



CIO Forum

September 15, 2020

Welcome & Introductions

Advisory Council Chair Matt Oram, Department of Fish & Wildlife, welcomed the group.

IPMA Update - Heidi Geathers, IPMA Co-Chair

COVID has changed our way of delivering foundational elements. Two key annual events were not held this year due to COVID; the annual Executive Seminar and the IPMA event at Saint Martins which brings the vendor community together with state IT staff. The LeaderPath program is still being offered, it focuses on professional growth development of soon to be leaders from the IT ranks. Course are bi-monthly and are being held virtually. September 21 is the next event, *Improving Resiliency in Ourselves and Team*. Visit ipma-wa.com for more information and to sign up for IPMA emails/invites, etc.

There are potentially two positions coming open on the IPMA Board. The Board is a volunteer group of state employees, there are 12 Board members and 3 paid staff members. Board positions do not have to be at the CIO level, if you are interested or have someone you think would be a good candidate, please contact Ann Bruner (ann.bruner@ofm.wa.gov).

Announcements - Jim Weaver, WaTech

We are starting to take action to combat Emotet emails. Two primary actions are currently underway to respond to the threat in the proper manner. State CISO Vinod Brahmapuram is registering MDMR service being offered by homeland security for states to register for malicious activity. It could take up to 72 hours to become fully effective. Agencies covered by the enterprise firewall are covered by this service. Those outside of the firewall please reach out to your CISO and Vinod for a risk mitigation method.

Currently email hygiene being fronted by Ironport has not been as successful as exchange online protection. We need to get email messaging routed away from Ironport and to Exchange Online Protection (EOP). An email will be sent to the Cabinet, agency heads, CIOs and CISOs that will stress the importance of this and sense of urgency. Target date for action is three weeks. We know there is a lot of activity, we are ensuring that we can support the agencies. Asking for agency cooperation to address these very important security concerns to make the enterprise secure. If you see something we missed please let us know. You do not need to have your email going into exchange online, you can still be going to on-prem, but do need to make these changes. Questions regarding EOP should be directed to Angie Sherrer at WaTech and please cc Scott Barringer and Mark Quimby. Vinod will be reaching out to the CISO community on this as well.

Broadband Update – Russ Elliott, Department of Commerce

Refer to PPT Presentation that was sent to CIOs.

OneWA Update – Vann Smiley, Office of Financial Management

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Department of Health Presentation – Jennifer McNamara, DOH

Jennifer provided a PPT Presentation, however the conversation will continue at the October CIO Forum and will be shared after that meeting.