

Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Group (NWIN) - Minutes
Mar. 26, 2010 –2:00 PM
Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Training Center - 3140 N Street Lincoln, NE

Opening comments

1. Roll Call

First	Last	Attendance
Al	Berndt	x
Ted	Blume	x
Mark	Conrey	x
Jim	Gerweck	x
Adam	Matzner	
Tom	Schwarten	x
Jayne	Scofield	x
Dave	Webb	x
Owen	Yardley	x

2. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location - NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007)
3. Review of meeting notes – February 26, 2010 meeting
Owen Yardley, Chair, made a motion to approve the Feb. 26, 2010 minutes amended with the changes suggested by Jayne Scofield. Ted Blume seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Feb. 26, 2010 minutes was approved by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. Updates of Projects

State Network - Jayne Scofield, OCIO

The pricing analysis is still being determined based on operational costs. However, more information regarding the operational costs has been acquired. A different location is being considered for the Kimball County Tower for Phase 1 of the project. Circuits have been ordered from Qwest for Phase 2. Staging for Phase 3 will occur in mid-August with shipments scheduled for early September. The completion date for Phase 3 is in Early November.

Radio System – No additional updates.

NCOR / Mutual Aid -- Mark Conrey, Jim Gerweck

NCOR did not meet in March. NCOR has drafted technical guidelines for the mutual aid radio system to help with base station configuration. The Mutual Aid system is intended to be IP-based; all VHF will be simplex; UHF and 800 will be simplex with a fourth tactical channel with the capability to have repeaters as desired. Several counties have already installed their own repeaters. Each region is also in the process of updating tactical interoperability plans.

Council Updates – No additional updates.

2. Procedures for NWIN Council – Owen Yardley, Chair

The draft procedures were presented. Janell Walther will send out the procedures for review. Please send changes and suggestions to Janell Walther prior to the next meeting.

3. Project tracking programs – Owen Yardley, Chair

Al Berndt, NEMA, and Jayne Scofield, OCIO, prepared a timeline with grant dates, funding, and milestones for project completion. More detailed timeline additions will be made to the document such as contract dates, construction start dates, etc., to establish a baseline. It was suggested that additional information be added to assist NWIN in its oversight/monitoring role. A revised version will be prepared by Al and Jayne and presented at the next NWIN Meeting.

4. Roll-out of the statewide radio system – Tom Schwarten, Nebraska State Patrol
Concerns have been expressed by local law enforcement in the Panhandle Region about not being able to hear NSP trooper radio traffic since NSP Troop E went live with the new radio system. The old radio system for NSP is still available so troopers can communicate with locals. Ron Lens, NSP, discussed possible solutions and noted that purchasing a scanner or adding a radio to the system may not be the most desirable or cost effective ways to promote interoperability. It is expected that when the Mutual Aid system is operational, Channel 42-6 will move offline, however Channel 39-9 will still be available and for the foreseeable future this low band option will remain. OCIO, PPC, and the State Patrol will work to prepare material to address emerging concerns and improve communication between local stakeholders and the state as the new radio systems are placed into operation across the state.

Identify Information/Reports

1. Office of the Chief Information Officer - Jayne Scofield, OCIO
The NWIN Annual Report was presented and was positively received.
2. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency – Al Berndt, NEMA
Bob Willhelm has continued to work on obtaining environmental impact statements for communications projects. Work continues in anticipation of the award for the mutual aid radio system project with NEMA technical staff members working with Regions. The 2010 Homeland Security Grant process is underway.
3. University of Nebraska Public Policy Center – Denise Bulling, PPC
The Investment Justification Workshop will be held on April 6, 2010 at the Embassy Suites at 10 AM. The Lt. Governor will be speaking at the noon. The Planning Academy will be held April 7, 2010 at the Embassy Suites from 8 AM – 4 PM. Presentations will be made on strategic communications, the state emergency response commission, and how to get work plans through successfully.
4. NCOR representatives– Mark Conrey and Jim Gerweck
A meeting is anticipated in late April.

Action Items

1. Work group assignments - No assignments.
2. Approval of procedures for NWIN Council
The first draft should be reviewed prior the next NWIN Council meeting.

Comments

1. Member comments – No comments.
2. Public comments
Steve Cass, NEMA. The NEMA technical staff members visited several regions. The two major issues are identifying what the core projects are and the varying perceptions of listening capability.

Next Meeting

April 23rd, 2010, 2:00 PM. Location TBD.