

MEETING ON DAS/OIT MOVE
MARCH 14, 2007
NOTES FROM MEETING

Present: Bruce Wyngaard, OCSEA; Sharon Ralph; OCSEA, Kenny Kierns, DAS; Gynodda Woodford, DAS; Kathy Stewart, DAS; Cornelius McGrady, SOT Chapter; Allison Shaeffer, DAS, Monica Rausch, DAS; Dave Simpson, OCB; Walter Callahan, DD OIT; Matt Banal, OCB; Kathleen Madden, OBM; Paula Hudson, OBM

Walter Callahan stated that IT reports to difference places and there was legislation approved that IT was to be housed in DAS. There is no discussion in reduction of staff. Discussions to date only affect OIT employees at this point. There have been several meetings which have resulted in language which appears in the Budget Bill. To move OIT to OBM will probably require additional legislation. Due to OAKS implementation, the move will probably not occur until July 1, 2008. Walter shared a letter advising of the move at the meeting. This letter will go out quickly. When requested they use the website for weekly updates, since our folks are only hearing rumors, Walter stated that they will probably send out updates closer to implementation. However, he will take the request back for further discussion. Walter stated that this will be an opportunity for our folks to update their skills. The long term goal is to use fewer consultants and to update our member's skills to replace consultants.

A copy of the Table of Organization of OIT was requested identifying Exempt and Bargaining Unit employees. Questions were also raised about the different classifications held between OIT & OBM and how they are proposing to work that out. Other questions were raised about DAS Support Services – possible layoffs? They responded stating that they are currently looking into it – they also stated that OBM currently does not have enough Support Services staff so it is possible that some of our folks may go to OBM – but this is premature at this point.

We asked about OAKS going to OBM. He stated that OAKS will transition to State government. When OAKS transitions to OBM, bumping rights would be in OBM. OAKS has about 130 consultants and OIT has about 40 to 43 consultants. The Technical Support staff for OAKS will come into OIT. There are 94 people in OAKS which will go to OIT/OBM. There are between 275-280 in OIT which included bargaining unit and management, of which 168 are bargaining unit.

A question was raised if they have done an assessment of how many people will be affected by the loss of HR2K & CAS. If the budget is approved, they will start staffing the OAKS Division on July 1, 2007. A question was also raised if the 08-09 budget included a line item for training of our employees.

Kathy again raised the issue of communications to our members. Information via rumors must stop. We cannot rely on managers to put out the same information to our members – they need accurate, detailed information.