

**NEBRASKA BROADBAND WORKING GROUP MEETING  
COUNTRY INN & SUITES AIRPORT,  
1301 WEST BOND CIRCLE, LINCOLN, NE  
FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 1:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Casady-Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska  
Scott Cordes- Nebraska Municipal Fire Chiefs Association  
Gene Hand-Nebraska Public Service Commission  
Lynn Marshall- Nebraska Association of Emergency Managers  
Mathew May- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
Neil Miller-Sheriff's Association of Nebraska  
Tom Nutt-Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Julie Righter-Dove- APCO/ NENA  
David Webb-NPPD  
Jim Weeda-Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ed Toner- Chief Information Officer State of Nebraska  
Bob Wilhelm- OCIO

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bill Lundy-Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association  
Jon Borton- Nebraska Hospital Association  
Larry Voegele- Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
Roger Foster- League of Neb. Municipalities  
Russ, Stanczyk-NSP/ State Law Enforcement  
Stuart Redwing- Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

Tom Casady (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. A quorum of voting members was present. The meeting was posted to the Nebraska Public Safety Broadband Network Planning Project Page and on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar.

**ACKNOWLEDGE OPEN MEETING ACT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

Acknowledge Open Meeting Act is available for review in the front of the room on table, as well as on the Nebraska Public Planning web page.

**OPENING COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR- TOM CASADY**

There are no opening comments at this time.

**INTRODUCTION OF WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

Tom Casady (Chair) asked each of the Working Group Members to introduce themselves and provide the entity that they represent. Tom Casady started, stating he represents the Police Chiefs Association. Julie Righter-Dove representing APCO/NENA. Gene Hand representing Nebraska Public Service

Commission. David Webb representing NPPD. Lynn Marshall Sarpy County Emergency Management representing Nebraska Association with Emergency Managers. Scott Cordes representing Nebraska Municipal Fire Chiefs Association. Bob Wilhelm representing OCIO. Isaac Smith representing Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Mathew May representing Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Ed Toner Chief Information Officer representing the State of Nebraska. Tom Nutt representing Nebraska Association of County Officials. Jim Weeda representing REA and the Power Districts. Neil Miller representing the Nebraska Sheriff's Association.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE MEMBERS- TOM CASADY**

Public attendees shared information about who they were and their agencies. The public included: Rosalia Solis- OCIO, Isaac Smith- Fire Chief: Winnebago Tribe, Troy Harris- Nebraska Emergency Management Agency , Phil Brazelton Captain Comm. Div. Washington County Sheriff's Office, Shelly Holzerland- 911 Director for Fremont/ Dodge Counties & NESCA, Bob Nord- Director OPS: Dotcom, Al Krause-NET, Cullen Robbins- Analyst: Nebraska Public Service Commission, Stan Shearer- Mobile Data Coordinator: Omaha Fire, Lon Renner- NPPD Engineer, Tommy Trotter-Lancaster Co Sheriff, Glen Still-Fremont Police Dept., Julie Smith- Director Mission Life Line, and Justin Scomehorn- Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 MEETING- TOM CASADY**

Jim Weeda motioned to approve the September 29th, 2015 minutes as presented. Gene Hand seconded. Roll Call vote: Results: Yes- 10, No- 0, Abstained- 0. Motion Passed.

#### **JULIE SMITH, DIRECTOR OF MISSION: LIFELINE IN NEBRASKA- TOM CASADY**

Director of Mission Lifeline in Nebraska Julie Smith stated that the motto is "Save A Heart, Call 9-1-1 or Save A Heart, Ride An Ambulance". Mission LifeLine is a Helmsley Funded grant, this is their third year. They have placed equipment in Basic Life Support (BLS) services and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services across the State. The grant has now placed 100 services across the State that carry 12 Lead EKG machines. The Lincoln and Omaha we areas are excluded because of their metropolitan status. What Mission Lifeline is seeing now is the equipment in place. Julie works with the EMS and the critical access hospitals, as well as the heart cap (PCI) hospitals on the receiving software across the State and South Dakota, Wyoming, and Colorado. What they are trying to do is get the 12 leads done sooner to save that heart muscle and then transmit them. The issue at hand is transmission. There are many places that don't have cell service, so the emergency responders have to stop on top of hills and transmit the lead. If a service applied and did less than 45 runs a year they did not award that small of an EMS service. We had some that only did 20 runs a year and the EMS advisor group felt that it was too small of a group to give a 12 lead to. A lot of responders use their own personal cell phone, their Bluetooth capabilities, and their modems in which we helped them with the modem purchase and right now they are sustaining some of that cost, but when the grant runs out that will go back to the EMS services so that they can transmit. When Julie did Home Health in southwest Nebraska she used to say, "I'm hanging on a windmill with my left arm out. I have service now." Sometimes our EMS services are still faced with that challenge. Since this program has went into place they have doubled their transmissions of 12 Lead EKG's from about 2000 to 4000. Their data shows that if you are coming by EMS and they do a 12 lead you will be in the Cath. Lab 25 minutes sooner than driving your own car. In the cities the Lincoln/Omaha area, they are about 50/50 with people not using 9-1-1. 50% of the time they are driving

