

# AGO Collections Account Resolution and Enforcement System (CARES) Program



## CARES Implementation Phase

### Stakeholder Kickoff

*July 21, 2021 ~ 1 - 2:30 PM*

Thank you for joining us!  
The presentation will begin soon.



**DAVE YOST**  
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

**C&R Software**  
Collections & Recovery Simplified

**Deloitte.**

# Kickoff Objectives & Logistics



- Objectives
  - Introduce the CARES Program, its objectives and implementation & communications strategies
  - Introduce the Program Team
  - Provide awareness of stakeholder engagement needs
- Logistics for Stakeholder Kickoff
  - Kickoff will be recorded
  - Attendees should send questions to [AGOCARES@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:AGOCARES@OhioAGO.gov)
    - Q&A Panel is available if needed
  - Recorded session, PowerPoint & Q&A will be provided on the CARES Program Website
- Client Breakout
  - We will take a 5 minute break before beginning the Client Breakout Session
    - Attendees should remain in the Webex
  - AGO Collections Enforcement Staff along with Special Counsel and Third Party Vendors will have separate breakouts at a later date

# Kickoff Agenda

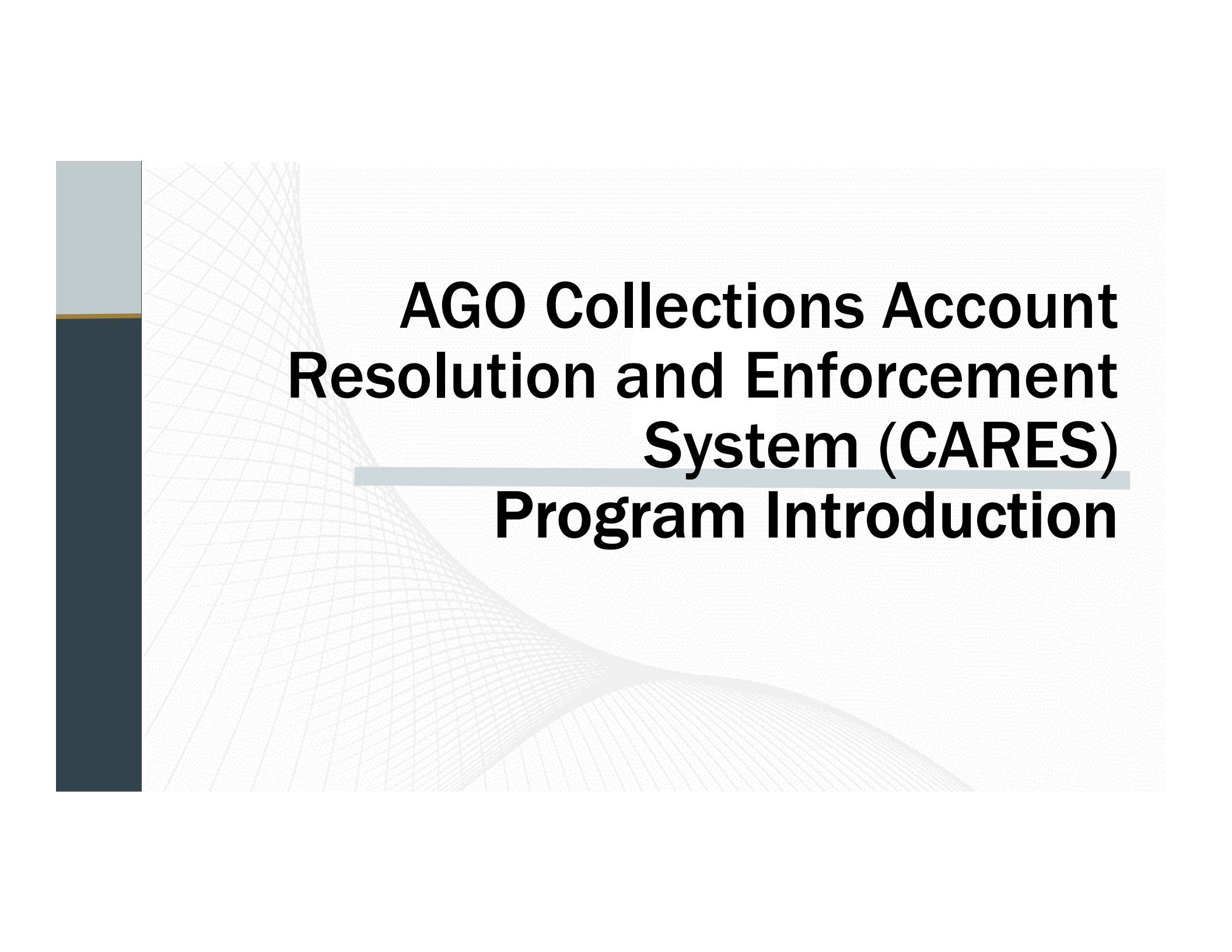


Topics
Welcome
CARES Program Introduction
CARES Program Status
Implementation Approach & Strategy
Communications Strategy
Partnering For Success

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**Section Chief,  
Lucas Ward**





**AGO Collections Account  
Resolution and Enforcement  
System (CARES)  
Program Introduction**



## Collections Enforcement Vision

*“The Ohio Attorney General’s Office leads the nation in providing professional, innovative, data driven, and efficient debt resolution service that maximizes recovery, service to indebted parties, and client engagement to protect all Ohioans.”*

Collections Account Resolution  
& Enforcement System



# Improvements & Lessons Learned

The following improvements were incorporated into the design, setting the CARES Program up for success:

- Transition from using a Systems Integrator to engaging C&R Professional Services with direct line to Debt Manager Product Team
- Building a “self-supporting” model for AGO to own and maintain the new system
- Created OCM Strategy and engaged Deloitte to drive transparency, communications, employee and client engagement, change impacts, etc.
- Created Business and IT Transformation Strategies with experienced leaders
- Setup an AGO CARES Program Office with an experienced Collections Sponsor and dedicated trainer role
- Contracted an experienced CUBS data expert to report to AGO

We’ve learned various lessons thus far in the program, most notably recognizing the:



Value in utilizing a phased approach, rather than a big bang approach, to minimize risk & prove the solution early.



