

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Date: February 16th, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Bowers Conference Room, Room 417 / Attendees via WebEx

Subject: Minutes of the South Carolina 911 Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendees: *Committee Members* – Mike Flynn – PSAP Rep. Spartanburg County, Neil Baxley – PSAP Rep. Beaufort County, Mitch Fulmore – PSAP Rep. Florence County, Rick Blackwell – PSAP Rep. Greenville County, Jack Maguire – Consumer Rep., David Morrison – RFA SC 911 Program Manager, Adam DeMars – GIS Expert/RFA. *Staff* – Paul Athey – RFA Division Director, Michael Ball – RFA SC NG911 Program Manager, and Amy Simpson – E911 Program Coordinator

- I. Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken for the record; seven committee members were in attendance.
- II. Chairman Blackwell presented the January 19th, 2022 meeting minutes and asked if any members had edits or questions. Mike Flynn motioned to approve the minutes; Jack Maguire seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Chairman Blackwell declared the minutes approved as written. (*see minutes*)
- III. ESI^{net} Implementation Update
 - Michael Ball provided an update and the following items were presented:
 - Group 1.5 migration is complete.
 - Group 2 migration dates are set to begin on April 19th, 2022, starting with Oconee County Sheriff Primary & Backup PSAPs.
 - Planned 2022 PSAP migration dates for the remainder of the calendar year and a map view of the Network Status Dashboard.
 - Next steps include:
 - ECaTs Data & Dashboard for Solacom sites experiencing formatting data issues are estimated to be resolved 2/21/22.
 - Continue PSAP Visits, Consultations, & Support.

Jack Maguire motioned the committee plan a celebration of the ESI^{net} implementation success to date. Not hearing a second to Mr. Maguire's motion, Chairman Blackwell thanked him and agreed with his sentiment.

- IV. Fiscal Model Discussion
 - Paul Athey presented the 911 Fiscal Model Update and provided the following information:

- RFA Economists on staff assisted with analyzing the annual growth rate of cost reimbursements to PSAPs from 2012 – 2021.
 - Adjusted 2012 – 2014 data to account for lower reimbursement percentage.
 - Used compound average growth rate (CAGR) to account for annual volatility for a more accurate linear trend.
 - Net result: CAGR of -0.9% over 10-year period.
- The 911 Fiscal Model projections were updated with the expanded historical data.
 - Net result: 10-year annual average growth rate (AAGR) of 1.0%
 - Difference between historical and projected growth (1.9%) accounts for potential of short-term higher inflation (historically at 1.7%) yet allows for some offsets as the State assumes more costs.
- Calendar year 2022 began with a fund balance of approximately \$38.2 million and incorporated the following into the ten-year projections:
 - Potential costs for statewide outage notification system.
 - Additional costs in 2023 and 2024 for new consolidated Richland County PSAP.
 - Updated revenue and cost forecasts based on longer-range historical trends.
- The updated fiscal model allows the following options:
 - Reduce the reimbursement percentage once to 70% (now in 2025)
 - Assuming the wireless fee increase to \$0.64 (now in 2025)

V. Coastal ESInet Reimbursement

- Jim Lake addressed the committee regarding the Coastal ESInet request to be reimbursed at 100%.
 - Mr. Lake requested on behalf of the Coastal Cooperative that the 911 Advisory Committee move forward with a recommendation to reimburse the Cooperative ESInet at 100% through December 2027. He further asked that if the motion were defeated and federal funds became available in the future that the advisory committee reconsider the Cooperative’s request.

After discussion among the committee members and Jim Lake regarding Coastal Cooperative’s request and the issues associated with it, Jack Maguire made a motion to table the decision until the next meeting so that further financial analysis can be performed. Chairman Blackwell declared the motion was not considered due to lack of a second.

- Mr. Athey then presented the committee with estimated financial impacts on the fund balance based on quotes provided by Jim Lake for the Coastal ESInet 5-year contract in addition to the state ESInet costs.
 - The effects of increasing the reimbursement percentage from 80% to 100% for Coastal ESInet participants would require:

- Increasing the wireless fee to \$0.65 instead of \$0.64 a full year earlier than planned (2025) or reducing the reimbursement percentage to 70% in 2024 rather than 2025.

There was further discussion among the committee members regarding the financial impact of the Mr. Lake's request.

Adam DeMars made a motion that the committee vote to keep the reimbursement percentage for the Coastal ESInet at 80%, David Morrison seconded the motion. After discussion among the committee members regarding the wording of the motion, Mr. DeMars withdrew his motion; Mr. Morrison seconded the withdrawal of the motion.

Chairman Blackwell stated that if the committee took no action, the Coastal ESInet would continue to be reimbursed at the current rate of 80%. Subsequently, the committee took no action on the request.

VI. Other Business

- Chairman Blackwell addressed the issue of upcoming committee member re-appointments and how to start the process.
 - David Morrison explained that with the exception of the RFA Executive Director appointments, all others are appointed by the Governors office. He and Mr. Athey have had discussions with RFA Executive Director, Frank Rainwater, and will provide an update at the next committee meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Jack Maguire motioned to adjourn the meeting; Adam DeMars seconded the motion and all members voted aye to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at: <http://rfa.sc.gov> and at the Rembert Dennis Building.

These minutes were approved on March 15, 2022

Amy Simpson _____