themselves. In the rural area, they are 70/30. They still are not using 9-1-1. They know who their volunteer service managers are so they may feel they don't want to bother them as much. Streamlining care is really what Mission Lifeline is about. Tom Casady wanted to clarify that the split was only about 70/30 outside of the Lincoln/Omaha metro area: meaning that 70% of those who are having a heart attack are driving themselves. Julie stated that yes that they are coming into the hospital by private vehicle.

Julie stated that 14 different cardiology groups have approved one standing guideline. Mission Lifeline has signatures from that many different cardiology groups, that they have one guideline for the hospitals, which has really streamlined that process. As well EMS has a transport guideline that has been approved. Mission Lifeline is trying to align with the surrounding States so that when our EMS services have to go across State lines they don't have to follow different protocols. Director Casady reported that LFR responded to a motor vehicle accident with a patient in cardiac arrest. LFR utilized a 12 Lead EKG and the Lucas 2 device in excess of 60 minutes. The patient ultimately was able to walk out of the hospital with no permanent damage. The Director commented that we are all hopeful that in the future FirstNet will provide the communications backbone to allow, not only this technology but other kinds of EMS initiatives to really help improve the health of Nebraskans.

**STATE AND LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM GRANT (SLIGP) SITE VISIT & LETTER FROM THE FEDERAL PROGRAM OFFICER AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE GRANT- WILHELM**

On page 5 below is the handout received from the Feds during the meeting with them that includes information on the back that is filed quarterly. Wilhelm reported this was part of the information provided during the meeting that took place between OCIO staff and representatives from the Federal Program Office. The information will give you an idea of the amount of grant funds Nebraska was awarded, how much has been attributed to our match obligation which is 20% of the grant, and how much is left.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Telecommunications and  
Information Administration  
Washington, DC 20230

February 2, 2016

Mr. Ed Toner  
Nebraska Department of Administrative Services  
501 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Lincoln, NE 68508

*Sent via email*

Dear Mr. Toner:

I would like to thank you and your team for taking the time to meet with me and Clare Gallaher from the State and Local Grant Program (SLIGP) on November 18, 2015. During the site visit, we reviewed the programmatic, financial, administrative, and grant activities related to your project. Based on an evaluation of the key priority areas, Nebraska is making progress towards the grant-funded objectives, especially in the area of conducting outreach and education to stakeholders around the state.

Your planned efforts to continue your outreach and education activities to stakeholders around the State are commendable. The establishment of your NE Public Safety Broadband Working Group is a significant achievement and I look forward to hearing more about how your group develops and continues to promote the public safety broadband initiatives.

As we discussed in our meeting, 2016 brings both the recently-released FirstNet RFP and the next round of FirstNet State consultation. I believe that both of these efforts will help increase the information provided to you and your stakeholders about the future of FirstNet, hopefully elevating your concern about minimal information from the agency.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions you may have about this site visit report. Thank you again for your participation in this important part of the SLIGP process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Romanoff".

Natalie Romanoff  
Federal Program Officer

cc: Mr. Bob Wilhelm, NE Statewide Public Safety Broadband Network Planning Project  
Michael E. Dame, Project Director, NTIA  
Grant File

**FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
(Follow form instructions)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted <b>Department of Commerce, NTIA</b>		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) <b>31-10-S13031</b>		Page <b>1</b>	of <b>1</b>		
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) <b>Nebraska Department of Administrative Services 501 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., PO Box 95045 Lincoln, NE 68509-5045</b>							
4a. DUNS Number <b>135074981</b>	4b. EIN <b>470491233</b>	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)		6. Report Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final	7. Basis of Accounting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual		
8. Project/Grant Period From: (Month, Day, Year) <b>8/1/2013</b>		To: (Month, Day, Year) <b>01/31/2018</b>		9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year) <b>12/31/2015</b>			
<b>10. Transactions</b>					Cumulative		
<i>(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)</i>							
<b>Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR Attachment):</b>							
a. Cash Receipts				243,511.60			
b. Cash Disbursements				282,411.46			
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)				-18,899.86			
<i>(Use lines d-e for single grant reporting)</i>							
<b>Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:</b>							
d. Total Federal funds authorized				1,510,750.00			
e. Federal share of expenditures				282,411.46			
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations				0			
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)				282,411.46			
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)				1,248,338.54			
<b>Recipient Share:</b>							
i. Total recipient share required				377,668.00			
j. Recipient share of expenditures				83,899.86			
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)				293,768.14			
<b>Program Income:</b>							
l. Total Federal program income earned				0			
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative				0			
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative				0			
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m or line n)				0			
11. Indirect Expenses	a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	Period To	d. Base	e. Amount Charged	f. Federal Share
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. Totals:					0	0	0
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation:							
13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify that it is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)							
a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official <b>Bob Wilhelm SLIGP Grant Program Manager</b>				c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension) <b>402.471.7973</b>			
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 				d. Email address <b>Bob.Wilhelm@Nebraska.gov</b>			
				e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) <b>01/28/2016</b>			
14. Agency Use Only							

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Wilhelm stated the site visit went well, the Feds were very pleased. The Federal Program Office is housed in the US Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) which is the funding source or organization that oversees the grant funding for FirstNet. They did provide a lot of information about FirstNet. It was a good visit with them being here most of the day. They looked through most of the information we have and took a lot of the grant documentation back with them to review, which they had completed before they sent us this letter. While on site NTIA interviewed those that are apart of the Finance team from the Department of Administrative Services about some of the process. They spoke about how they were very interested in our out reach process, programs, and activities. They thought we were doing a great job with getting stakeholders involved. They were very impressed with the Working Group and the work that has been achieved. They were impressed with Matthew May's involvement with the Working Group and as Co-

Chair of the FEMA Region VII Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG). They were also pleased to see that we had one of Nebraska's four tribes engaged in the process.

#### **BRIEFING ON FIRSTNET 2016 CONSULTATION LETTER/ACTIVITIES (EMAILED TO MEMBERS 12/22/15)- WILHELM**

Wilhelm reported FirstNet is planning their Consultation activities for 2016 and want to keep the states informed. They want to expand their outreach efforts to the states, tribal and local jurisdictions and public safety entities. Obtaining state input for the development of the State plans, the network deployment policies, processes and procedures to allow us to utilize the network. They also want to prepare key decision makers for approval of the plan and deployment of the Network.

**a. FirstNet/SPOC Kick-Off Meeting:**

This will be a face to face meeting in Nebraska between FirstNet and the OCIO. Wilhelm reviewed the agenda for the SPOC Kick-Off meeting.

**b. Coordinate Participation in Governance Body Meetings**

At the National Governor's Association Conference FirstNet representatives will be meeting on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> with Governor Ricketts. On Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> they will be meeting with his Chief of Staff to go over FirstNet related activities and information.

**c. Establish Consultation Task Teams (CTT's)**

FirstNet is asking states to establish Consultation Task Teams. The Consultation Task team will be used to advise FirstNet and answer questions that FirstNet might have about operational procedures. It would benefit the team if it was made up of those who have worked in a medical or patrol vehicles. It would be good if there were a variety of those with operational and technological knowledge on the team. Those on the team will need to be approved by the Working Group members.

**d. Schedule Executive Consultation Meeting**

FirstNet will want to meeting with those who will be involved with discussions with the Governor and making recommendations about the decision to Opt-In or Opt-Out.

#### **What should the make-up of Nebraska's Consultation Task Team (CTT) look like - Wilhelm**

**a. How many?**

Wilhelm stated that the team should be at least 7 members, but it really depends on what everyone on the Working Group would want.

**b. Who?**

It does not have to be only those who are on the board. It could be anyone from the member's agency that have the skills and knowledge to be able to advise FirstNet and be able to answer some of the questions that they might have when making decisions about Nebraska, it's plan and the deployment of the Network. There were no names provided during this meeting.

