

NEVADA BROADBAND TASK FORCE
MEETING

December 10, 2013
9:00 A.M.

1. Call to order, roll call, and determination of quorum.

Name	Affiliation	Present	Location
Brad Lyon	Moapa Telephone	X	Logandale
Daphne DeLeon	State Library and Archives	X	Reno
Ed Anderson	Nevada System of Higher Education	X	Reno
Elmer Porter	Eureka County School District	X	Eureka
Frank Woodbeck	Commission on Economic Development and DETR		
Jeff Fontaine	Nevada Association of Counties	X	Carson City
Gerald Ackerman	University of Nevada School of Medicine	X	Elko
Randy Brown	AT&T		
Sherry Rupert	Nevada Indian Commission		
Linda Stinar	CenturyLink Communications	X	Phone
Rick Nelson	Nevada Department of Transportation		
Jim Garza	Economic Development Authority- White Pine County	X	Ely

Daphne DeLeon began the meeting at 9:05 A.M., as quorum was established.

2. Introduction of task force members and staff, names and affiliations

In attendance: Mike Grimm (North American Landsailing Association), Maud Naroll (Department of Administration), Shayne DeCohen (State Historical Records Advisory Board), Ariel Martinez (Connect Nevada), Lindsey Niedzielski (Connect Nevada), and Assemblyman James Oscarson.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Follow up on action items from previous meeting(s)

None

5. Approval of minutes from previous task force meetings

Ed Anderson moved to approve. Daphne DeLeon seconded. Jim Garza, abstained. Minutes were approved.

6. SONNet Project Update – Chris Magenheimer, SONNet Project Manager

Upon the arrival of Chris Magenheimer the Board elected to hear his update.

Sheriff Haley, SONNet's chairman, has been working with the Governor's office to change the governance of the board to modify its role to support the agenda. This is expected by the end of the year.

7. Nevada HIT Project Update – Lynn O'Mara, Nevada State Health IT Coordinator

This item was deferred to the January 2014 meeting.

8. Nevada Hospital Association Project Update – Nevada Hospital Association

(From a written report from Mike Pieper, read by Lindsey Niedzielski)

- NTIA has extended the grant completion date to September 30, 2014.
- NTIA has issued a request to NHA for a corrective action plan detailing how they'll complete the project on the new schedule.
- The CAP response is due by December 20.
- Proposed plan is expected to be accepted, having been in discussions with NTIA for 2 months.
- Once CAP response is approved by NTIA, construction of the network will move forward.
- A detailed construction schedule and project should be available in January.

Discussion

Ms. DeLeon inquired if it is known who they're partnering with, to which Ms. Niedzielski replied that it may be E-Care. Also, Ms. DeLeon requested if there are any updates to the build-out schedule, based on the grant meeting, that it be reported in January (and sent out to the Broadband Task Force members, as well as posted as a meeting handout). Any other questions can be sent to Bill Welch or saved for the next meeting in January.

9. Project Reports

Scott Lommori, Lyon County School District, reported that they were one of the fastest growing counties in the country, but now unemployment is high. From the slide presentation, it was learned that the project, funded through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), began in September 2010, and ended on September 29, 2013, with goals to involve diverse populations, contribute economically to the local community, improve computer accessibility, promote social interaction, and foster community involvement. They've been able to make available to students well-known virtual field trips using the PCC

Video Broadcasting System (e.g., New York Hall of Science), plus ESL, college prep, job training skills, multiple genre, and computer skills. He noted that the computer facilities are being heavily used throughout the morning, day, and evening, including Saturdays. Almost 18,000 community citizens have used the location in year 2. Sustainability will be achieved via the school district continuing to provide technical assistance and each location maintaining the equipment. An exemplary working relationship has been developed between community members and quite a few organizations within the county and beyond.

Discussion

Jim Garza has a database of private foundations that fund youth organizations, which he offered up to Mr. Lommori. Mr. Lommori welcomed the idea and shared his e-mail address.

Daphne DeLeon stated that the Nevada State Library and Archives is also a Foundation resource that provides information regarding private grant fund. This resource can be accessed during the Library's open public hours Monday – Friday 10AM – 2PM. She agreed with Mr. Garza that when you're looking for sustainability for the PCCs, you're not looking for an equipment grant that supports equipment upgrades, which is what BTOP was. You are actually going to be looking for programming grants that necessitate an equipment upgrade/maintenance/replacement, via economic development, education, and public library programming. She further noted that the libraries in Lyon County have upgraded computers through the Nevada One Click project. In 5 years, this equipment will have to be replaced.

