

MINUTES

CRYSTAL REPORT USER GROUP

Meeting date: September 5, 2008

Location: ETR Marlborough

Attendees: Alison Boisvert, April Carvalho, Alice Daby, Cholthanee Koerojna, Eddie Zhang, Gail Rossiter, Jeff Aho, Joan Boucher, John Greene, John McCarthy, Joe Verla, Kathy Hoffman, Leslie Abramowitz, Linda Bass, Matt Burke, Mike Doak, Norca Disla-Shannon, Tom Thatcher, Trisha Steiblin

Recorder: Norca Disla-Shannon

General Announcements

Les is working on the WIA annual report that is due on October 1st. He's been providing some technical assistance to the field.

There was some discussion about Retention for Older Youth and Linda Bass let the group know that there is a WIA follow-up retention report on the website called Follow-up retention History.

Website/Product Updates

- Ablaze Group – <http://www.ablazegroup.com/default.asp> -Mike Doak spoke about this website, you can request to receive their monthly newsletter. (The website requests a lot of info from you ie: How many programmers use Crystal, what do you use it for?). There are also tips on the website
- Ken Hamady- kenhamady.com – This is a website that provides an experts guide to SQL expressions and SQL options-Linda Bass contributed to this guide.

MOSES Updates

- The next MOSES build is tentatively scheduled for December
- SMARTT Applicants Table – there was discussion about how the SMARTT ID link is created; the issue DOE SMARTT info comes over as codes and it needs more work in order to make it more user friendly. There are incorrect codes for languages, because DOE's codes are different from ours. Not all areas use the SMARTT applicant information. There were questions about confidentiality and useability. Currently, it is unknown whether or not the link is working; do not rely on data from this table.

Tech Talk

New Monthly Calendar Report – Linda informed the group that there are new features to this report, Version G

- Previously you had to use an Excel file which was a lot of work. It's now "dynamic" it doesn't require any other program and runs like other Crystal reports.

- Local Offices file (there are only 36 records used to create the grids)
- Can be run for 1 month at a time
- Used Sequel Expressions to link to sub-reports (there are 7 for ea. Day)
- Section that allows you to exclude events (ie: CCS)
- See Linda's notes on website

Return After Events Report – Up on the website, there's a newer version based on command version

- Uses the Adhoc Applicants Cycle Table
- 3 Tables: CS_Adhoc_App_Cycle/CS_Applicant_Main/CS_Local_Offices
- Uses OSCCAR approved services only
- See Linda's notes on website

BYORFS – Sample was a request for an *Out of School Youth Report* by Kathy Hoffman, to enable a look at the test scores, etc. for Literacy/Numeracy.

- Discussed tables to use in report
- Discussed EFL Report Formula
- Mike Doak created a program that will create the formula that will figure out the EFL descriptions. It is on the CRUG website.
Alternatively, ask Les for the formula if you do not want to bother learning anything new from Mike's program.

Crystal reports peer critique-please consider submitting a report for next meeting; Tom Thatcher from CareerPoint was the first to do so.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2008