Julie Richter-Dove suggested we needed someone that wasn't tech savvy so they could verbalize what some of the problems encountered out on the street. Gene Hand thought we were somewhat premature in trying to move forward with this group at this time until more information is available. Wilhelm said he would like to have a group waiting in the wings so that when called upon they would be ready to move forward. He wants to avoid having to hurry putting a group together like we had to do

with the data collection efforts. Director Casady said he could put out a call to all the police chiefs asking if they had someone that they would recommend to participate on the CTT. Director Casady asked that I sketch out an email and send it to the Working Group members so they can send it to their associations. Matthew May said that interoperability should be a big topic for this CTT group to make sure we have interoperability among agencies near and far on the FirstNet system and procedures on how that will happen.

Gene Hand shared information about Next Generation 911 (NG911) and the link with FirstNet. The feds are trying to address funding for NG 911. Gene thought there may be a funding proposal taken to Congress to help fund its deployment. If this all comes true Gene believes this will have a positive outcome. Gene was asked if there was any discussion about decreasing the number of PSAPS in states and he said that was discussed but it did not seem that this would be a directive from the feds but rather a local decision perhaps related to the amount of funding a state received. Funding and the cost of NG 911 equipment may be the driver for limiting the number of PSAP's. Gene sent Wilhelm a copy of FCC's Task Force on Optimal PSAP Architecture (TFOPA) report that will be released soon and gave him permission to share it with the group.

Gene Hand and Director Casady talked about cyber security issues and the importance and activities related to this issue at the federal level. Julie Richter-Dove mentioned that APCO launched Project 43 last week which deals with the broadband implications for PSAP's which includes FirstNet and NG 911.

Gene Hand said that at a recent conference he attended he witnessed a Cyber security exercise and how the power grid is vulnerable. The attackers were demanding bitcoins to keep the cyber attack from happening and part of the discussion of the exercise was if you would pay the ransom or not. Gene said a hospital in California just recently had this happen to them. The hospital has decided to pay the ransom. This shows how relevant this type of danger and topic is to us now.

#### **APCO BROADBAND SUMMIT- WASHINGTON DC- MAY 16-17-WILHELM**

Wilhelm reported that Tom Casady is going to go with SLIGP Funding. Matthew May will also be going to this as well. Director Casady said he is putting in a request to present at this conference as well.

Julie Richter-Dove reported that the APCO Emerging Technologies conference will be occurring in Kansas City Mo. in March.

#### **SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT (SPOC) MEETING RESTON, VA- APRIL 12-13 OR 13-14- WILHELM**

Ed Toner, Bob Wilhelm, and one stakeholder will be attending this meeting. There was an offer extended to a member from the Santee Tribe to go with them to the meeting. If for some reason he is unable to attend, Bob Wilhelm will be contacting another stakeholder to attend. They have narrowed this down to April 12 and 13.

Regarding future outreach efforts Wilhelm also referenced the December 2013 workshop that was held in Kearney with half of the session provided by personnel from the DHS (OEC) Office of Emergency Communications personnel. This was a Broadband 101 type of session. Wilhelm informed the group that he is reaching out to FirstNet and the OEC to see if they have a similar session developed that would be appropriate and informational for road and street level deputies, officers and firefighters to help educate them about FirstNet capabilities and applications.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Captain Brazelton asked if the “super service” that Sprint and Verizon are now advertising will affect FirstNet? He wondered why if they had this technology all along why they are coming out with this now that the FirstNet RFP is out. Sheriff Miller stated that Sprint and Verizon were always able to provide this service they just weren’t opening it up to customers until now. The capability to do it has always been there but the desire to do it has never been there. Neil said this is concerning, but we are unable to say how or where this is going to go. Does it mean that they don’t plan to respond to the FirstNet RFP? He said Verizon has such a large footprint and customer base in Nebraska and it would be a huge concern if they are not going to respond to this RFP. Director Casady believes it might be the opposite and they may be advertising so everyone will know that those companies are capable and able to provide service to FirstNet. This could go either way so it will be more of a wait and see situation.

Sheriff Miller mentioned that the link which was previously sent out for the recording of the Senate subcommittee hearing about FirstNet is worth watching. There is good information in it and good questions were asked by the subcommittee. It is about an hour long.

Wilhelm also mentioned that at the next meeting we will need to select a new chairperson and Co-chairperson and that we had talked about Director Casady and Sheriff Miller switching roles and both were agreeable to this if the Working Group wished. We will discuss and vote on this at the next meeting.

## **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Working Group Meeting is set for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. with the location to be announced.

## **ADJOURN**

**Meeting adjourned 2:00 P.M.**