

**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 21, 2015**

**ATTENDEES:** Leo Dutton, Chair, Lewis & Clark Co. Sheriff ; Jon Swartz, MDT, Tom Butler, DOJ/MHP; Jason Smith, Office of Indian Affairs; Bonnie Lorang, MITS; Geoff Feiss, MTA; Bob Drake, MSVFFA ; Brad Livingston, DMA/DES

**GUESTS:** Mike Feldman, DOJ/MHP; Stu Kirkpatrick, MT State Library; Ed Shindoll, Broadwater Co; Quinn Ness, DOA/SITSD; Warren Dupuis, DOA/SITSD; Dan Sullivan, DOA/SITSD; Chad Hultin, DOA/SITSD; Trudy Skari, DOA/SITSD; Rhonda Sullivan, DOA/SITSD

**CONFERENCE CALL:** Joe Briggs, MACO; Kevin Myhre, MLCT; Erin Lutts, Mid Rivers Communications; Keith Cook, Motorola Solutions

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by SIGB Chair, Leo Dutton at 1:35 pm. Introductions were completed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob Drake moved to accept the March SIGB minutes and Jon Swartz seconded. The motion carried.

## **STATUS REPORTS:**

**Trunked LMR System - Completion of Backbone:** Tom Butler reported on the status of Backbone Working Group efforts.

- The group spent four months reviewing facilities and none are equipped with fiber optic infrastructure.
- The Hysham LMR communications site is not in proximity to fiber resources, as it's not near AT&T or Verizon cell sites.
- At the Pompey's Pillar, Hysham, North Forsyth and Hathaway communications sites it doesn't make sense to build out additional fiber assets to these sites. Therefore the working group recommends that the completion of the LMR system backbone should utilize microwave technologies.

**MOTION:** Tom Butler moved to recommend that the Department of Administration, SITSD, transfer the necessary budget authority to the Department of Justice, Montana Highway Patrol, to ensure that the required activities to complete the microwave backbone are completed including: 1) project management 2) procurement 3) installation and 4) completion of the microwave hops at the Pompey's Pillar, Hysham, North Forsyth and Hathaway communications sites. Bob Drake seconded, and the motion carried.

## **FirstNet Broadband Network:**

FirstNet SPOC Meeting Briefing: Warren Dupuis reported on the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Washington, DC:

Purpose of this meeting was to:

- provide latest FirstNet and SLIGP updates;
- engage in a dialogue around FirstNet planning activities and solicit feedback from state and territory SPOCS;
- provide a forum for states and territories to share successes and lessons learned in FirstNet planning efforts.

Meeting Relevant Points:

- Montana will require special provisions as Montana law prohibits the state from being an IP service provider to nongovernmental subdivisions; and Public Safety Entities (PSE) in Montana are not all government subdivisions.
- What does it mean for the state to “opt in”? It was reiterated that there are no requirements for states to either opt in or opt out.
- There is a caveat in how the FirstNet business model will be set up, as the awarded entity of the RFP will have to do business on behalf of FirstNet.
- The name under which business will be done is still unknown.
- In order to obtain the RFP, data collection will first need to be completed.
- The Montana SIGB will provide guidance to the SPOC on the method for data collection and coverage objectives.

Data Collection Survey/Coverage Objectives: Warren explained the FirstNet process and that building out of the Radio Access Network and network core will be done by the private corporation/entity awarded the RFP.

1. Phased Deployment
2. Identify basic demographics of each PSE:
  - a. Estimate total number of devices deployed by an agency and how personally owned devices are supported.
  - b. Estimate total number of eligible PSE's, associated personnel and devices with the state/territory. Use surveys, interviews and samples to help estimate totals.
  - c. Operational Areas
  - d. Calls for Service
  - e. Identify current state use of data services and applications with public safety, including data usage.
3. Provide information on current service providers' plans and procurement methods.
4. Barriers that may be limiting or prevent fully operationalizing mobile data.
5. State Plan Decision Process: Supplementary information will be provided, along with documenting the process taken in developing the final deliverable.

Data Collection Method:

- Warren will draft a strong cover letter (explaining the process and its importance) that will be submitted to association presidents, who in turn will distribute onward.
- All collection information will come back to Warren for compilation.
- Brad Livingston stated he would also send the information to DES' many distribution lists.
- Jason Smith suggested working with appropriate tribal DES coordinator to inform tribes on the importance of distributing the survey and explain its purpose and benefits.
- No action was taken on these items.

Timelines/Deadlines:

- Final call for data: April 30, 2015
- Respond to the survey: June 30, 2015 (60 days)
- Respond to FirstNet with priorities: July 31, 2015 (30 days)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 at DOT Commission's Room.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.