

Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network
January 26, 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
Mark DeKraai	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
Tim Hofbauer	Platte Valley Emergency Management
Sue Krogman	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Pete Petersen	Keith County Emergency Management
Tracy Rocolle	Office of the Chief Information Officer
Jim Sheets	Office of the Chief Information Officer
Hayley Sutter	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center

II. March Meeting Logistics

The FirstNet Initial Consultation is scheduled to start at 1:00pm on March 18th and will conclude at 12:00noon on March 19 in Kearney, Nebraska. The NRIN meeting will be held the morning of the 18th prior to the FirstNet meeting and incorporate the NRIN Champions group with external stakeholders. The meeting will provide an overview of the Network and allow stakeholders to provide their input on how the governance will be established and how NRIN fits with other major initiatives.

At the last NRIN meeting, the group concluded a product should be developed outlining the purpose of NRIN, identifying who the signatories are, how governance members are selected, and how financial contributions would be divvied between the counties (whether this is based on population, size of 911 center, or a flat fee of \$2,000). In order to draft this product, it was suggested that a working group be created that has the authority to make decisions regarding the interlocal agreements, including the organization of the governance structure and how representatives will be selected. The working group should incorporate input from other entities, for example: NACO, the League of Municipalities, Public Service Commission, County Attorneys, APCO/NENA, PET Region representatives, and 911 centers. Participation in the working group will not constitute mandatory participation in NRIN or an obligation of funding.

Two options for moving forward were identified: 1) drafting an interlocal agreement that is signed by all counties, and 2) through an Executive Order; the group agreed that the preferred method would be to have the counties sign an interlocal agreement. It was suggested that a line item for NRIN be included in the 2015 Investment Justification Workshop; however, the grants will be competitive with sustainability are the top priority and projects as a subsequent priority.

Currently, it is unknown if every region will utilize NRIN and will go through the OCIO. Tim recommended the Champions Group be explicitly clear that NRIN is different from the Statewide Radio System.

Mark will create a draft interlocal agreement and send it around to the rest of the group prior to the March meeting.

a. Time

The next NRIN meeting will be held on March 18, 2015 from 9:00am-12:00noon. There will be a pre-planning meeting on February 18, 2015 to develop an agenda for the meeting.

b. Place

The March meeting will be held in Kearney, Nebraska; however, the exact location is yet to be determined. The February meeting will be held at the Public Policy Center

III. Invitees and who will contact and how

a. NACO

Tim will contact NACO.

b. League of Municipalities

Mark will follow up with the League of Municipalities and provide them with additional details on NRIN; however, someone else who is familiar to the League will need to make the initial contact with them first.

c. Public Service Commission

d. County Attorneys

Each member of the Champions group will contact the county attorneys in their area.

e. APCO/NENA

f. 911 Centers

g. Others

IV. Agenda for March Meeting

a. Background on NRIN and Issue of Sustainability/Governance

b. Background on Related Initiatives (FirstNet, 911, etc)

c. Develop a Model for NRIN Governance & Financing

d. Develop Plan for Implementation

V. Other Important NRIN Updates

Southeast Region – The Southeast Region is using a new 911 phone system; interlocal agreement investigates the possibility of doing something together. The region is also re-evaluating rent and electricity costs.

East Central Region – The East Central Region is nearly complete. The Contract is currently working in the southeast, northeast, and central parts of the region. The site on the Schuyler elevator was brought up today. The license for Wahoo dispatch has been received and will be activated in the next few weeks. Equipment installations will begin in February. The EC911 Center is progressing quickly.

Tri-County Region – No update.

Northeast Region – The Northeast Region is working on finalizing MOUS and identifying a location to store equipment before it is hung

South Central Region – The South Central Region is waiting for the studies on the water towers near Interstate 80 to be completed. The region has two or three months before they need to move their spare equipment from their current warehouse; however, they are looking to start moving their storage equipment to a different facility soon

North Central Region – The pilot ring is running and has not had a full outage for over 18 month. Some locals in the Panhandle do not understand what the network can be used for; they understand it can save money, but they don't know much more than that.

Tracy, Sue, and Pete volunteered to do presentation on the network in the Chadron and Sidney areas.

Southwest Region – NRIN is just a line segment in the Southwest Region; however, it has been stable for the first time in a while. NRIN is not currently being used in the region for anything.

Other Updates – Colfax County is updating their dispatch console and will be using the State’s core servers in Kearney and Lincoln to operate their console and will have access to the SRS. This will allow for additional redundancy and allow them to back-up other counties 911 calls if their system goes down. Data stream that will need to be established from the East Central Region to Lincoln (the OCIO and NPPD will need to be involved in this process); data streams may be established in more than one county in the East Central Region. Osceola is a co-location with NRIN and SRS; the OCIO’s office is unsure if the technology will allow the SRS and NRIN to be tied together. Right now there is no connection between the SRS and NRIN; some locations can get monitoring into it but do not interface in any other regard. Numerous counties have indicated a reluctance to support and pay for two wireless networks when one could suffice. The OCIO’s office is confident the SRS and NRIN can be tied together; however, physical tests would need to be conducted to see how it would work. The group suggested Mike, the NRIN champions group, and an engineer collaborate to run a pilot test. Sue suggested that before the OCIO could commit to collaborating, NRIN needs to have a governance and sustainability plan in place.

VI. Adjourn

Sue recommended the February meeting be held when everyone can attend in person. The February meeting is scheduled for February 18th at 1:00 pm; a conference call option will be available for those unable to attend in person. The February meeting will focus on development of the interlocal agreement, and preparing for the March meeting.