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1. Laying the Groundwork for CRP1

The countdown has started. With only a few months before the first Conference Room Pilot (CRP1), the UFMS team is working hard to prepare the agency representatives for their role in the pilot. The representative's role is multi-faceted, as they will be asked to review the initial global system configurations, review the global business process designs, and observe that the system meets the requirements deemed as "fits" during the Fit/Gap process.

The UFMS Program team is preparing the participants for their critical role by hosting two mandatory preparatory events in June and July. The first event, an Oracle Overview Workshop, arms the participants with a basic familiarity of the look and feel of the Oracle application. The second, a CRP1 Orientation, familiarizes the participants with the CRP process, logistics and their role. "The agency representatives are making a great sacrifice for UFMS," said Terri Surabian, UFMS Global Training Lead, "These activities are designed to prepare them so that the greatest value of their participation can be realized by the UFMS program during CRP1."

For a schedule of the preparation activities visit
<http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms/calendar.html>

2. UFMS Business Process Flows

Business Process Flows define how the work gets done. In establishing the final process flows for UFMS, the Global UFMS functional teams are finalizing the business process flows that will be presented at the first Conference Room Pilot (CRP1) in August. At the CRP1, participants will be asked to review these global process designs. Monitoring and modifying the process flows is an ongoing process of the UFMS teams throughout the UFMS implementation.

3. Risk Flash

Large-scale system implementation programs come with equally large-scale risk. Investing millions of dollars to be spent over six or more years demands careful planning and a strategy for mitigating risk. The Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan (RAMP) (see http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms/library/ufms_ramp.pdf) developed for UFMS offers a roadmap to identifying risks and strategies to mitigate them. One risk identified early in the program illustrated that the PMO at Twinbrook needed more connection bandwidth. After analysis, the problem identified was successfully mitigated by adding an additional T1 line, allowing for greater data transmission. Monitoring the solution validated that the Twinbrook PMO bandwidth was no longer a risk. Case closed.



4. Passing the Baton: Change in UFMS Program Director

The UFMS team sends best wishes to UFMS Program Director Gerald "GT" Thomas as he moves on to assume the next chapter in his federal career, directing the Business Units and Financial Services Group in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Thomas guided the UFMS team through the first year and a half of the program. "GT brought an incredible amount of energy, hard work and dedication to the UFMS project over the past year and half," said Margie Yanchuk, Director of the Division of Financial Systems Policy for HHS. "Through GT's leadership the project has a strong foundation."

We are happy to announce that Tom Doherty, Director, Division of Financial Operations in the Program Support Center (PSC), will be assuming the position of UFMS Program Director. Doherty comes to the program with over 20 years experience in HHS. Stay tuned to the June UFMS Connection for a complete story on Tom Doherty, the new UFMS Program Director.