

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2015

ATTENDEES: Ron Baldwin, Acting Chair, State CIO; Bob Drake, MT SVFF; Jeff Fisher, DMA; Jon Swartz, MDT; Siri Smillie, Governor's Office; Tom Butler, DOJ/MHP; Dave Gibson, MTA; Bonnie Lorang, MITS; Rhonda Fenner, Office of Indian Affairs;

GUESTS: Quinn Ness, DOA/SITSD; Warren Dupuis, DOA/SITSD; Brad Livingston, DMA/DES; Josh Moore, Motorola Solutions; Dan Sullivan, DOA/SITSD; Chad Hultin, DOA/SITSD; Mike Stapp, DMA/DES; Dan Hawkins, U.S. DHS; Josh Moore, Motorola Solutions, Wing Spooner, DOA/SITSD; Monica Ness, DOA/SITSD; Trudy Skari, DOA/SITSD; Rhonda Sullivan, DOA/SITSD; Dale Osborne, DOJ/MHP; Larsen Grabenkurt, Motorola Solutions; Mark Taylor, AMT; Mike Raczkowski, DOC

CONFERENCE CALL: Kevin Myhre, MLCT; Joe Briggs, MACo; Roger Nasset, MACOP; Patrick Lonergan, MFCA; Keith Cook, Motorola Solutions

Call to Order: Ron Baldwin, acting chair, called meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Siri Smillie moved to approve the February minutes, Jon Swartz seconded and the motion passed.

Status Report: Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network/FirstNet Data Collection: Warren Dupuis reported on following:

- 1) A conference call with FirstNet took place to discuss the initial draft requirements for data collection, and those results should be received soon.
 - a. Current FirstNet plans are to use private infrastructure for the initial deployment of the network with no data call for publicly held infrastructure.
 - b. Data collection elements are still under consideration and will not include public infrastructure.
 - c. Need to identify areas that require coverage and then strategize by five priorities/phases of network build out.
 - d. Problematic at a national level, as majority of funds will reach over 92% of the population; but the last quarter of funds will go to last 7%, where Montana falls.
 - e. This issue is being discussed with Senator Steve Daines in order implement solutions as to how it will impact areas with no current infrastructure.
 - f. FirstNet is interested in users and operational areas and have come up with the term "Public Safety Entity". This term is problematic for Montana, in that if public infrastructure is utilized, it will prohibit providing such services to any entity that is not a political subdivision.
 - g. Deadline for Phase I, Data Collection is 7/31/15.
 - h. In order to be prepared for Phase II funding, the RFP will be drafted in standard clause using current data elements as a planning tool.
 - i. Information that will need to be included are: 1) devices currently being used; 2) what contract is being used to get those devices online; 3) and costs related to both.

- j. Methods for how the data will be collected will require action by the SIGB, as well as terms of coverage and how to prioritize the five phases of network deployment.
 - k. State Plan Decision: A state plan review process will also need to be documented and decided upon by the SIGB.
- 2) The definition of “public safety entity” was in question, therefore at a FirstNet board meeting, a second notice was drafted asking how the community perceives the definition.
- 5) Senator Steve Daines contacted Warren asking if he has any concerns he would like see presented at the upcoming US Senate Committee, Commerce of Science and Transportation hearing in Washington, DC. Those concerns are:
- a. Definition of “rural area deployment”.
 - b. The system depends on 4G LTE system;
 - c. Difficulty in law and reaching out to tribal lands where a definitive plan will need to be implemented.
 - d. Involvement with Park services.
 - e. Working out data collection issues.
 - f. Bonnie Lorang suggested scheduling meetings with providers to discuss coverage types being used in Montana’s rural areas.

Status Report: Statewide Trunked LMR System/DHS OEC SCIP Annual Report/Snapshot: Quinn Ness provided a FirstNet FAQs handout, and reported on the following:

- He reviewed the new PSCB webpages with the board, explaining where to locate FirstNet information links.
- The U.S. DHS/OEC has provided templates on required Annual Reports for the SCIP Plan. A draft SCIP Annual Report was provided and discussed by the SIGB.
 - Some completion dates have been moved to end of 2015; and as far out as December, 2016.
 - MOTION: Tom Butler moved to approve and submit the SCIP Annual Report, as amended (to include 25% funding progress) to U.S. DHS. Seconded by Jeff Fisher, the motion carried.
- Quinn reported Governor Bullock is moving forward with reestablishing the 9-1-1 Advisory Council, therefore DOA/SITSD will be gathering membership nominations from the stakeholder associations and agencies.
- Legislative Update: HB10 appropriations were recently discussed and HB10 will be introduced in House Appropriations Committee on Friday.

Public Comment:

- Tom Butler reported that Lincoln County has placed a \$30M line item request/approval to congress for Northern Tier LMR systems. Lincoln County is requesting letters of support from various parties to support the request.
- Tom reported that he met with Harold Blattie, MACO, regarding HB2. Should the bill move to the senate, there may be opportunities to re-explore budget numbers that have been recommended by the SIGB to Governor Bullock. Should this occur, MACO will take the lead.
- Wing Spooner provided copies of the new 2015 Mutual Aid Frequencies Manual. If anyone would like copies, please contact her at espooner@mt.gov.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April, 21, MDT Commission room.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.