Time Meeting 6-10-2025 SDCC/SCDF

SCDF Service Disruption: Monday 6/9

- Multiple critical services were affected starting around 3:00PM
- Problems traced to virtual machines in the SCDF OpenShift cluster
 - At least 7 VMs believed to be affected initially
- Affected services included but not limited to:
 - Condor central manager for sPHENIX
 - Controls scheduling of compute jobs to worker nodes in the sPHENIX Linux Farm
 - Multiple web servers including the sPHENIX internal web server
 - Hosts sPHENIX Electronic Logbook (elog)
 - Selected HPSS client services (hsi)
 - Facility monitoring systems including Graphana
- All services restored by ~9:00 PM
- Post incident investigation in progress

Additional Details

- Problem centered on OpenShift virtualization/containerization system
 - Hosts the majority of the "lightweight" services, many being critical to data facility operations
- Problem caused by loss of access to VM images stored on one of the backend NFS Flash appliances.
 - Once cause of problem identified, recovery procedure developed to restore access to images and VM's restarted
 - Service dependencies complicated diagnosis and recovery from the outages.
 - The specific NFS appliance involved hosted a smaller number of VM images, limit the number of VMs affected

Reminder: SCDF Cybersecurity Scans

- SCDF/SDCC is obligated to scan the bulk of systems* at the facility for cybersecurity vulnerabilities
 - A requirement to maintain BSA's Authority to Operate
 - Part of an agreement with BHSO/DOE and Cybersecurity
 - * Exceptions allowed for sensitive, "online" RHIC experiment systems accessible from the data center
- Scanning off to a slow start due to technical problems and scan refinements
- Scanning parameters for compute farm, aka Linux Farm, subnets is now stable.
 - Impact on the system is minimal.
 - Scanning by sPHENIX Linux Farm subnet (up to 30 systems per subnet) in progress
 - 9 out of ~100 Linux Farm subnets completed
 - ~1 to 2 hours per subnet
- Scanning of Storage systems next in line after the Linux Farm.