Importance of relying on a proven, robust, industry-leading system by adopting its best practices rather than changing to fit us.



Need to address the ecosystem supporting and interacting with the new system, rather than focusing on the system itself.



# What is driving CARES?



## Need for a New System

The AGO's Collections Enforcement Section **collects debts on behalf of 400+ unique clients**, including state agencies, universities and local governments. Collectively, they are **owed more than \$63 billion**

Reliance on **20+ years old collections system, Columbia Ultimate Business Systems (CUBS)** makes timely and efficient collections difficult, and its **inefficiencies even prevent common-sense solutions.**



## CUBS & DM System Feature Comparison

C&R's Debt Manager has **updated features and configuration possibilities** that will benefit the AGO's Collections Enforcement Section as well as clients and external partners.

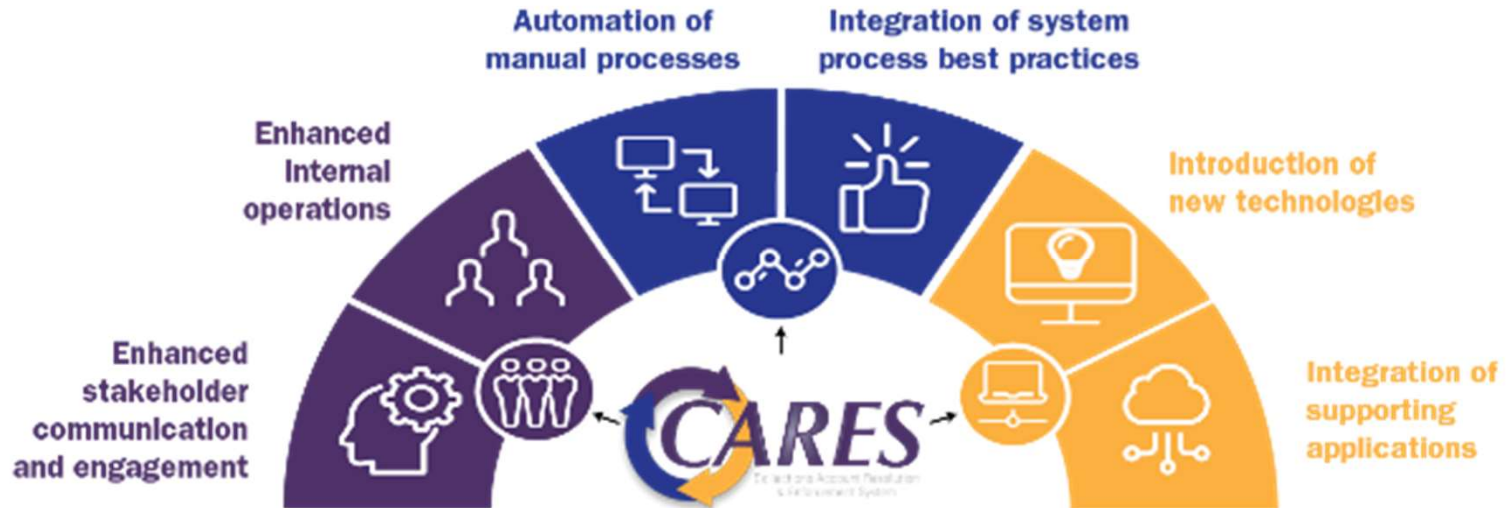
System Feature	DM	CUBS
Ability to prioritize & distribute collections work effectively	✓	✓
Support for many debt types	✓	✓
Up-to-date data available	✓	
Automatic assignment of debt collection tasks	✓	
Access to analytics to monitor management & efficiency	✓	
Customized payment plans	✓	
Robust communication & interfacing with external partners	✓	
Optimization of debt collection timing for maximum returns	✓	
80+ preconfigured report types and customizable reports	✓	



