and Scoring Methodology for the award of LGIF grants and loans. The deadline for the first round of applications is March 1, 2012. There will be additional deadlines of June 1 (loan applications only), September 3, and December 1 (loan applications only).

She reported that the Local Government Innovative Council met yesterday and approved slightly amended Program Policies and Selection Methodologies. The LGIF is a \$45 million fund - \$9 million in grants and \$36 million for loans. Grant money is intended for feasibility studies. The loan money is intended for implementation. The loans have a \$500,000 limit and a maximum term of 11 years. This is primarily seed money with an expectation of a ten percent match in money or in-kind.

The LGIF is being coordinated by the Department of Development. Details can be found at <http://development.ohio.gov/Urban/LGIF.htm>. This information will also be posted at www.sharedservices.org.

LGIF Applications. John O'Meara asked if members of the committee were contemplating LGIF applications and, if so, would they welcome additional collaborators.

- Erik Janas reported that Franklin County has asked all their directors to investigate opportunities. In particular, the Franklin County Employee Health Benefits Coalition may put together an application.
- Andrea Phillips of Columbus reported that they are considering an application for CNG fueling facilities, working with Dublin, COTA, and others. She also reported that they have a fleet management collaboration under way. They are also looking at purchasing and other opportunities.
- John Hrusovsky reported that he, Hugh Quill, and Victor Paini are working on an Information Technology possibility for small to mid size communities and they would welcome others to join.
- Bart Anderson reported that school districts are working on cooperation for out-of-district transportation.

Central Ohio Shared Services Survey: Jeff Cabot reported that the ESC and MORPC are contemplating a survey of shared service interests, needs, and opportunities in the 7 county central Ohio area. This will depend on the release of the State shared services survey and what is included in that. The survey design would come back to the CORSSSC for review and input before being launched.

Community Education Regarding Shared Services: John O'Meara asked whether a community education component is needed as we embark on the shared services conversation. He observed that there may be constituent pushback without understanding what shared services involve. The failure of the Riverlea-Worthington merger and the Marble Cliff/Grandview/Upper Arlington contract for services were cited as examples. It was suggested that a template for certain situations might help inform the public.

Thea Walsh reported that the state was going to publicize ideas from the LGIF applications, and that they planned to work with Ohio universities in evaluating the LGIF applications and creating public education workshops regarding shared services.

Chester Jourdan said that we need to do a better job of telling our success stories, and that constituents want value for their tax dollars. Thea suggested that the LGIF might be a source of funding for outreach and public education.

ListServ: Jeff reported that a ListServ has been created, and all members of the CORSSSC are members. To post items on the ListServ or to start a conversation, address an email to CORSSSC@lists.fcsc.org. To have names added (or deleted) from the ListServ, contact Jeff Cabot at Jeff.Cabot@escoco.org. The ListServ is intended to further the conversation about shared services between committee meetings. Also check your spam filters so that ListServ messages get through.

Specific Working Groups:

- City of Marysville, Marysville Schools, Union County Information Technology Collaboration:
 - Terry Emery made a presentation of the IT collaboration that is underway in Union County. He and Scott Brock made a power point presentation (Marysville Union County PPT) and then answered questions, along with Steve Stolte and Larry Zimmerman.
- Hugh Quill and Laura Koprowski reported that the IT working group was working with John Hrusovsky and Victor Paini on an IT LGIF application for small to mid size communities. They would welcome additional participation.
- Karl Kuespert distributed a handout of Franklin County cooperative purchasing opportunities that local jurisdictions could take advantage of. He also offered the Franklin County on-line auction service to other partners. Information can be found at <http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/prch/>.
- Andrea Phillips described a collaboration of 10 jurisdictions working on fleet maintenance services, with the hope of expanding into parts procurement and training.
- Erik Janas introduced Maggie Snow and Scott Solsmon, who are working on an Employee Health Care Consortium. Currently including Pickaway and Fairfield Counties, the County is looking at how to expand this opportunity to other jurisdictions. They currently have 15,000 lives covered with this plan.

Shared Services Website: Again, these minutes and other shared services resources will be posted to the website, www.sharedservices.org.

Next Meeting – The next meeting is Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the ESC of Central Ohio <http://www.escoco.org/pages/directions.aspx>.

Appendix:

for more information:

1. Information Technology Working Group
 - Laura Koprowski, MORPC, 233-4126, lkoprowski@morpc.org
2. Union County Data Center cooperation
 - Terry Emery, City of Marysville, 937-645-1050, temery@marysvilleohio.org
3. E-Purchasing system
 - Karl Kuespert, Franklin County, 525-7266, khkuespert@franklincountyohio.gov
 - Sean Fouts, City of Columbus, 645-8315, ssfouts@columbus.gov
4. Cooperative Purchasing
 - Karl Kuespert, Franklin County, 525-7266, khkuespert@franklincountyohio.gov
5. Employee Health Care Consortium
 - Erik Janas, Franklin County, 525-5737, ejjanas@franklincountyohio.gov