

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: March 21st, 2017
Room 417, Dennis Building
10:00am

SUBJECT: Minutes of SC CMRS Emergency Telephone Advisory Committee Meeting

ATTENDEES: *Committee Members* – Jim Lake (PSAP Rep.), David Morrison (RFA), Jack Maguire (Consumer Rep.), Katie Morgan (RFA Appointment), Ben Spearman (Wireline Rep.) *Staff* – Amy Simpson (RFA) *Guests* – Len Kowalski – Mission Critical Partners *Phone Guests* – Christiane Gartlan – Beaufort, Donna Thomas – Colleton, Allen Brandon – York, Lee Canipe – Frontier, Dana Tarlton – Chesterfield, Sonny McRae – Dillon, Tasha Todd – Pickens, Kirk Stropes – Kershaw, Cody Odom – Clarendon, Matt McNamara – Dorchester, Sharon Chavis – Beaufort, Bill Davidson – Century Link, Curtis Young – Beaufort, Rick Blackwell – Greenville.

1. Chairman Lake welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on February 21st, 2017.
~Jack Maguire made motion to approve the minutes, Katie Morgan 2nd the motion. All voted aye, and the minutes were approved.
3. Fiscal Update – Katie Morgan
~Katie Morgan presented a Cost Study analysis in November 2016 based on end of year costs from 2015 and projected costs/assumptions for 2016. In today's meeting she presented an updated Cost Study PowerPoint presentation to reflect the actual costs after end of year 2016 numbers were in, as well as new assumptions moving forward to NG911.
 - * Beginning balance for 2017 changed by \$6.3 Million. Collections were up more than \$3 Million and Distributions were down by \$3.2 Million.
 - *Reimbursement rate will remain at 80% for the year 2017 with the anticipation that the reimbursement rate will be lowered to 70% in the year 2018 and will require an action from the CMRS Committee.
 - *Based on feedback from some of the smaller PSAP's, there was concern about the long term reimbursement rate gradually going down to 50%; this was changed to 60% in the updated cost model with the understanding that the 60% could be a copulation reflecting changes in the items eligible for reimbursement and at what percentage those items would be covered.
 - *Projected start date for statewide ESInet was changed from mid-2018 to the beginning of 2019.
 - *For 2017 a \$100,000 expenditure was added to reflect funds needed in helping to develop an RFP.
 - *Chairman Lake announced after the presentation that this cost model was a projection and a tool the Committee is using as they look towards the task of implementing a statewide ESInet. There have not been any decisions made to decrease or cut anything as of yet.
 - *The Committee plans to start discussion on the reduction of the reimbursement rate for 2018 in July of 2017.
4. Wireless Integrity Testing
~Len Kowalski – Mission Critical Partners submitted a Cost Proposal (at the request of the CMRS Committee during the February 21st, 2017 meeting) as a follow-up to the recommendations suggested following wireless integrity testing projects conducted in select counties across the state.

~Recommendations

1. Statewide NSI issues (AT&T roaming on T-Mobile's network)
2. Statewide Phase 1 call routing assignment analysis
3. PSAP review of cell tower addressing
4. Call Transfer SOP development and training
5. Formal request for T-Mobile to improve location accuracy. (Reference new April 3rd FCC rules that follow)

*The CMRS Committee members discussed the Cost Proposal and recommendations in detail under the current FCC requirements while looking forward to the new FCC requirements coming April 3, 2017. They decided to pursue statewide NSI issues, Statewide Phase 1 call routing, and the formal request to T-Mobile to improve location accuracy (which the CMRS Committee will revisit in April 2017). They then asked Mission Critical Partners to develop a cost estimate and include the review of cell tower addressing. Ben Spearman asked for RFA staff to reach out to a small group of County Assessors' to see if they can do a query on location of towers as well as a query on tower data base with the FCC. The SOP development for call transfer and training will remain with local PSAPs.

5. Wireless Uncertainty and Confidence Factor
~ Chairman Lake encouraged PSAP's to start discussing with their vendors/911 System providers their ability to provide reliable data pertaining to Phase II wireless calls. Data should reflect the location of a 911 call within 100 meters with 80% accuracy. The costs incurred for the tools necessary to identify the Phase II information is reimbursable at 100% because it is GIS based and also falls under the category of "wireless".
6. Readopting the Committee By-Laws
~ Jack Maguire made the motion to readopt the Committee By-Laws; Ben Spearman 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor and the Committee By-Laws were readopted.
7. Other Items and Questions
~There were no other Items or Questions from the Committee or Audience.

~With no further business pending, Jack Maguire made motion to adjourn, Katie Morgan 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for April 18th, 2017 at 10:00a.m.

Attachments: Agenda, Meeting Materials

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at <http://rfa.sc.gov/e911>

These minutes were approved on 4/18/17.



Amy Simpson