



ILLINOIS BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Friday, December 13, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.

Chicago Location: James R. Thompson Center - JRTC 9-105

Springfield Location: CMS – 131 West Mason, Room 104.

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Springfield:

Kim Harber, Madison Telephone
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Terry Sullivan, Shiloh School District
Jim Zolnierek, ICC
Tom Coats, ICN
Bud Green, ICC
Phil Halstead, PCI
Clayton Black, PCI
Matt Johnson, ITA
Karen Boswell, Frontier Communications
Deno Perdiou, ATT

Chicago:

Julie Oost, Peerless Networks
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Ed Vargas, Illinois Tollway Authority
Alice Calabrese, Metropolitan Library
Chet Olson, City of Rochelle
Alan Phillips, IBHE
Joel Mambretti, Northwestern University
Joel Mulder, Adesta, LLC
Anne Madonia-Hubbard, PCI
Lynne Haeffele Lt. Governor Office
Joe Galvin, IEMA
Lorrie Karcher, IFA

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Black, PCI, called meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. New members: Julie Oost and Ed VanHoose were in attendance and were introduced as new members of the council. Other new members included Hedy Ratner and Jody Johnson

3. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2013 and August 9, 2013. Kim Harber motioned to approve minutes from both previous meetings, VanHoose seconded.

3. Committee Reports

- Information and Research Committee: Zolnierek gave report of this committee noting that the group was in search of a project.
- Adoption, Use and Impact Committee: No representation from this committee.
- Infrastructure and Access Committee: Mambretti discussed the policy documents that this committee was working on. The goal of these policy documents are to reduce barriers that are legacy from the telephone system.

4. Partnership for a Connected Illinois Report: Black led discussion on activities of PCI since last Broadband Deployment Council Meeting

- Personnel changes: Halstead introduced as new Director
- Data and Mapping: Broadband Illinois website updated with 8th round of broadband data. Also a pricing report published.
- Collaboration for Deployment:
 - Steven Mitchell and Southern Illinois eTeam working with Gigabit Challenge winner, Frontier Communications, in Carbondale
 - Barbara Webster and Southeast Central eTeam held 4th annual summit in Mattoon, IL, with a number of broadband providers.
 - Black and Northwest eTeam hosted a meeting to begin putting together plan for build to reach K-12 school districts in Quad Cities area.
 - Central eTeam will be hosting a meeting in February under the leadership of eTeam leader, Anne Madonia-Hubbard
 - Laura Lane led discussion on activities in Chicagoland which included the Broadband Communities Conference in Tinley Park in early November as well as ongoing work with Gigabit Challenge awardee, Gigabit Squared.
- Education for Broadband Usage:
 - Better Broadband Better Lifeline: 158 Low-income rural customers now connected to high speed broadband courtesy of 7 ETC's that participated in pilot program. January meeting in Washington DC to come together with other pilots. Harber mentioned that the ETC's involved on the project were faced with several unforeseen challenges that flowed from the guidelines of the program. Zolnierek said that this may be a good project for the Information and Research Subcommittee to look at and assess data on.
 - Broadband Innovation fund: ranked based on how well they did to what they intended to do and the bang for their buck, \$487K allowed for \$1.2 million in total spending. All projects completed, currently collecting output and outcome information from that.

5. Issue Discussion

- Administrative Subcommittee: Harber, VanHoose, Coats, Sullivan, and Oost agreed to take the lead on an “administrative subcommittee” of the council, which will function as an oversight body. These individuals will meet prior to the next BDC meeting. Among the issues to be discussed are gaining clarity of the history of the BDC, settling on a website, developing a mission for the council, revisiting the by-laws, and a role for parties involved.
- AIEC, VanHoose discussed the new build that Prairie Power will be carrying out to support smart grid infrastructure throughout Central Illinois. This is primarily a middle mile project with last mile providers that are already part of the network being able to upgrade services.
- FirstNet update: Galvin, IEMA, discussed activities of FirstNet since last meeting, see “Attachment A” for summary of points.
- Rights of way: Coats reported that the committee had received recommendations from the Illinois Telecommunications Association on this policy document and additional information would be on the way.

6. Other Business- No other business

7. Future Meeting Date – March 28, 2014

8. Adjourn- meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with a motion from VanHoose and a second from Sullivan.

Attachment A: FirstNet Notes from Joe Galvin

- Grant
 - Secured the SLIGP Grant
 - Back and Forth with NTIA
 - Planning to Hire Grants Admin, Outreach Specialist, Outreach/Liaison, and Tech SME
- Governance
 - IEMA (as IL Gov. Homeland Security advisor) is the Program Fiduciary
 - Formed an Illinois FirstNet working group under the Illinois Terrorism Taskforce (ITTF) Comm/Tech Committee that will start to meet on a regular basis starting January - Discuss Public Safety Needs
 - Continue to just solicit input from the 100 Stakeholders via Email
 - Small group of State leadership is meeting on Illinois FirstNet on a regular basis
 - With the exception of the grant we currently have no official decisions to make as a group,
 - Report activity to BDC
- Recent Activity
 - Identified and Defined First Responders - That will operate on the network
 - Distribute Monthly FirstNet Activity
 - Dec 4th we had a Coverage Workshop. Hosted by the State it was a small group of SMEs that discussed where we may need coverage - This is just a starting point.
 - Sent out a template for "uses" for the Public Safety Advisory Council to develop and present to FirstNet. This is an effort that better determine and educate the FirstNet leaders on how we (public Safety) hope to use the FirstNet Broadband Network.
- Upcoming
 - Start having a monthly Conference Call starting in January
 - 1 Page Illinois specific FirstNet Brochure
 - Contact all the Assoc and Organizations to get on the presentations Circuit
 - Ask the group if there are presentation opportunities
 - Or to just send me an email (joe.galvin@illinois.gov)
 - Create a FAQ Doc (I polled the larger group of 100 and pooling the questions into a single document)
 - Create a 30 Second Elevator Speech on what is Illinois FirstNet how does it fit in to the national initiative
 - Develop a Small slide deck that anyone can use to present to their groups
 - Need to identify user pools (subscribers) Types (Police, Fire Ems, Pub Works, Trans, Utilities, {water, Gas, Electric, Telephone, etc.}) and the quantities associated with those Groups. Plan to leverage associations and mutual aid organizations.
 - In order to prepare for the State consultation I will begin to create a list of assumed deliverable we will need to have prepared