



State Interoperability Executive Council

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2007

Members present: Jeff Johnson, Sean McSpaden, Peter van den Berg, Bob Strosser, Dave Hard, Grant Higginson, Russ Burger, Clark Seely, Kristi Wilde, Kathy George, John Koreski

Staff present: Mike Zanon, Don Pfohl, Vickie Warner, Ben Garvey, Thomas Dunbar, Tom Wynkoop, Steve Noel

Interested Parties: Rod Ashmore, Rick Hinthorne, Steve Hill, Randy Kruger, Paul Pedersen, Rick Williams, Margie Puckett, Liz Morgan, Jennifer Kilmurray, Kristin Chaffee, Hans Meere, Barry Nathan, Michael Smith, Dennis Ewing, John Murray, Jim Swinyard, Zack Sterngold, Rob Reish, Darren Rice, Marla Rae, Steve Marks, Pierre Jones

Chair Johnson called the SIEC meeting to order. After introductions of the membership and staff, Chair Johnson asked for a motion to accept and approve last months meeting minutes.

Motion: Kristi Wilde

Second: Sean McSpaden

Discussion: None

Passed.

Chairs Report – Chief Jeff Johnson, SIEC Chair

Chief Johnson gave an update on the 555 Committee. Steve Marks and Marla Rae have been hired to support the efforts of the 555 Committee. They have attended many briefings of Legislators and their staff. Chief Johnson mentioned the challenges of getting relevant information out to those who need it or are interested. The 555 Committee will help to support these efforts.

Chief Johnson mentioned the recent article and editorial in the Oregonian newspaper about the OWIN project. The editorial supported the fact that something needs to be done. Mike Z. says the article has raised the profile of the project and has prompted interest from legislators. Mike feels for the Oregonian articles have opened the door to provide relevant information to legislators.

Chief Johnson asked Sean about the completion of the What if/Why not exercise. Having finished with the exercise, Sean asked for approval of the completed list to be posted on the website. Sean will work with Vickie to get this done. Chair Johnson gave his approval. The list consists of 75 questions and 61 responses; 14 questions are either redundant or were deemed not to require a formal response at this time. Sean is working with Steve Marks and Marla Rae to identify 10-12 questions from the list that are most likely to be asked and then develop a more concise set of responses.

OWIN Update – Mike Zanon, OWIN Project Director

Mike reiterated the need to provide relevant and timely details and information to legislators when asked. He indicated legislators were asking good questions and wanted accountability as the project moves forward.

The Governor has asked for a briefing from the OWIN Executive Team to detail OWIN's progress and to discuss ongoing issues and challenges.

Mike brought and shared OWIN's Sharing Agreement. He will be meeting with local, regional and state agencies asking them to sign on. This agreement is non-binding and does not commit funds or obligate the other agency. Supplemental agreements will address issues on a site by site basis with the entity.

Mike and the OWIN staff continue their outreach with upcoming meetings with the City of Tillamook and the Tillamook County commissioners. He is meeting with the Association of Oregon Counties at the end of the month and will ask at that time for a resolution of support. Mike and Don will be speaking at the BLM Telecom Conference at the end of February. They will explore the potential for developing cost-sharing agreements with the BLM and the US Forest Service.

Technical Committee Report – Sean McSpaden, Chair

A sub-committee of the Technical committee has been formed to work on the interoperability channel management plan. The group is comprised of a diverse set of participants from state and local government and the private sector. The sub-committee is gathering information and has developed a set of questions which Tom Clemo and Joe Kuran are posing to other attendees at the APCO Winter Summit. The same questions were asked via email and telephone contact with a number of other states including: MT, WY, FL, IN, CO, KY, MS, CA, NJ & TX. After gathering information on interoperability channel management plans and any interoperability channel interference others are experiencing, the full work group will come together and then meet with the Strategic Planning committee.

The Technical committee completed the What if/Why not exercise and Sean is now working with Marla and Steve to identify 10-12 questions from the list most likely to be asked and then develop a more concise set of responses. Chair Johnson commended the Technical committee for its completion of the work on this assignment.

Clark Seely brought up frequency sharing with the Federal Government. Partnering with the Federal Government should be encouraged to the greatest extent possible. Clark says Montana has a comprehensive mutual aid handbook that may be of interest for the State.

Partnership Committee – Russ Burger, Chair

The Partnership Committee met for the first time under Chair Russ Burger, with regular members and the former Chair of the Partnership Committee, Jim Swinyard attending. The committee reviewed their assignments. The group focused most of their attention on identifying statewide partnership opportunities. The group felt it was important to work on this and provide the information with the July 2007 release of the RFP. The committee will continue to identify

opportunities to share infrastructure, funds, upgrading, etc. . . Kristi Wilde, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, offered to forward Chair Burger all the info on what they know is available statewide.

Strategic Planning Committee – Kristi Wilde, Chair

The Strategic Planning committee met prior to the SIEC meeting. They reviewed the scope of work and the status of the plan development. The first version of the State Interoperability Plan is almost ready to share with the group and policy actions previously adopted by the SIEC. The Strategic Planning Committee plans to meet again March 13, 2007 from 10 AM – noon in the OEM conference room.

Finance Committee – Clark Seely, Chair

Clark reported there are 6 items the committee is working on. All but one relate to partnership. What the Partnership Committee is doing will eventually require efforts by the Finance Committee. Clark will monitor the Partnership Committee efforts. (Vickie will add Clark to the Partnership Committee email list).

Federal Engineering Update – John Murray

John Murray updated the group on the Business Case deliverable. He also discussed the status of the RFP templates they are working on.

Other Business

- Don Pfohl distributed the Federal Partnership Interoperability Communications (FPIC) plan, 3rd draft. Don outlined several points for the SIEC's consideration. The state obtained \$496,000 of federal grant funds to support ongoing interoperability efforts. These funds are being used to purchase radio equipment in Marion Co. This project is being monitored by the federal government and could serve as a nationwide model for interoperability. Don would like to see a group formed to give guidance. Chair Johnson asked if this is something the Technical Committee should be assigned? Don felt that was a choice of the SIEC. It was suggested this topic be the focus of the next SIEC meeting March 13, 2007. It was also noted this might require an extended meeting time to accommodate the discussion expected to take place.

Action Item: SIEC to consider FPIC statewide pilot project for Oregon as a single agenda item for the next meeting in March.

- Clark Seely brought attention to upcoming legislation which affects those using mobile communication devices. SB293, HB2482 – Discussion surrounded the definition of emergency vehicle. OSP, ODF and ODOT all made comment about the current definition not including all their vehicles (ie: snow plows). Sean McSpaden offered to speak to the DAS Director's Office regarding the bills to ensure the concerns related to the definition of emergency vehicle were known.

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting.