

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: June 20th, 2017
Room 325, 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.), Ben Spearman (Wireline Rep.), Ted Creech - (Wireless Rep.), Dent Adams - (Wireless Rep.), Katie Morgan (RFA Appointment) by phone, Joey Avery (PSAP Rep.) by phone. *Staff* - Amy Simpson (RFA) *Guests* - Elaine Golden - Calhoun, Bill Davidson - Century Link, James McLeod - Century Link, Billy Staley - Orangeburg, Derrick Duggins - Carolina Recording, Jeff Holshouser - Airbus, Eric Dennehy - NICE, Aaron Maciariello - Charleston Co. 911. *Phone Guests* - Rick Blackwell - Greenville, Nikki Rodgers - Lexington, Lee Canipe - Frontier, Sonny McRae - Dillon, Cody Odom - Clarendon, Anthony Mack - Clarendon, Byron Burns - Carolina Recording, Greg Ellenburg - AT&T, Jeanne Jones - Goose Creek, Curtis Young - Beaufort, Christiane Gartlan - Beaufort, Delisa Coggins - Cherokee, Tiffany Bryant - Bamberg, Len Kowalski - MCP.

1. Chairman Lake welcomed everyone to the meeting and took roll call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting on May 16th, 2017.
~ Dent Adams made a motion to approve the minutes, Jack Maguire 2nd the motion. All voted aye, and the minutes were approved.
3. National 911 Grant Program - Jim Lake
~ Jim Lake presented a PowerPoint on the National 911 Grant Program that was provided by Mission Critical Partners.

***National 911 Program created by Congress in 2004 for 911 Implementation and Coordination Office (ICO); is housed with the NHTSA at the U.S. Dept. of Transportation; Joint with the National Telecommunication and Information Administration in the Department of Commerce.**

***Enhance 911 Act of 2004 established a National E911 ICO charged with coordinating the implementation of 911 and E911 at the Federal, State, and local levels and administering a grant program for the benefit of PSAPs.**

- Total appropriation was \$43.5 Million
- ICO awarded \$41.325M in September 2009
- 30 states and territories participated; South Carolina did not apply for nor receive any of that money.

***Application and Award Requirements**

- States/Territories applied on behalf of all their entities.
- Required a detailed plan and timetable of proposed projects.
- Allowable projects were implementation of Phase II E911 services or migration to an IP-based network infrastructure.
- Eligible uses: training, consultants, hardware/software, and admin costs.
- Applicants that diverted 911 fees in the 180 days prior to the application date (or during the grant period) were disqualified.
- Required a 50% match by the state/territory.

***Results**

- \$35M was spent with nearly \$6.2M returned to the U.S. Treasury.
- \$1.3M used for grant program administration.
- More than 86% of all grants used for hardware/software purchases.
- Grantees required to establish and maintain a spend plan.

***Next Generation 9-1-1 Advancement Act of 2012**

- New grant program included as part of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012
- Law required FCC to conduct spectrum auctions with record breaking results. Most of the proceeds went toward deficit reduction and to fund FirstNet.

***NG911 Implementation Grants Program**

- Approximately \$115M will be administered again by DOT/NHTSA and NTIA
- Authorized grant period expected through end of GFY2022.

***Expected Requirements/Possible Eligible Costs**

- Implementation/operation of 911 services; Migration to IP-enabled networks; Consulting services/design and implementation PM; Adoption/operation of NG911 services and applications; Training
- State match requirement; Single point of contact; established plan for NG911 implementation; must certify no diversion of 911 funds in the 180 days preceding the application or during grant period.

***South Carolina Grant Strategy**

- South Carolina did not submit a grant application in 2009.
- Similarly populated states for comparison include: Alabama; they received 2.3% of the overall E911 Grant funds in 2009. (\$0.95M) Kentucky received 2.8% in 2009 (\$1.17M)
- South Carolina could see \$2.5M if a similar calculation is used.
- Will likely require 40-50% match in state funding.
- Opportunity to describe the benefits of jump starting the states NG911 strategy.

***Next Steps in Grant Program**

- Process will include a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Public Comment Period (Spring/Summer 2017), Final Rule (early Fall 2017), then Application.
- National 911 Program and NTIA are currently drafting rules; once rule is published in the Federal Register, grant application period will open (estimated Fall 2017) with grants scheduled to be awarded in early 2018.

***Jack Maguire made a motion recommending RFA peruse, research and explore how South Carolina can participate in the grant program and come up with a strategy, identify the grant process and establish parameters/requirements. Joey Avery 2nd the motion.**

- After discussion among the Committee members, Jack Maguire amended his motion to include that RFA staff report back to the committee within a 60 day time period.
- All Committee members voted in favor and the motion as amended was passed.

***Katie Morgan suggested a sub-committee or work group be established to assist staff in their research and asked to sit on the sub-committee as discussions/research would be beneficial to the Fiscal sub-committee. David Morrison agreed and stated he**

would look internally within RFA staff, specifically Health & Demographics, as they have operated on grants funds many times in the past.

4. ESInet RFP

~ David Morrison was asked by the Committee to reach out to other states and gather information on how they developed an RFP for statewide ESInet. He provided to the Committee a list of states he contacted and how they approached the development of an RFP.

- Many of the states contacted did much of the work in house with the assistance of a consulting firm. (ex. Federal Engineering - LR Kimball, Winbourne Consulting, 9-1-1 Authority.
- The states that were contacted offered to share their RFP with David; additionally, there are many available to view online. Ben Spearman asked David to provide a representative sampling (links to RFP's available online) to the Committee.

*After discussion among the Committee members, it became evident that RFA staff will likely also require the assistance of a consultant to develop an RFP but no action was taken at this time. David Morrison will provide the RFP samples he compiled from the other states to the Committee; a recommendation will likely be made at the next CMRS Committee meeting after the members have had a chance to look over the samples.

5. Beaufort Fiber Connection

~ David Morrison invited Curtis Young of Beaufort County to explain to the Committee what they are asking for specifically in reference to the Fiber Connection. This topic was first raised back in 2012.

- Mr. Young explained he is requesting reimbursement for the monthly connection and maintenance portion (not to include installation) for the fiber connection network between their different sites which are used for their 911 phone system. The fiber lines are leased with a contract period of 5 years.
- Jim Lake and Ben Spearman expressed concerns over the high monthly costs (\$19K/month). Christiane Gartlan clarified the lease was a 10 year lease that began in 2013.
- There was discussion among the Committee which raised questions concerning the nature of the costs and what exactly was being paid for monthly to add up to \$19K/month with the feeling that installation and construction charges were included in the monthly invoice. Jim Lake made a motion that RFA staff get with Beaufort Co. and collect more information to determine actual costs, what they include and compare it to state contract pricing. Joey Avery 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

6. Other Items and Questions

~ There were no other Items or Questions from the Committee members or audience.

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

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for July 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 8/15/17.



Amy Simpson