**9-1-1 Grant Program Subcommittee - Conference Call**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

**Minutes**

**Subcommittee Members Present:**

Quinn Ness Adriene Beck

Kim Burdick Lisa Kelly

Shantil Siaperas Michael Fashoway

**Members of the Public:**

Liz Brooks Sandra Barrows

Geoff Feiss (9-1-1 Advisory Council Member)

**Department Staff:**

Don Harris Wing Spooner

Rhonda Sullivan

**Subcommittee Chair:** Quinn Ness was voted in as chair of the subcommittee.

**Meeting Schedule**: The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, and every other Thursday after that.

**Subcommittee Purpose and Direction**: The subcommittee will take a wholistic approach and look at recommendations for improving the 9-1-1 grant program. Discussion took place about the subcommittee providing recommendations regarding administrative rules. The subcommittee determined that if a specific recommendation requires a new rule or rule amendment the subcommittee will make a rule recommendation to the 9-1-1 Advisory Council.

In response to a question about the validity of the membership of the subcommittee, Don indicated that there must be some allowance to do things as they are happening. At the last Advisory Council meeting, a motion was made and passed to form this subcommittee. In response to Geoff’s comment about Shantil having been appointed to the subcommittee when she was not present, Wing explained that Commissioner MacDonald proposed her name as his alternate. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Geoff Feiss can participate in the subcommittee discussions as an Advisory Council member and not a member of the public.

Discussion took place about how parts of the law that have been abolished or will terminate can or should be applied to the grant program. For example, the $5 million appropriation for the NG9-1-1 Infrastructure account expires on June 30, 2019 and this section of law terminates on Sept. 30, 2019.

Wing noted that a number of considerations about wireless providers were captured on page 2 of the list of bulleted items in the 9-1-1 Grant Process Improvements and Recommendations document. One item was whether the wireless cost recovery program, which was discontinued under HB61 in 2017, should be continued in the current grant program. The subcommittee asked Geoff to develop some suggested grant program improvements from telecom providers based on the bullet items captured during the last Council meeting. He will work with Lisa Kelly, as she is a member of Council and the subcommittee.

The Statewide Plan is required in law. The subcommittee will need to make recommendations for utilizing the Statewide 9-1-1 Plan to guide the grant program awards.

Lisa asked if the subcommittee would be reviewing items 3 and 4 under 10-4-304 at the next meeting. Quinn stated that the documents should be discarded and cautioned that the draft amendments document is not an endorsement of any specific ideas. They were provided as concepts to help facilitate discussion. Quinn is open to ideas for helping the process move along smoothly.

**Adjournment:** Adriane moved to adjourn. Lisa seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.