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TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CLOUD PAYROLL IMPLEMENTATION

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Payroll Perils
- Tips for a Successful Implementation
- Customer Case Study
- Q & A



Finance can certainly have problems

Payroll Perils

“My Vendors are getting paid late, or not at all!”

“What happened to the reports I used to get?”

“Our grant funding is late because we can’t report!”

All this is important, but payroll can be another issue



Payroll Perils

- Payroll is high visibility – externally!
- Employees will talk!
- Can create personal hardship for employees
- Issues can be difficult to resolve
- It can easily hit the news

Payroll Perils:

Public Sector Payrolls are Complex!

- Payroll is at the end of a complex process
 - Time Capture
 - Benefits and Deduction Calculations
 - Multiple rule sets
- Integration with other applications is complex
 - Requires detailed testing and reconciliation
- Public agencies provide a wide and diverse range of services to the public. More rules, complexity



Payroll Perils:

Public Sector Payrolls are Complex!

- Bargaining unit rules are complex
- Legislation/regulations that impact payroll are not easily changed
- FLSA rules work differently in public sector

“Unfortunately, total FLSA compliance is far more complicated in the public sector and, even in the private sector, often requires a degree of flexibility that is not present in commercial off-the-shelf programs.” But They Said Their Payroll Program Complied With the FLSA?

– LCW Brian Walter - Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

**How do you mitigate risk and have a
successful payroll project?**



Tips for a Successful Payroll Project:

It starts with (actually before) the RFP

Know what you believe are your unique requirements

- Special pay calculations
- Bargaining unit contracts
- Compensatory time in lieu of overtime
- Legislative requirements
- Basis for pay calculations – 2080 vs 2088 vs 2096

**Know what can be changed!
Critical for Cloud projects.**

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Integration is Complex – Map it out!

- Time & Labor. Multiple Sources
- Benefit / Pension Providers
- Labor Distribution / Labor Costing
- General / Projects / Special Ledger Integration
- Salary / Step / Rate Tables – Civil Service
- Absence Management / Leave Tracking

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Tips for a Successful Payroll Project: Pre Implementation

- Design cases to use during the evaluation
- Have the vendor demonstrate compliance
- Understand how the system is configured
- Know what configuration options exist – EX. Rules Engines?



Tips for a Successful Payroll Project: Project Planning

- Include all integration mapping
- Key off clear requirements from evaluation
- Create business process blueprint
- Identify key project resources
(knowledge of rules, contracts, legislation)
- Understand Cloud limitations/advantages
- Take advantage of advanced Cloud capabilities



Tips for a Successful Payroll Project: Project Management and Execution

- All Project Management best practices!
- Align with annual cycle
- Plan inclusion of cloud quarterly updates schedules
- Change management is a must have. Can't customize, must change
- Testing, especially module integration is essential
- Consider automated testing tools

CMHA Project

Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties (CMHA- CEI) is a public agency serving people in Mid-Michigan. The agency has over 1000 employees providing services and supports to over 13,000 consumers, with an annual operating budget of \$136M.

CMHA-CEI treats adults and children with emotional and behavioral challenges, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance use issues.



On Site 24 Hour - Crisis Services

Children's Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services

Urgent Care

Residential Services

Autism Services

Skill Building Assistance

Case Management and Assertive
Community Treatment

CMHA has implemented Oracle Cloud HCM/Payroll and is in the process of implementing ERP and Budgeting.



Lessons Learned from CMHA Project

- Have all requirements and criteria at start of configuration
- Develop staff support capabilities from the start
- Phase implementation based on organizational factors

About Metaformers

- Transform and modernize to achieve the executive's vision and true ROI from people/process changes, using software as a tool
- Bridge the gap between management consulting and software implementation
- Change Management
 - Dedicated Practice, Resources and Methodology
- Industry Sector Experts
 - Deep understanding of government, healthcare and education business processes, regulations and necessary functionality



Q & A

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