



SPIRIT SAM

A Modern WIC Information System's

Implementation Experiences

Chickasaw Nation

- Joy Endres, Deputy Director
- Co-Chair of SPIRIT Consortium that built the initial version of the system
- CSC Covansys was the implementation contractor
- All 13 consortium member state agencies were on SPIRIT by December 2007

State of Arkansas

- Judy Powell, MIS Section Manager
- Arkansas was the first transfer state and had minimal enhancements which helped ensure a quicker implementation timeline.
- Chose not to use a contracted Help Desk
- CSC Covansys as the implementation contractor
- All local agencies were on SPIRIT by April 2009

State of Missouri

- Mark Davis, WIC Data Systems Manager
- Used a mainframe data system from 1993-2008
- CSC Covansys started as implementation contractor on May 1, 2008
- All local agencies were on SPIRIT by July 14, 2009

State of Montana

- Joan Bowsher, WIC Director
- Funneled implementation enhancements through the Spirit User Group, First project to rollout new system with new food packages included at the same time.
- CSC Covansys as the implementation contractor
- All local agencies targeted to be on SPIRIT by January 18, 2010.

State of Minnesota

- Carol Rowe, WIC Operations Unit Supervisor
- Legacy system: Distributed and first WIC GUI
- Functionally robust but complex design; major system upgrade needed to operate beyond 2010
- Strategic Planning to determine best solution
- Analyzed cost/benefit of several options
- Most cost effective, lowest risk option: SAM Transfer
- Begin UAT of SPIRIT (HuBERT) January 2010

State of Maine

- Greg Schueman, WIC Project Manager, Keane
- Oracle Forms 6i and Database 8.1.7.3 based client-server system from 1992-present
- Implementation Services approach under consideration as of Oct 2009
- Intent is to roll out to all local agencies by year-end 2010

SPIRIT Futures

- Continued evolution of the Spirit User Group
- SPIRIT Technology Upgrade (late 2009):
 - Microsoft SQL Server 2008 SP1,
 - Microsoft .Net 3.5 framework, and
 - Microsoft Windows Server 2008
- SPIRIT Vendor Management Enhancements
- SPIRIT Direct Connection to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) systems



Questions?



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