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1. UFMS has a New Leader in ASBTF

Kerry Weems, who recently was named Acting Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology and Finance by Secretary Thompson, succeeds Janet Hale in serving as the department's leader and champion of the UFMS initiative. Weems said he is looking forward to the challenges of leading a project to develop the largest civilian financial management system in the government. Weems is a familiar face in the department as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, and he is a 20-year HHS veteran with extensive skills and expertise in budget formulation, oversight and management. Hale left HHS on January 24 to become Acting Undersecretary for Management at the new Department of Homeland Security.

2. Requirements Review Is Complete!

The UFMS Program Management Office (PMO) has been busy holding a series of requirements review sessions over the past several weeks. Meeting with representatives from the component agencies, the UFMS Global team went through a final review of the baseline requirements that had been compiled earlier. These are the system requirements common to agencies across HHS, including technical and functional needs.

This completes the initial baseline requirements validation phase of UFMS implementation. Thank you, agencies, for your participation in these critical activities; it was a success because of your involvement!

3. Moving Forward with the Requirements: Next Steps

Now that the requirements validation phase is complete, the baseline requirements go to the UFMS governance committees (Steering Committee and Planning & Development Committee) for approval in early February. The baseline requirements will then be matched up against the capabilities and functions of the Oracle application software in a process known as a "fit/gap analysis." The ensuing analysis over the next couple of months will determine those areas in which the Oracle software meets the technical and functional requirements (a "fit"), and those areas in which it does not (a "gap"). UFMS governing bodies then will decide if and how to reconcile those "gaps."

4. Reminder: We've moved!

The UFMS Global Team has relocated to Rockville, MD. Phone number changes will be entered into the Outlook directory as soon as they can be confirmed, but e-mail addresses will remain the same. Voicemail has not yet been established for all individuals - please bear with us! The best



way to contact anyone on the UFMS Team is through e-mail. The new UFMS Global Team mailing address is:

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