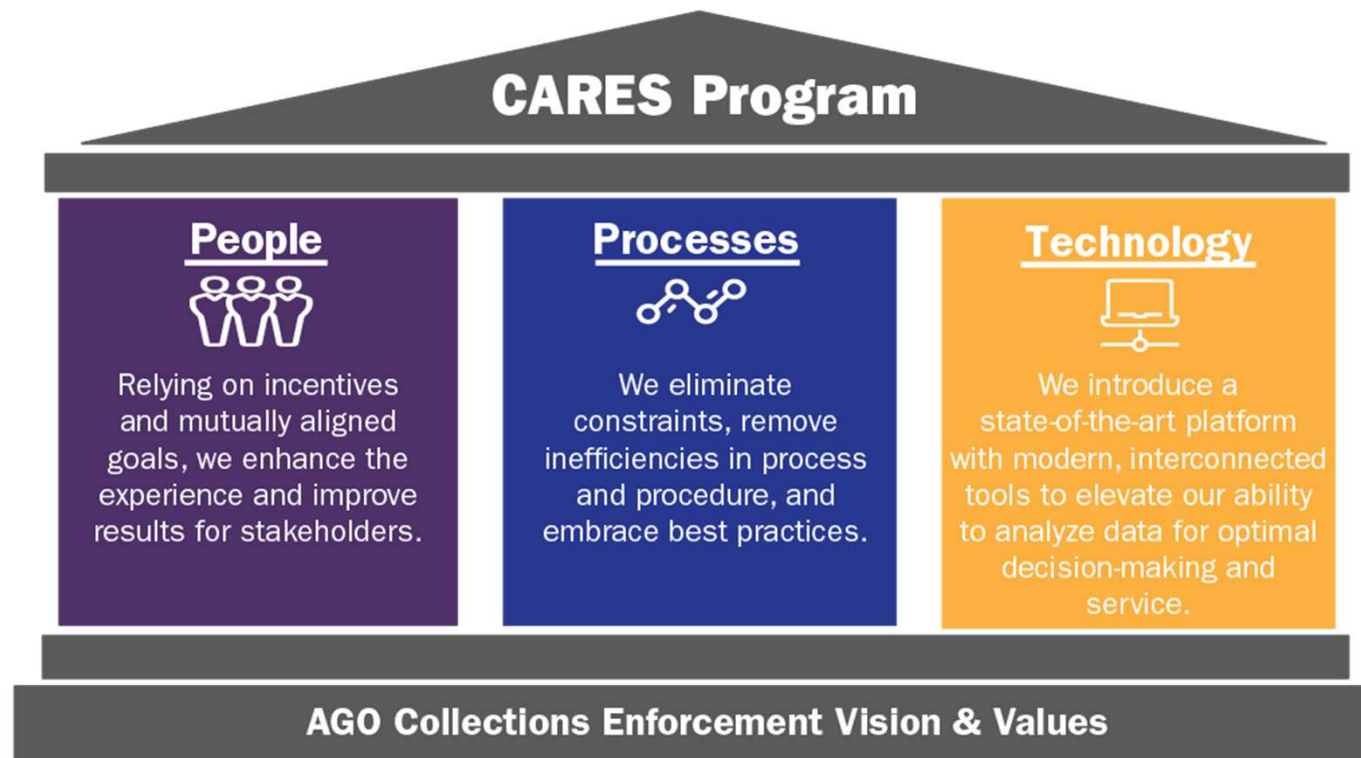
# What is CARES?

The CARES Program is a **wholesale modernization of the AGO's collections business**, marked by the implementation of a new, state-of-the-art collections system.

This modernization of people, processes and technology is achieved through many transformative changes that will benefit all stakeholders, from those who are owed money to those who collect the debt as well as debtors themselves.



# CARES Priorities





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# **Meet the Team, David Montgomery**

**EXECUTIVE  
STEERING  
COMMITTEE**

**Ben Marrison**  
Interim Executive Sponsor

**Lucas Ward**  
Business Sponsor

**Bill Cahill**  
Assistant Business  
Sponsor

**Joe Rust**  
OCM Sponsor

**Mark Edwards**  
IT Sponsor

**Cynthia Dungey**  
Legal Sponsor

**Chris Stevens**  
TPV/SC Sponsor

**Shawn Busken**  
Outside Counsel  
Sponsor

**Herschel Elkins**  
Client Sponsor

**Ted London**  
C&R Project Executive  
(non-voting)

**David Doyle**  
Deloitte OCM  
Executive (non-voting)



**DAVE YOST**  
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

# Program Organizational Chart

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**David Montgomery** | Program Management Lead

**Rudy Rodriguez**  
AGO Project Manager

**Rob Cinotti**  
C&R Project Manager

**Cassie Leggiero**  
Deloitte Project Manager

**Robert Holczman**  
C&R Program Manager

**Herschel Elkins** | Business Transformation Lead

**Cassie Leggiero**  
Deloitte OCM Lead

**Lucas Ward/Bill Cahill**  
Business Policy

**Marissa Smith**  
Project Manager

**Lori Gutshall**  
C&R Lead Functional Consultant

**Anne Andrews**  
C&R Project Lead

**Roy Robinson**  
Business Analyst

**Steven Heaney** | IT Transformation Lead

**Joe Cossin**  
Chief Information Security Officer

**Greg Francis**  
Director of Application Development

**Rodney Fleischer**  
Director of Infrastructure Support

**Anne Andrews**  
C&R Project Lead

**Chris Hausman**  
C&R Lead Technical Consultant

### STAKEHOLDERS

#### Client Representatives

**Taxation:** Brenda McDonald, Steve Gray  
**Medicaid:** Steve Voigt, Patrick Tighe

**BWC:** Dan Sendelback, Derek West

**ODJFS:** Julie Smith, Ted Maynard

**Universities (UT):** Stephanie Blausey

**Medical (OSU):** Chris Hardgrove

#### Special Counsel

**Representatives:** Charles Geidner, Richard Geiger, Charles Mifsud, Sue Pohler

#### 3rd Party Vendor

**Representatives:** Jeff Homer, Jim Mitch

**LGC/County Clerk's**

**Association:** Maureen Kelly

### INDEBTED PARTY REPRESENTATIVES

**Debtor Advocate:** Christine Dunkle

**Problem Resolution Officer:** Barb Blazer

### CHANGE AGENTS

Alan McDonie, Amber Hickman, Angela DeVanna, Cathy Jones, Dawn Taylor, Jen Clark, John Brunell, John Gifford, Karen Lawson, LaShanna Harris, Adolphia Matthews, Rachel Coleman, Rebecca Hartman, Shawn Headley, Gillian Wells





# Executive Steering Committee

The CARES Program Team is governed by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC). The Program Team provides monthly progress updates, deliverable and financial status, and seeks approval on key strategic recommendations that potentially change business processes and legislative impacts from the ESC.



