

## **IPv6 Enterprise Strategy Subgroup**

Minutes – November 9, 2005 Organizational Meeting

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### **Attendees:**

Steve Pirzchalski, OI&T  
Valerie Kiraly, OI&T  
John Devich, VISN 4  
Juan Adames, VISN 10  
Mike Dugan, VISN 15  
Megan Friel, VHA 10NB  
Steve Wexler, VHA 10N  
Jerry Taylor, VHA OI HSITES  
Sandi Lampo, VHA OI HSITES

Wes Crum, VHA OI HSITES  
Harry Risk, VHA OI HSITES  
Dave Bradley, VHA  
J.R. Carter, HAC  
Steve Kish  
Mickey Finn, OI&T  
Cathlin Dollar, OI&T

### **General**

- Steve provided a brief overview of IPv6, the activities to date and the purpose of the Training Subgroup.
- The VA backbone needs to be IPv6 capable by June 2008. An IPv6 Working Group has been meeting bi-weekly since August 2005. The Working Group determined that Subgroups needed to be established to assist with the project.
- There is an internal IPv6 website: <http://vaww.va.gov/oirm/telecom/IPv6>
- In February 2006, VA needs to submit a transition plan and provide a progress report on the inventory and impact analysis

### **Purpose**

- The Subgroup consists is responsible for developing the large picture related to the deployment of IPv6 for the VA. The group will prepare an implementation plan that is integrated with the VA's Enterprise Architecture.
- The group needs to draft a Strategic Plan document detailing IPv6 in the VA (both current and future). This documented will be presented to the CIO. The document should address funding, marketing, direction of the agency and provide a roadmap for IPv6 compliance for the VA.

### **Organization and Approach**

- The following individuals are the co-chairs for the group:
  - Dick Culp
  - Steve Pirzchalski
- The Enterprise Strategy Subgroup will need to meet bi-weekly for at least the next 24 months. Steve will work with the co-chairs.
- IPv6 has many implications for the entire enterprise. There need to be discussions with the pole in the field and information needs to be gathered from various sources about the transition and what it can do for the VA.
- Steve is trying to bring in outside individuals to consults with including:
  - Representative from OMB
  - Dr. Charles Lynch (DoD, IPv6 Transition Office)
  - Gartner Group SMEs – to facilitate discussions
  - VA senior management
  - Accenture / Booz Allen – to talk / brainstorm

### **Funding**

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The most recent information has \$33 million available for IPv6 for the next Fiscal Year. Some funding will come from tech refresh and some will come out of the centralized budget (VACO). There will be funding for training and transition activities.

### **Concerns/Questions/Issues**

- Biomedical Engineering has specific issues including a small number of very expensive devices. Can we / should we transition these devices?
- For OMB: Which IPv6 standards are we going to use?
- Should we be spending a lot of time detailing a transition plan for devices that may not even be around by the time the transition takes place?
- Are we going with one or two addressing schemes?
- Is there going to be an IPv6 track at InfoSec? IPv6 Summit?
- A biomedical training track needed.

### **Training Information from Dave Bradley:**

- The VA Learning On-Line website (<http://www.vcampus.com/valo/index2.html>)
- The site contains two IPv6 training courses that will provide some good initial background to the basics of IPv6, benefits, issues, etc.
  1. IPv6 (#80284\_eng)
  2. Working with IPv6 and Network Address Translation (#119790\_eng)