

Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network
February 18, 2015; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sandhills Conference Room, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
215 Centennial Mall South, Ste 401
Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0228

I. Welcome, Meeting Overview, Changes to Agenda

Name	Organization
John Bomar	Madison Volunteer Fire and Rescue/ Assistant Chief
Ike Brown	McCook Police Chief
Mark DeKraai	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Pat Gerdes	Region 15 Emergency Management Agency
Tim Hofbauer	Platte Valley Emergency Management
Pete Petersen	Keith County Emergency Management & Communications Director
Ray Richards	Scotts Bluff County Communications Director
Tracy Rocolle	Office of the Chief Information Officer
Jon Rosenlund	Grand Island/Hall County Emergency Management Agency
Ray Ryan	Lancaster County Radio Maintenance Shop
Patrick Seim	Office of the Chief Information Officer
Hayley Sutter	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Todd Thalken	Columbus Police
Robert Tubbs	Buffalo County Sheriff's Office
Chip Volcek	Adams County Emergency Management Agency

II. March Meeting Logistics and Participants

The March meeting will be held at the Kearney Ramada Hotel (301 2nd Avenue, Kearney, Ne 68847) from 10:00am-12:00noon. The first 20 minutes of the meeting will provide an overview of NRIN and how it relates to Next Generation 911 and FirstNet; the remainder of the meeting will focus on options moving forward. Prior to the meeting, Sue will update the map and statistics on the NRIN PowerPoint and the regional representatives will update information regarding their region. Invites will be sent to NACO, the League of Municipalities, APCO/NENA, county attorneys, first responders, FirstNet, public officials, and other stakeholders; invites will be send via email.

III. Review Draft Interlocal Agreement

It is still unknown how NRIN will be financed; options include through an Executive Order, legislation, or through the development of Interlocal Agreements. The Interlocal Agreement has been developed over the past three years and is close to being in its penultimate draft; NRIN members in attendance suggested the Interlocal Agreements be used to determine the governance structure but remain flexible on how NRIN would be financed. The current Interlocal Agreement calls for a ten-member representative board and would allow the eight PET regions, NPPD, and the OCIO self-select their

representatives. Pete commented the representatives should be elected officials and an advisory board should be formed to help the representatives understand the technical issues behind NRIN; John seconded this. Pete also suggested the Interlocal Agreement include a statement that “this governing board would develop a plan for a longer-term governance structure” and verbiage that the purpose of the group is to continue to build out NRIN using State Homeland Security Grant funds and will work toward a governance structure that is suitable for the whole state. NACO previously agreed to be the fiscal agent for NRIN; however, an advisory board would still be needed to determine how funds are allocated.

John made a motion that the members present agree on a simple structure for the Interlocal Agreement to be presented to stakeholders during the March meeting. The Interlocal Agreement should provide for state and local control by creating an advisory group who give recommendations to the OCIO, who is tasked with management, monitoring, and cost control.

IV. Agenda for March Meeting

a. Background on NRIN and Issue of Sustainability/Governance

No update.

b. Background on related initiatives (FirstNet, 911, etc)

No update.

c. Develop a model for NRIN governance & financing

The Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (NPSCC) has discussed MOUing funds to NRIN to support sustainability of NRIN. The Investment Justification Workshop will be held in April or May; NRIN will be expected to present on their funding needs at the workshop. The current cost estimate is \$450,534 (\$171,050 in tower costs and \$279,484 for the service agreement); however, costs for equipment repair and maintenance have not been calculated. Mark and Sue will work to determine a maintenance cost estimate. Tim recommended \$20,000 be included in the budget for Ceragon training. Insurance costs were intentionally left blank in the cost estimate as NRIN may be able to be covered under each county’s current insurance for very little extra cost.

d. Develop plan for implementation

No update.

V. Other important NRIN updates

Panhandle – Ray volunteered his region to be the pilot region for tele-type; however, no action has been taken yet, partly because the State Patrol is concerned about security and encryption and is unsure why a state agency should be using a local resource. One county in the Panhandle is interested in connecting their dispatch center to the regional system; however, the region is unsure how this will be implemented.

Southwest – The Southwest Region is still trying to determine a viable path out of McCook. The Benkleman site is being used to control MABS; however, that is the only point on the ring that is being utilized.

North Central – No update.

South Central – The South Central Region has a conference call scheduled for Monday, February 23 to determine how to move forward with NRIN and get a path identified so Cornerstone can do site surveys. The structural analysis of the Elm Creek Tower is still unknown.

East Central – The EC911 project is moving forward; wiring into the participating dispatch centers has begun; Schuyler and Colfax Counties already connected.

Southeast – A link from York to Arbor Road is being turned on and the Cheney site is being worked on today. Towers at Creek Water, Howard, and Beatrice are all installed. Towers in the northern portion of the ring required a higher rate of structural analyses be completed. The Southeast Region is investigating funding options for running power to tower sites including using Homeland Security grant dollars.

Northeast – Work on the Wayne State College site continues.

VI. Adjourn

The next meeting will be held before the FirstNet meeting in Kearney, NE on March 18; a meeting announcement will be sent to all the regional representatives who are asked to disseminate the invitation to their regional stakeholders. Mark will revise the Interlocal Agreement prior to the March meeting.