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Agency:  Department of Correction

Project:  Department of Correction Electronic Health Records

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Reporting Period:  Project Inception through 06/30/2017

Total Funds Requested:  $8,050,000

Total Funds Allotted to Agency:  $7,350,000

Accumulative Total Capital Fund Expenditures to Date:  $7,063,364

Brief Project Description/Summary:
The DOC Health Portal project is a three phase project that will establish an electronic health records system within  
DOC and ultimately establish a healthcare portal linking such records to the various state agencies, outside community  
agencies, and external hospitals and clinics involved in the healthcare of our patients while also feeding into the state’s  
Health Information Exchange. The project provides for both improvements in the ways that the agency cares for its  
inmate patients within its facilities as well as providing us the opportunity to ensure that the healthcare gains made by  
DOC patients while under agency care are not lost when inmate patients are released to the community.
Summary of Progress Achieved to Date:
The RFP was released on March 19, 2015 and closed on May 19, 2015. GE Fusion was the selected vendor and the contract was awarded on August 18, 2015. Gap analysis began on January 1, 2016 and is on track to be completed in February 2017. The project implementation plan continues to be on track for April 30, 2018. After a careful review of resources and processes and workflow, an adjustment to the project plan has been made to modify the infrastructure plan. Under the new infrastructure plan, CMHC will continue to manage the facilities’ computers and systems. The prior infrastructure plan called for DOC to manage all aspects. This adjustment has no impact on either the project timeline or the project’s budget/finances.

To date DOC has received $7,350,000 in IT Capital Bond Funds. Of that amount $3,110,579 has been expended and $3,591,767 has been encumbered. It is requested that the balance of approved funds for this project ($700,000) be made available in July of 2017.

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The success of the DOC EHR implementation is dependent on the EPIC laboratory and radiology systems, along with a new CMHC pharmacy system being in place for the DOC EHR go-live. The three systems require a change to the scope of the DOC project due to the fact the Epic systems were not on the horizon when the DOC RFP or EHR contract were developed. Originally Siemens systems were in place, which are now being replaced by Epic systems. The difference between interfacing with an existing set of systems with documented workflows and “to be developed” workflows and documentation accounts for the change in scope for the lab, radiology and pharmacy interfaces. Now that the lab, radiology and pharmacy are in focus, work is progressing to meet the anticipated go-live of second quarter 2018. If any of the systems are not completely tested and functioning, double-entry could be required by UConn Health, or CMHC users, depending on the systems impacted. Either scenario could require additional resources to keep up with the double-entry processes.

Issues and Risks:
No high probability issues or risks are evident at this time.

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Next Steps & Project Milestones:
- Project Plan Revision
- Systems Installation and Testing
- Content Creation Completion
- User Acceptance
- Go-Live

01/30/17 Update
- BC group re-engagement for form review
- Content Creation Completion
- Network enhancements to DOC and CMHC networks in the facilities
- Systems Installation and Testing
- Go-Live
- Information Exchange Spin-up

07/30/17 Update
- Content Creation Completion
- Functional Testing
- Data circuit connectivity completion and testing
- Network enhancements to DOC and CMHC networks in the facilities
- Interface testing and certification
- Systems Installation and Testing
- Go-Live
- Information Exchange Spin-up