**Benjamin Marrison**  
Interim Executive Sponsor



**Lucas Ward**  
Business Sponsor



**William Cahill**  
Asst. Business Sponsor



**Joseph Rust**  
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# AGO Business Transformation Team



**Herschel Elkins**  
Business Trans. Lead



**Lucas Ward**  
Business Sponsor



**William Cahill**  
Asst. Business Sponsor



**Roy Robinson**  
Business Analyst



**Marissa Smith**  
Project Manager

## AGO Business SMEs



**Steve Sherrod**  
Deputy Director of Third Party Vendors



**Trish Lazich**  
Director of Bankruptcy & Legal Support



**Andrew Littlefield**  
Deputy Director of Resolution



**James Seeto**  
Director of Non-Legal Operations



**Sharnee' Jennings**  
Deputy Director of Taxation



**Jennifer Zap**  
Associate AAG/Collections Mgr.



**Susan Kawalec**  
Senior AAG



**Daniel Tharp**  
Deputy Director of Non -Tax



**David Boals**  
Deputy Director of Accounting

# Business Transformation

## Business Transformation Strategy

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- Centered on best practices and lessons learned
- Continuous collaboration and communication is our key focus
- Provide transparency by openly communicating and engaging with all stakeholder groups, and aligning on what is needed and how we plan to get there
- Focusing on a holistic view of the Collections Enforcement ecosystem



## Business Transformation Activities

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- Engage Stakeholders and Change Agents to gain needed input, review results and provide validation of OCM activities and materials
- Provide expertise & coordination on the people side of change focusing on role changes, knowledge transfer and training to support the implementation
- Develop, drive and modify communications strategy to inform and gain feedback focusing on the benefits of change



# IT Transformation Team



**Steven Heaney**  
IT Transformation Lead



**Rodney Fleischer**  
Director of Infrastructure  
support



**Joe Cossin**  
Chief Information  
Security Officer



**Greg Francis**  
Director for Applications  
Development

# IT Transformation

## IT Transformation Strategy

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- A key objective and lesson learned from the past is for the AGO to be “self-sufficient” in owning, supporting and maintaining our core Collection System.
- An ITS Transformation Strategy was developed to ensure this occurs.
- An ITS Transformation Team is being built during these upcoming Implementation Phases to enact the strategy.



## IT Transformation Team Objectives

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Lead our objective to be “self-sufficient” in supporting the new Debt Manager system unlike today with CUBS

Provide IT support and services to the CE Operations Support Team for technical support, product upgrades, database support and other services once the C&R Software team is done

Develop a long-term Quality Assurance (QA) Test Team in support of the Debt Manager system

Acquire and implement a holistic QA Test Management and Requirements tool for tracking and managing defects and changes to the system

Work with C&R to confirm knowledge transfer and technical training is provided to the Collections Operation Support Team and ITS Support Teams



# Deloitte's Organizational Change Management (OCM) Team

An experienced Deloitte team is assisting the AGO with the OCM activities that drive the CARES Program, including stakeholder engagement, business readiness, organizational design, and training. Below is the OCM team, most of which who have been with the Program since Discovery.



**David Doyle**  
Project Executive



**Jason Carbaugh**  
Project Manager



**Cassie Leggiero**  
Project Lead



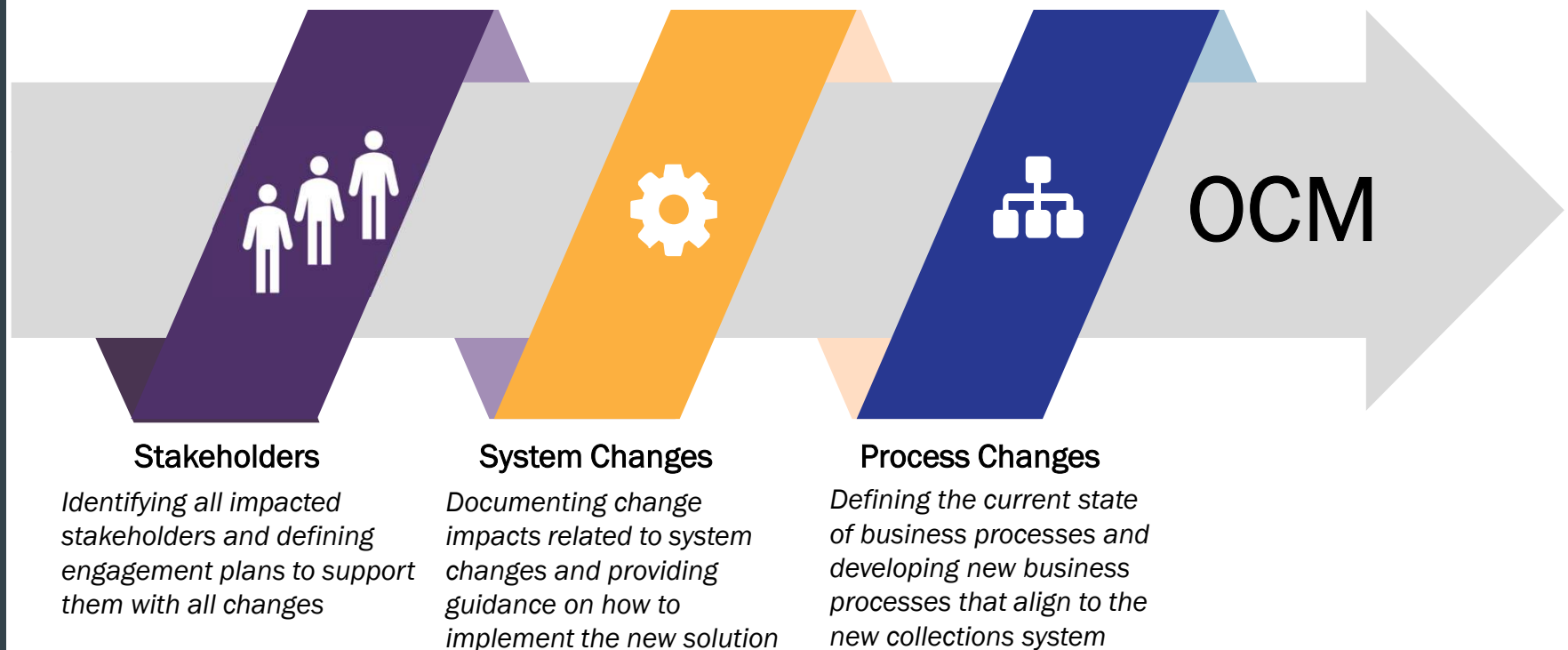
**Matthew Sochacki**  
Operational Readiness Lead



**Jessica Waters**  
OCM Lead

# Organizational Change Management

OCM aims to unify the complex moving pieces of the project by:







# C&R Team Members

The AGO has engaged the Jonas C&R Software (C&R) to assist in the configuration and deployment of its collections and recovery ecosystem, **Debt Manager**, to replace CUBS. Below is the core C&R team – most have been on the project since Discovery.



