Migration of NH Veterinary Diagnostic Lab VADDS Accounting System from COLSA Server VETLAB1 to UNH IT Services Central Virtual Server NHVDL1

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❖ **Brief History of VADDS Accounting System with the NHVDL.**
  - o Original VADDS System launched in 2003.
  - o Windows 2003/MS-SQL2005 system deployed in 2008 after catastrophic crash
  - o Hosted by Research Computing Data Center since 2008.

❖ **Key Factors behind this Migration Project.**
  - o Both the server OS and DB are now off vendor support
  - o Hardware is now off warranty and disks have shown evidence of failures to come.
  - o Repeated disruptions at the RCC Data Center have prompted a desire to move the system to a more stable platform and/or location.

❖ **When Project Schedules Become Irrelevant.**
  - o Original project schedule called for July startup when funds became available.
  - o Schedule halted due to impending move by the NHVDL to new facility under construction with mid August target date.
  - o Construction delays pushed the move into early September after start of school year.

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❖ **Server Migration Project 2.0 – The Reboot**
  o November 2015: Notice from ATC that client software price is in the offing.
  o Must install before December 30th or face substantial price increase.
  o Result? Project back on track on high speed schedule.
  o New System handed over to NHVDL in February 2016.

❖ **Wrapping up the Project**
  o Dealing with the old data and server
  o Reports, reports, reports
    ▪ Something New for COLSA CIT Office
    ▪ A Legacy Offering?

❖ **Lessons Learned Along the Way**
  o Never assume that getting to yes means you have a schedule.
  o Be ready for the ups and downs along the way.
  o Even when you think you are done, be ready for the call backs.

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A Good Project Takes a Village
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