

<b>Network Infrastructure &amp; Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes</b>		
Date / Time: <b>03/10/08</b> 2:00PM – 4:10PM	Location: Conference Room , 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, DOIT-East Hartford, CT	Meeting Facilitator: John Vittner
<b>Present:</b> John Vittner-DOIT/CEN, Tim Hilllbie-Community Technical Colleges, Bryan Adams-Trinity College, Sarah Edson-DHE/DOIT, Ganesan Ravishanker (Ravi)-Wesleyan University, Ken Sayers-East Hartford Schools, Russ Feinmark-CET, Wendy Rego-DOIT/CEN		
<b>Not in Attendance:</b> Randel Osborn-East Haven Public Schools, Charlie Estey-CTTHS, John Kalinowski-EASTCONN, Eric Lindquist-DOIT, Tom Sweda-Bibliomation, Ralph Valenzisi-Norwalk Public Schools		
<b>AGENDA ITEMS:</b>		
<b><u>CEN Content Update:</u></b> (Sarah Edson)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah passed out a content update agenda and summary of what she has been working on.</li> <li>• CEN Web Redesign: cen.ct.gov. Sarah began maintaining the website last year and has been updating it regularly. She has incorporated a lot of CT educational content as well as national and global content into the website. Some examples include podcasts, multimedia-on-demand, iCONN resources, collections of lesson plans, web-based animations and simulations, online collaboration tools, social networking platforms for educators, and educational technology news. The new spotlight section of the web site showcases how people are using the CEN across the State.</li> <li>• DPUC Funds – CET – Russ Feinmark spoke about the Finance Committee meeting 3-11-08 where funds from the DPUC will be discussed. Out of the amount collected (approximately \$5 million), half was ear marked for educational technology and this is a recurring fund every year. DPUC sent out a questionnaire requesting input on creating a process for allocating the funds.</li> <li>• Survey re: Digital Content Subscriptions – Sarah Edson reports that she is surveying K-12 districts on digital content subscriptions 1) for which they are currently paying and 2) which they would like to have but cannot afford. As a starting point, Sarah distributed the survey via the CT Association of School Librarians listserv. Sarah plans to distribute the survey via other channels, including the RESC alliance and DHE. The group went onto discuss the need for more marketing of the CEN and its content and the need to offer functionality so that visitors to the web site can rate/discuss which content they find the most useful.</li> <li>• Forthcoming CEN Content: Online Financial Literacy Modules – DHE is awarding a Connecticut School of Business funds to develop a series of online modules pertaining to financial literacy. The target audience is high school seniors and college freshmen. DHE plans to purchase servers to host the content and deliver it via the CEN. The school being awarded will partner with CPTV and to develop some of the multimedia content and is expected to use student interns to ensure a youthful appeal to the modules.</li> <li>• Events &amp; CEN Outreach – The CT Innovation Expo will be held in May at the Convention Center. CEN is sponsoring it this year, as it is a content-generating event. Sarah will put something on the CEN portal to promote it. There will be a virtual expo with students in China using second life. CEN is also continuing with their technical seminars for the K12 schools. It has expanded to include the library service centers. 3-11-08 CEN is doing a training session on Network Security and is being held at RPI in Hartford and it is being recorded. It will be posted to the CEN website. Last year’s training focused on content filtering. The next training in May will focus on the new content filtering product.</li> <li>• CEN wiki is now online and running.</li> <li>• E-learning and Content Advisory Council meeting 3-12-08. The CET’s PD (Professional Development) Council has not been meeting as of late. There are plans to merge the two groups. A hot topic is the CT Virtual Learning Center created out of the CT Distance Learning Consortium. Talk about the CT Virtual Learning Center – uses CT certified teachers, using Blackboard as the Learning Management System, launched in late January, 200-300 enrolled in approximately 50 districts, goal is 750 kids, handful of courses to start, J. Vittner said CTDLC came to CEN and</li> </ul>		

gave a demo so that CEN staff can have a better understanding of how the courses work and how the Virtual Learning Center utilizes the network.

- Summary of content challenges – securing funding, marketing/promoting, teacher/faculty professional development, enhancing communication, limited interactive features available on the currently DOIT portal product. With the delay in purchasing and acquiring a new content management system for the State (estimate: 2010), the question came up as to whether the CEN's website could be hosted somewhere else.
- John Vittner – Award issued to Advanced Corporate Network (DBO) for filtering 8e6 product. First meeting 3-13-08. 6 pilot districts then launching to 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the network for the rest of the academic year. Over the summer the rest will be migrated. Goal to be finished is 8-15. Training will be heavy. Teleconferences with districts. Between now and the end of the May, will have the word out to all the districts. Will have training seminar in May and possibly again in August. Transparent HTTPS proxying. Sarah spoke of possibly getting RESCs to help with getting the word out about filtering.
- There was a brief discussion of inviting new members to serve on the Network & Infrastructure Advisory Council.
- Ravi spoke of the benefits of having Microsoft speak.
- CEN Surplus Funds. J. Vittner explains the flow of CEN funds and spoke about the accumulation of \$1-2 million at UCONN's end. There was a call recently with Mike Kertke (UCONN), Judy Greiman, James Estrada, Ravi, Ken Wiggin, Karen Kaplan, Sarah Edson and John Vittner and Sacred Heart regarding this. The private colleges would like to see the money used for DR. On Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> calls to CET representatives of the public colleges and K-12 community will take place to solicit their input on use of these funds.
- Discussions regarding DR services through NEREN Springfield Safe Harbor or Cambridge/Boston Markly Group. What is real cost? Conference call coming up with NEREN.
- Bandwidth for next fiscal year was discussed. Further discussions need to be held with CET and UCONN.
- Indiana University awarded bid for off-shift monitoring. UCONN is in the process of signing contract.

**Next Meeting Date** - 8-12-08 1:00 at DOIT, 101 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT

**Proposed Agenda:**

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Respectfully submitted Wendy Rego