**Ted London**  
Project Executive



**Robert Holzman**  
Program Manager



**Anne Andrews**  
Project Lead



**Rob Cinotti**  
Project Manager



**Lori Gutshall**  
Lead Functional Consultant



**Chris Hausman**  
Lead Functional Consultant



**Michael Cohen**  
Business Analyst Consultant



**Eric Markle**  
Functional Consultant



**Travis Godfrey**  
Functional Consultant



**David Taylor**  
Technical Consultant



**Nhu Dumas**  
Functional Consultant



**Satyendra Netala**  
Quality Assurance



# C&R Approach & Strategy



**Phased Approach**

Reduces Risk and Expense, and ensures success



**Best Practices**

Using best practices, refined over 120+ implementations



**Out of the Box**

Leverage core functionality to meet AGO business needs, limiting customizations




**Standardization**

Standardize data exchanges where possible to reduce customizations



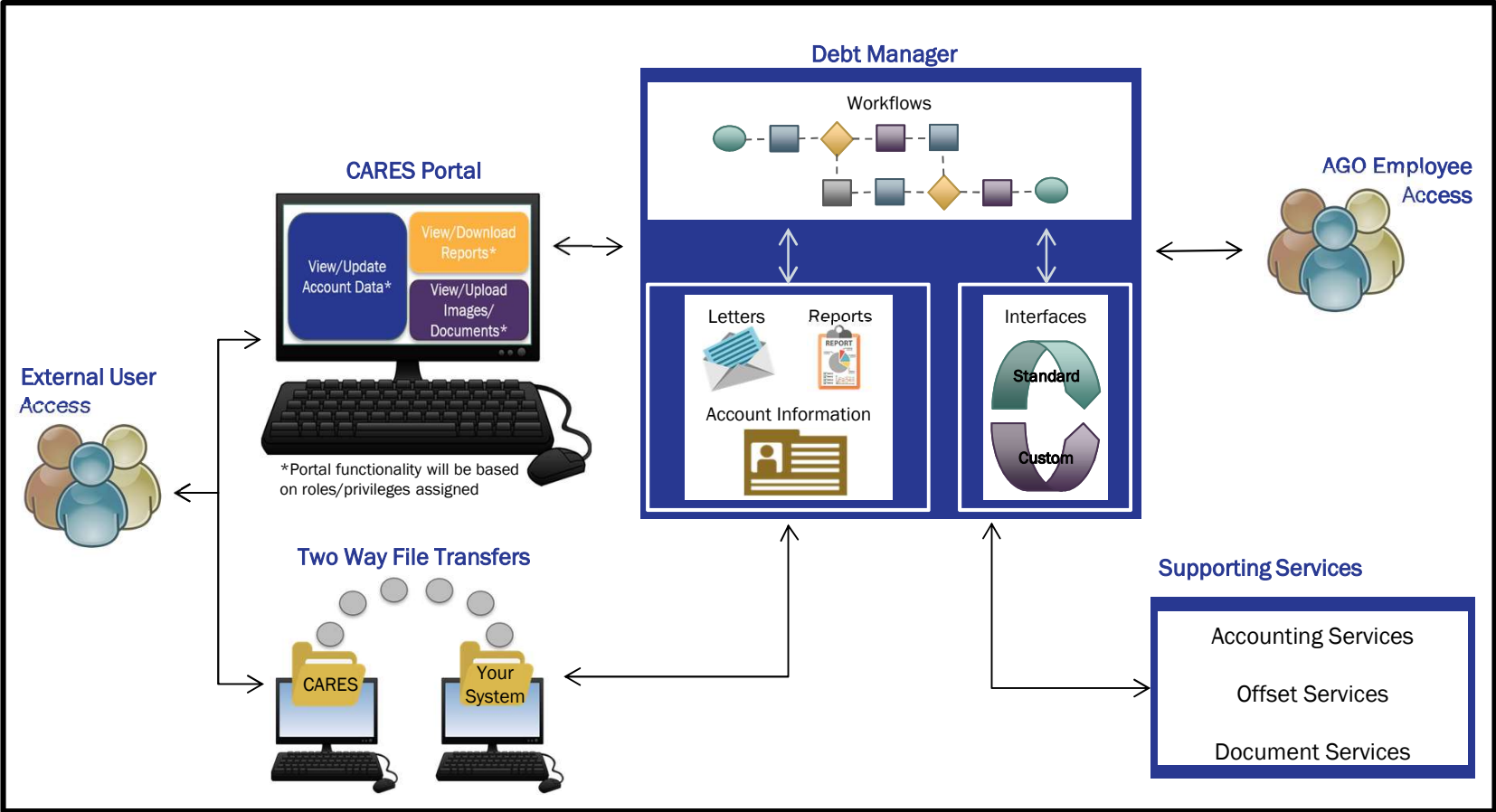
**"A" Team**

C & R's best and most experienced implementation team

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# **CARES Program Status, David Montgomery**

