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Committee on the Future
July 13, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams
Regular (Virtual) Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tyler Craddock, Robert Innes, Frank Petroski, Janet Stephens

Members Not Present: Carolyn Champion, Phil Plymale

Staff: Kimberly Conley

Welcome and Approval of Agenda:

The chair opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The agenda was approved on a motion by Frank Petroski and seconded by Tyler Craddock.

Approval of Minutes:

The February and June minutes were approved on a motion by Frank Petroski and seconded by Tyler Craddock, respectively.

Report Topic Discussion:

The chair reviewed and edited the vision based on previously formatted reports. He included references to the current pandemic, ability to pivot for government and schools, challenges by limitations of technology, shared services, partnerships, and emerging technology committee components, etc. The chair mentioned this report potentially being a little different than past reports, perhaps a living document.

The committee discussed whether the focus of the report should shift a little heavier on the school system. Members communicated that we should have the report focus on a broader view, maximizing the need for technology throughout county departments and schools using a shared services concept. If county and schools collaborated more on services, it will be a greater benefit to all parties. Because the county and schools are separate, there may be opportunities missed or needs that could be shared that will result in a cost savings (i.e. automation in buildings, HVAC systems, public safety, etc.).

The purpose will need to be re-written based on the new process. Based on the pandemic and the report topic area, disrupting technologies, there is some sense of urgency to move the report forward, and displaying the ability to pivot due to the new normal.

There was additional discussion regarding the living document to include various chapters/focus areas. This living document could be web based with chapters referencing each other. This new concept could provide the opportunity of the report being utilized as a resource more throughout the county agencies. A member shared the importance for the Committee not to lose focus on the report forecasting, long-term recommendations for twenty to thirty years.

This potential new tweak to the process will have to be presented to Dr. Casey and Board members for support. It was noted for the Committee members to review the feedback received from the departments regarding this topic to help solidify the potentially new concept.

Homework Assignments:

- Review feedback from departments earlier in the year (look at concepts vs objectives).
- Review vision for the next meeting.
- Carolyn will review her book report at the next meeting.

Resource Review:

It was noted that the book report topics were broad and may take some time to present at the meeting. Only one report presentation for each meeting. Carolyn Champion is scheduled to present at the July 27 meeting.

Committee Business:

The chair reminded committee members to provide staff with vacation schedules for August and September. It was noted that the August meetings will be held virtual.

County Information:

Staff shared that the county is still working on re-opening plans although the customer service departments are open for business. It was noted that the Board members were reminded of the current vacancies.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. on a motion by Frank Petroski and seconded by Janet Stephens.