Meeting Minutes of 15-Aug-2012

Minutes, K12-JTF Call, 15-Aug-2012

Attending

Steve Olshansky, Internet2 (Chair)
Chad Grant, NASCIO
Jim Siegl, Fairfax County Public Schools
Lee Cummings, Rockingham County Schools, NC
Keith Krueger, CoSN
Denise Shorey, CoSN
Mark Scheible, MCNC
James Werle, Internet2
Dean Woodbeck, Internet2
Emily Eisbruch, Internet2 (scribe)

Carry Over Action Items

[AI] (Keith), in connection with SteveO, will reach out to his contacts at the state and national level to join future calls.

[AI] (Lee) will create a case study from a district perspective.

[AI] (Jim) will create a case study for Fairfax/ This might focus on the Shib aspect,
with thought towards federation down the road

[AI] (SteveO and Denise) will develop a paragraph for Keith to pass along to solicit use cases
from the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA)

[AI] (Jim) send to the list a link to the story on Fairfax and a potential virtual high school

[AI] (Jim) share textbook contact wording around single sign in

[AI] (Jim) get a volunteer with an instructional hat to read the primer and provide feedback.http://www.cosn.org/Portals/7/docs/Publications/CoSNK-12ID5-15.pdf

DISCUSSION

Comments by Chad Grant, of NASCIO

Background on NASCIOhttp://www.nascio.org/aboutNASCIO/index.cfm

- Founded 1969
- represents state chief information officers and information technology executives and managers from state governments
- Headquarters in Lexington, KY
- key issues include
    - budget challenges,
    - IT security and risk management
          - external threats, breaches
          - concern over sensitive Medicaid data (Utah breach in 2012)
    - need to modernize legacy systems
    - staffing issues
       - high turnover of CIOs due to elections or other opportunities
       - want to be on leading edge
        - but some positions hard to fill (such as related to mobile)
   - need to be ready for emerging landscape, such as health care changes

NASCIO and Federated IdM

- IdM is a key part of many of the issues facing state CIOs
- Hope to find savings by reducing redundant credentialling
- want to issue credentials once and use them many times
- interoperability is a key issue
- auditing is important factor

- NASCIO has a "State Digital Identity" working grouphttp://www.nascio.org/committees/digitalID/

- this WG has been in place for 2.5 years.

- State Identity and Credential Access Management (SICAM) Guidance and Roadmap outline is being developed
- SICAM is the state version of FICAM
- could be final in late Aug or early Sept. 2012

- Concerning federated IdM, there are often more questions than answers, but the discussion is happening

- looking ahead, the hope is to increase collaboration
- want to continue to reach out to groups like K12
- the DC One Card Program is of interest (they can quantify the ROI)

- need to increase communication between the state CIOs and State Depts of Ed
- state CIOs are following activities of NSTIC

Ways We Can Collaborate

- NASCIO has webinars that may be of interest
- invitation to join the State Digital Identity working group calls
- There is a call on Aug. 30th: http://www.nascio.org/committees/digitalID/
- Cross pollination between the groups is encouraged

Q: Is there a feeling of how many states have a public credential for citizens?

A: Hard to tell, things are Silo'ed in various state agencies and depts for the most part
- no single credential used across multiple state agencies
- enhanced drivers licenses are used in Michigan, NY, Washington State
- Virginia is trying to leverage work of DMV in Health and Human Services agencies

- With using 3rd party credentials, there are concerns about liability and privacy
- political agendas (concern about "big brother") can be challenging as well as technology

Q: Mark: How many states are looking at federated credentials?
A: low number, it's more feasible in small states,
- hope to do a survey about federated credentials
- but so far NASCIO has been in educational mode around federated credentials

Q: Denise: Are there steps to get ready for federated identity?
A: - Can be helpful for the State CIOs to look at what's happening on local levels,
   - state & local collaboration is important
   - (just as collaboration between K12 and Higher Ed is important)
   - NASCIO welcomes examples from the local level to highlight and use as benchmarks
   - leverage the SICAM document

Q: Jim: possible leverage points between school districts and states could be:
 - consolidating IdM around state mandated end of year (or end of course) tests
 - shared resources / standards (could relate to state procurement officers and RFP processes)
 - links to common core to share between states

A: Yes, state to state info sharing has been discussed.
   - NASCIO has worked on this, in relation to judicial info sharing / tracking
   - also NASCIO is working on procurement issues
   - these issues should be increasingly discussed relating to the state to local level

Denise may follow up with NASCIO on cybersecurity work

Next Call: Wed. Sept. 19 at 3pm ET (third Wed.)