# Solution Overview

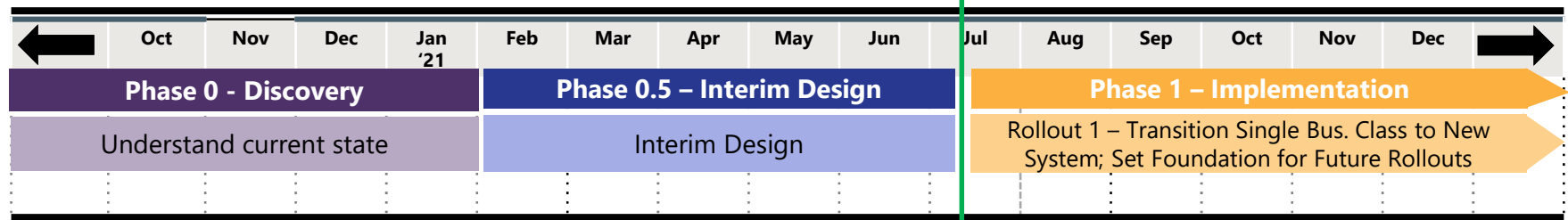




# Program Phases & Purpose

The CARES Program consists of three foundational phases: Discovery (0), Interim Design (0.5), and Implementation (1) – each with a distinct purpose and anticipated outcomes.

We are here



**Through a review of the current state**, “pain points” are discovered. Focus on defining Business Requirements and high-level system design.

**Also:** Identify stakeholders and develop an engagement plan.

**Kick off low-level design** of functionality that applies to all business classes. Hold workshops to design external partner workflows and inbound/outbound interfaces.

**Also:** Initiate the organizational hierarchy configuration for Debt Manager.

**Transition successfully to new system** and processes after verifying that the business, functional and technical requirements are met.

**Also:** Conduct subsequent rollouts by business class with detailed, low-level design taking place as needed.



# Phase 0 – Discovery

The 10-month Discovery Phase completed in late February 2021

Among other things during the assessment, the Program Team completed the following activities:

- ✓ Established stakeholder groups and identified key stakeholders within each group
- ✓ Began accessing and documenting stakeholder system requirements
- ✓ Documented and validated current state workflows and high-level to-be workflows

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## Results:

The Discovery Phase yielded a wealth of intelligence and insight. Among other noteworthy findings, the CARES Program Team identified:

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Process improvements to be made

76

Business process workflows to be upgraded

129

Interfaces to be designed

231

Letters to be reproduced in the new system

7

Best practices to be implemented



# Discovery Outcomes

By taking the time to conduct a Discovery Phase, we have been able to better quantify what needs to be done for a successful implementation.

	Original Proposal (Aug. 2019)	Post Discovery Proposal
Workflows	35	88
<b>Integrations</b>	12	72
Reports	0	32
Letters	150	231
Portals	0	4
Releases	3	6-9



# Phase 0.5 – Interim Design

The 5-month Interim Design Phase completed in late July 2021






The Interim Design Phase encompasses the initial functionality design and how it will apply to all client groups and other stakeholders. Work completed in this phase includes:

- ✓ Held design workshops to determine which technical configurations would work best in the Debt Manager (DM) system
- ✓ Design the workflows for Special Counsel and Third Party Vendors (External Partners)
- ✓ Conduct data mapping and create interfaces for all of the stakeholders who interact with DM

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## Results:

The following work was accomplished as part of the Interim Design Phase:

-  Defined & designed the **organizational hierarchy** configuration for DM
-  Defined & tailored a custom “**make whole**” **processing solution**
-  Created 5 **functional design specifications** (FDS) for External Partner interfaces
-  Documented **field-level mapping requirements** to migrate data from CUBS to DM
-  Documented **DM workflow configurations** for External Partners



**Implementation  
Approach & Strategy**



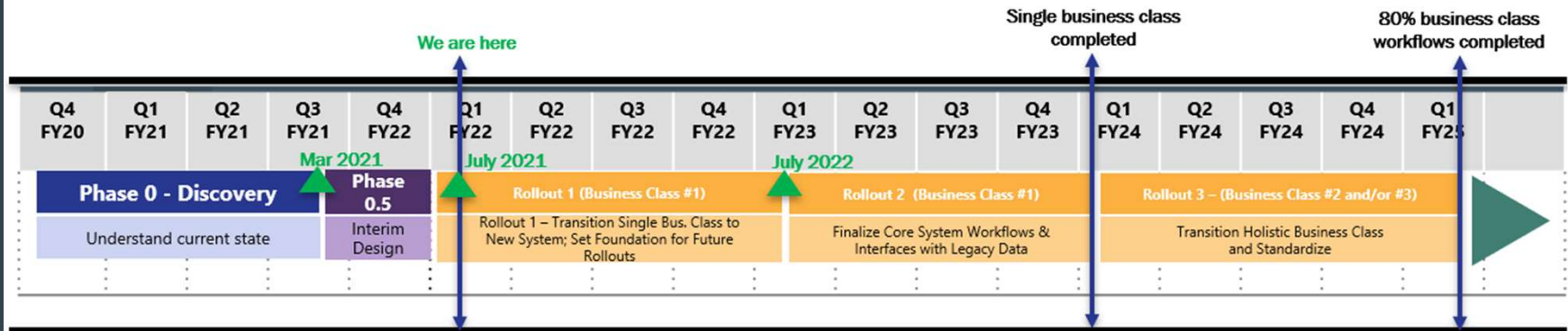


# High Level Program Timeline

A phased implementation strategy minimizes risk by incrementally building out core system functionality in a logical, sequential manner

## Initial Rollout

- Lay the Foundation – Core functionality that will benefit all aspects of the business, including common Workflows, Integrations, Letters, and Reports
- Add the Business but Keep it Simple – Leverage the foundation + a small but meaningful layer of business class-specific functionality
  - Day forward – Focus on new certifications before adding conversion of old data
  - Internal Process Only – Focus on internal workflows before adding external partner workflows



