

Joint Meeting of NCOR and the N-WIN Council
January 27, 2012, 10:00 AM
Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 N Street, Lincoln, NE

Opening Comments – Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy

NCOR Council Members

First	Last	Organization (NCOR)	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	x
Patrick	Foust	Northeast Region	x
Pat	Gerdes	Southwest Region	x
Jim	Gerweck	Southeast Region	x
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central Region	x
Pete	Peterson	North Central Region	x
Ray	Richards	Panhandle Region	x
Larry	Thoren	South Central Region	
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	x
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	x

NWIN Council Members

First	Last	Org (NWIN)	Attendance
Al	Berndt	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	x
		Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Position Vacant
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	x
Jim	Gerweck	South East Region/NCOR Rep.	x
Adam	Matzner	State Fire Marshal's Office	x
Tom	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	x
Jayne	Scofield	Office of the Chief Information Officer	x
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	x

Other Attendees: NEMA: Dan Hiller, Nikki Weber, Bob Wilhelm, NEMA; Sue Krogman; Alisia LaMay, Dave Reisen; PPC: Janell Walther, Denise Bulling, Mark DeKraai, Kate Speck, Andra Backer; Matt Schnell, NPPD; Ted Blume, NGPC; Mike Jeffres, OCIO; Howard Cofer, NSP; Dave Babcock, NSP; Ray Ryan, NDOR

Discussion Items

1. Update of Joint Committee Process
 - a. Executive Order Update – Lt. Governor Sheehy
 Lt. Governor Sheehy reported that the Executive Order is still in the process of being put together and is not yet ready to be disseminated. It is anticipated that the new Executive Order will blend the N-WIN Council and NCOR together as a single body process to facilitate communication in keeping with SAFECOM recommendations.
 - b. Update on Priority Matrix –Mark DeKraai, PPC
 The Public Policy Center presented a matrix generated at the last joint NCOR/N-WIN Council meeting that documents responsibilities and tasks for interoperable communications projects in Nebraska. The matrix will be electronically distributed to members for review and editing suggestions prior to the next meeting.

2. State Radio System Project Update – Matt Schnell, NPPD
By the end of February, several sites will become operational (Jones Creek, Elgin and Plattsmouth, Cedar Bluffs, Omaha, and Sterling). By the end of March the remainder of the state will be operational.
3. Testing Between State Radio System and Local Systems – Pete Peterson
Testing was done in Chadron. Since they weren't operating on a conventional VHF system, a trunked P25 system from NSP was used. During the next month additional testing with VHF and UHF will be conducted. Jim Gerwick reported that all 13 counties in the Southeast region should have the equipment needed at Public Safety Answering Points to connect with the system by the end of February.
4. Guest Users Interest in Joining the State Radio System (SRS) – Tom Schwarten, NSP
The US Marshals Service Office and US Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) in western Nebraska have requested to become users of the. There has been an increase in the number of people from public power and public safety organizations requesting access to SRS. The OCIO and NPPD are working to develop brochures that contain information about how to become part of the SRS.

Mark Conrey made a motion for NWIN Council to support the AFOSI to join the State Radio System as a guest user. Dave Webb seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus. A vote on the US Marshals Service joining the system will be deferred until clarification is made whether the US Marshals Service will need to apply as a user or a guest.

5. Regional Interoperability Project Update – Sue Krogman, NEMA
Sue Krogman distributed a map representing the current progress of the build out of the Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network (NRIN).
6. Development of NRIN Technical Subcommittee, Members and Function – Tim Hofbauer
At a meeting to discuss sustainability at the Regional Interoperability Network Project, the responsibility of the management and monitoring aspects of the network was identified as a priority. It was suggested that NPPD be the monitoring component and the OCIO do the management under advisement of the committee. It was decided that a formalized working committee to partner with NEMA is needed. A technical group consisting of OCIO, NPPD, NCOR and NEMA should be established and each agency will be responsible for determining who will represent them on the committee.
7. NRIN Sustainability – Pete Peterson, North Central Region
No additional update.
8. Paraclete Project Update – Alisia LaMay
Alisia LaMay reported that they are almost done with the initial training in the Southeast region with the exception of Johnson County. They successfully conducted technical training last week on how to use the system. Three sites are still incomplete. NEMA will provide the training to teach the local agencies or the Emergency Managers how to go into the system and complete initial set up. NEMA met with Interop Solutions to discuss software and communication issues including patches and notification set up. They are currently working to fix them; the Communications Director will receive notification when a patch is made.
9. Radio Communications Essentials Classes – February 7 & 8, 2012 in Kearney, NE.
As of today, 309 people have registered have registered for the training.
10. Mutual Aid Project Update – Tim Hofbauer
In the East Central and Northeast regions, a radio station is picked up on some of the mobile radios. They are looking into it to see if this is a location issue or if it can be fixed.

Information Reports

1. NEMA – Al Berndt
The current Paraclete license purchased in 2006 will expire in May 2012. NEMA is discussing license renewal with Interop Solutions. There are 70 boxes throughout the state. It was recommended that representatives begin to share with their regions that the contract and license is under review and will need to be renegotiated, possibly modifying the cost.
2. Public Policy Center – Denise Bulling
Drafts of the N-WIN Council 2011 Annual Report and the NCOR 2011 Annual Report were presented for review. Comments should be sent to the Public Policy Center. The reports will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
3. SECC Update – Janell Walther
The State Emergency Alert System Plan is near completion and will be reviewed at the next meeting on Feb. 16, 2012 in Lincoln, NE. A map of the LP-1 Station coverage (15 FM Stations) is included in the state plan.

Action Items

1. Election of NCOR Officers
The regions have extended their current representatives. However, Larry Thoren will be retiring in April. Mark Conrey made a motion to elect Pete Peterson as Chair. Tim Hofbauer seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus. Pat Gerdes made a motion to elect Ray Richards as Vice Chair. Mark Conrey seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.
2. Appointment of Network Technical Subcommittee
Tim Hofbauer recommended that a subcommittee be formed to review and make recommendations about technical aspects of the NRIN system including the monitoring and management of the NRIN. A motion was made and seconded and passed by consensus – the committee will include representatives from OCIO, NEMA, NCOR, and NPPD. Tim Hofbauer will represent NCOR.

Comments

1. Mark Conrey – The Region 7 Regional Executive Communications Committee Work Group meeting moved from the 14th to February 15-16, 2012 at the Magnolia in Omaha, NE.
2. Nikki Weber, NEMA – The deadline for FY 2007 work plans is January 31, 2012. NEMA is currently reviewing them. Regional funds can be used to pay for tower leases, but they cannot go beyond the life of the grant. February 28, 2012 is the deadline for 2008 funding, and July is the deadline for 2009 funding. At this point, NEMA is not looking to extend the 2009 funding.

Next Meeting

The Joint Committee will meet again on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM CST at the Easley Branch Library; 1530 Superior Street Room #1 in Lincoln, NE.

List of Commonly Used Acronyms:

NCOR	Nebraska Council of Regions
NWIN	Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NPPD	Nebraska Public Power District
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer
PPC	Public Policy Center
SRS	Statewide Radio System
AFOSI	Air Force Office of Special Investigations