Program Highlights

March was another busy month for the entire MD Connect program. This newsletter section highlights just a few of the many program accomplishments. After three months of focused work by the Finance and HCM teams to re-examine and refine the solution, our Workday design is near complete. This leads to a rewarding and exciting milestone. Design sign-off is a key milestone that offers confidence and facilitates further progress and efficiencies across all program teams. It is critical in assuring readiness for ongoing and upcoming activities, such as technical development, End-to-End Testing, communications, and development of training materials. The technical team, working side by side with the functional team, made substantial progress in designing, developing, and testing integrations. These integrations are critical for the successful exchange of consortium data with other internal and external systems. The dedicated Integration Test Cycle, currently in progress, gives us an early confidence boost, better preparing us for a successful End-to-End Test Cycle starting in June. We have collaborated with the Coppin State University team, commencing the institution's technical integration and data conversion work. Across the other four institutions, technical teams continue to focus on refining their institution's data conversions. These efforts help ensure that the data that will be migrated to and available in Workday at go-live will be accurate and complete. This will all lead to each institution starting to successfully operate in the new Workday system in July 2024.

BSU Hosts our Onsite Visit

At Bowie State University, we were excited to hold an impactful, in-person Maryland Connect Onsite, focused on the Workday functional design. The functional team collaborated in person, where our System Integrator (SI) Solution and Functional Area Leads demonstrated the fully designed Workday solution. Functional Area Leads and Subject Matter Experts from all five Consortium universities had the opportunity to see their hard work come to fruition, attending sessions demonstrating how our new Workday system will function. We also enjoyed a short but very sweet ice cream sundae social event as a team.

Meet the Team: USM Solution Area Leads

Mike, Wayne, Wendy, and Sally are the Maryland Connect program USM Solution Area Leads (SALs). They work and collaborate with the functional and technical workstreams across the program to ensure that our Workday Finance and Human Capital Management (HCM) solution meets the business and operational needs of our consortium institutions. To help ensure a successful implementation for the consortium, they support and collaborate with all workstreams, including program management, functional, technical (i.e., integrations, data conversion, reports, security), change management, communications, and training.

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