# Business Class Sequencing

A key consideration in the overall Implementation strategy is the sequencing of business classes, which determines the order in which Debt Manager is rolled-out for each stakeholder group

The initial rollout introduces:



A limited number of  
state agencies



of a certain size (i.e.,  
State Client Services)



with a pattern of recent  
certifications

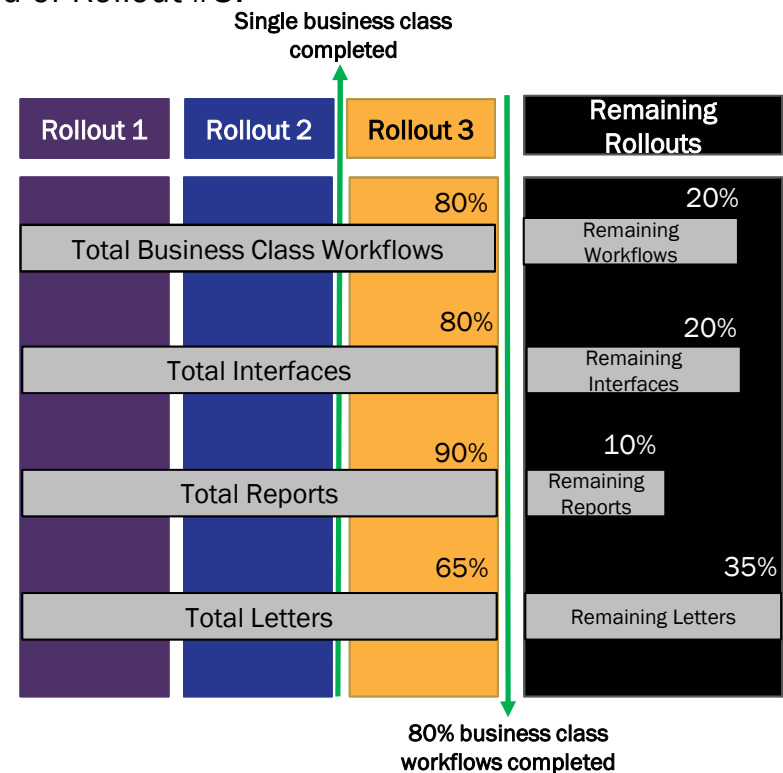
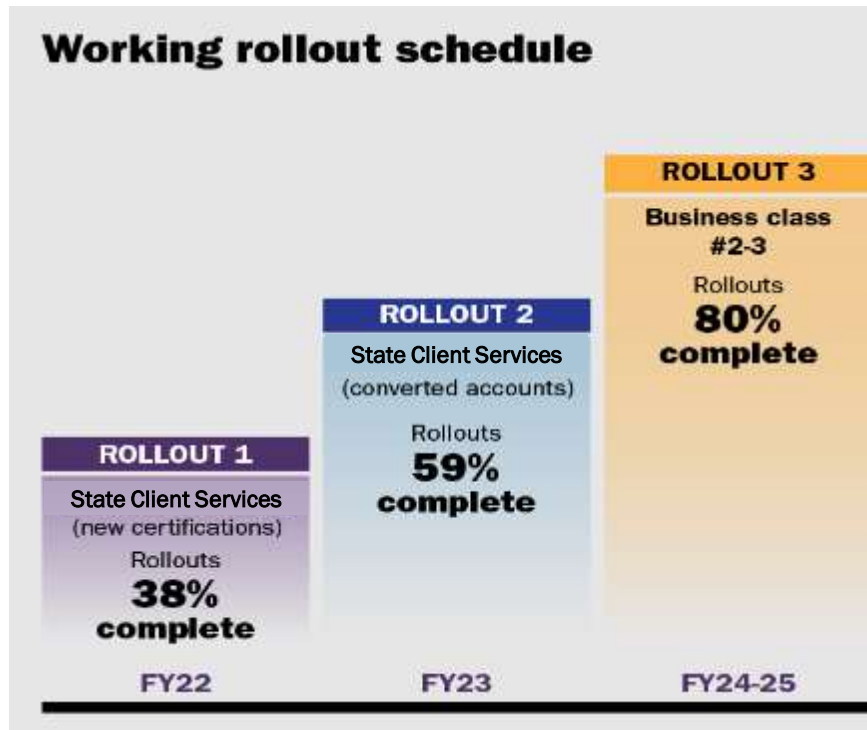
All business classes were evaluated for sequencing and suitability for the initial rollout based on the following types of factors:

- Business risk and complexity
- Statutory obligation alignment
- Organizational change management impact
- Development and configuration
  - Volume
  - Complexity
  - Timeline



# Implementation Approach

Our implementation plan is a buildup of the holistic system as we complete each rollout. The entirety of common workflows, interfaces, letters and reports are considered as we build the solution resulting in 80% of business class workflows being complete at end of Rollout #3.





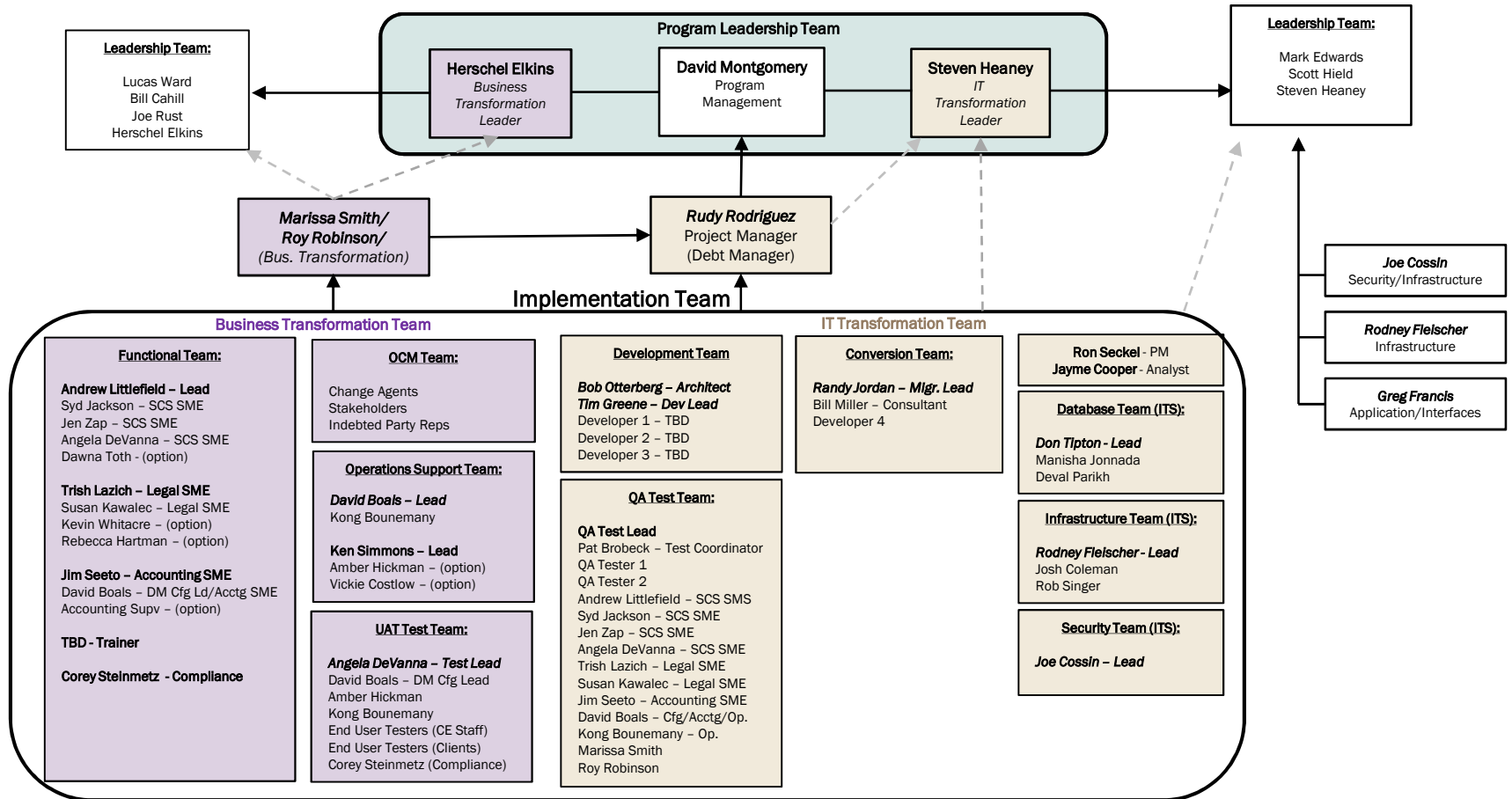
# Implementation Process – C&R’s DMLC

The C&R Software’s Debt Manager Life Cycle (DMLC) is an iteration-based model that enables configuring Debt Manager in incremental steps for establishing the core system early and adding features to this core system once it has been established as a working system.

Rollout #1 (SCS QW)																	
Week	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	57	60	
	1-Jun-21		26-Jul-21	23-Aug-21	20-Sep-21	18-Oct-21	15-Nov-21	13-Dec-21	10-Jan-22	7-Feb-22	7-Mar-22		2-May-22		27-Jun-22	18-Jul-22	
Initiation	Kick-off																
Definition		Iteration Planning															
Preparation/Design		Document Plans															
		Dev Install															
Execution		Team Training	Iteration 1	Iteration 2	Iteration 3	Iteration 4	Iteration 5	Iteration 6	Iteration 7	Iteration 8	C&R SIT for Iteration 8						
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Testing			ADA Testing										Performance Testing				
						Security and Compliance Validation											
														UAT			
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												Train the Trainer	Training Prep	End User Training			
Rollout																Prep	Go-Live

AGO/C&R Responsibilities      AGO Led, C&R Supported      C&R Led, AGO Supported      C&R Owned

# Program Management Team



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# **Communications Strategy, Herschel Elkins**



# Communications Strategy

Stakeholders will be engaged at various frequencies throughout the remainder of the CARES Program based on their involvement in each rollout



## Go-Live Readiness

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Designed to prepare audiences who **are approaching go-live within 12-18 months** for the activities occurring as part of their rollout

These groups will be engaged on a **regular, more frequent basis** than the long-term group through communications and activities that include:

- Readiness Workshops
- Low Level Design Sessions
- Readiness/Pulse Surveys
- Virtual Training Sessions & Materials



## Long Term Communications

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Designed to keep audiences **not approaching go-live within 12-18 months** informed about the program's status and timeline

These groups will be engaged on a **regular, less frequent basis** than the go-live group through written communications and activities that include:

- Written communications
- Pulse Surveys
- Continuation of existing meetings/updates



# CARES Resources

The CARES leadership team is dedicated to transparency; In addition to the development of engagement strategies intended to keep stakeholders informed, the following resources and channels of communication are always available to those impacted by the CARES Program.

## CARES Mailbox

The AGOCARES mailbox will be used by the program team to distribute CARES communications to stakeholders and respond to inquiries regarding the Program.



## CARES Website

This website serves as your resource for the most up-to-date Program information and updates

## Stakeholder Contacts

Stakeholder POCs serve as a direct resource, providing a channel of communication between each audience and the Program team

Have questions, feedback or concerns? Please email the AGO's CARES Program team at [AGOCARES@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:AGOCARES@OhioAGO.gov)



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# **Partnering for Success, Lucas Ward**

**Thank You!**