Jim Garza informed the group that techsoup.org will give discounted (10¢ on the dollar) computer systems to public charities and libraries. He asked if the group could sponsor these PCC replacements. Ms. DeLeon replied that the possibility was there, but there'd have to be a formalized relationship between the library and the PCC and she recommended further discussion between them.

Brad Lyon stated that he'd heard of this number: \$44.6 million economic impact. With this, shouldn't Lyon County be able to sustain itself, without seeking further grants? This was answered as the math resulting from 686 people finding jobs there, as a consequence of the program and its classes. Clarification was also made on the 16,000 site visitors (whether the figure is total visitors or unique visitors), which was that it is unique visitors.

Ed Anderson asked about what was the sustainability and clarified that there are both a human component and a technical/mechanical component to sustainability. Mr. Lommori answered that Fernley has volunteer organizers, the Boys and Girls Clubs (Yerington, Silver Springs, Dayton, Schurz) has either hired people or already had people to coordinate the volunteers.

Daphne DeLeon asked if, as a result of robust partner relationships, has Mr. Lommori's group set up a strategy between the school district and the PCCs to follow up with the community organizations. Mr. Lommori stated the Boys and Girls Clubs meet with his group all the time and have various committee meetings. The relationships are in place, but we haven't

formalized the meetings. Alan Mederious added that the BTOP project has resulted in many different relationships.

10. Nevada Broadband Summit (Wrap-up) - Lindsey Niedzielski, State Program Manager

There were 100 attendees and 58 webstream attendees. Blair Levin was the keynote speaker. Ann Neville, NTIA, was there and also attended/participated in a Douglas County community wrap-up meeting the following day in Minden,. The mapping was discussed and evaluated. Follow up questions and e-mails have come and partnerships have been fostered. Lindsey Niedzielski will be participating in the Department of Education's Cisco project to refine the project, with Kim Vidoni and Brent Legg attending. Adoption of the one-to-one tablets and other projects will be looked at.

Discussion

Jim Garza attended the summit and leveraged partnerships and explained his initiatives and options to others. For next year's summit, he'll be interested to see where the assessments have developed: action plans vs. implementations. Gerald Ackerman went to the summit curious about the applicability of the summit's information to him and was pleasantly surprised how much it was. It was inquired about future funding for the project, which Daphne DeLeon affirmed that she'd has been exploring. But, formally, the inquiries would develop from the Task Force. Sustainability plans and development proposals should be underway by February, as budgets start getting submitted. Daphne DeLeon is on a committee to explore how to roll out telemedicine in Nevada, which shows justification for continuing the efforts of the Broadband Task Force and Connect Nevada. A working group of Daphne DeLeon, Jim Garza, and Lindsey Niedzielski is inviting other Task Force members to help with sustainability issues. Gerald Ackerman showed interest in joining the group.

Jim Garza added that partnerships/collaboration with bigger partners are key to grant success and suggested a list of them be generated.

Daphne DeLeon further explained how the Broadband Task Force has seen maturation in the conversation over the years. The communities are finding gaps and developing the conversations/relationships in some of the localities and making plans to address them.

11. Connect Nevada Update (Regional Planning, USDA Roundtables, New Maps) - Lindsey Niedzielski, State Program Manager

Lindsey Niedzielski provided updates for Connect Nevada projects. USDA is hosting Smarter Communities Roundtables, with support and marketing from the Connect Nevada network. Note that December 19th, 1-4pm, is at TMCC Tech Center, 18600 Wedge Pkwy. Jenny Taylor (Sarah Adler's assistant) will coordinate any interested parties to teleconference that roundtable meeting.

Also, new broadband availability and growth maps are available on the Connect Nevada website. As a result of the new availability data, changes were made to availability scores across the Connected assessment. Elko County earned another point for broadband speed and is now a certified community. Churchill County was presented as a certified community last week. Douglas County work is still ongoing and has a meeting likely in January. Humboldt County is working on a consortium project to get access to Middle Mile. Lander County is waiting on completion of Arizona Nevada Tower project. Pershing County is meeting again in January.

Discussion

Ariel Martinez reported that Mineral County will have its final technology action plan presented next week in Hawthorne. Lindsey Niedzielski reported that the goal has been met to release the technology plan for each rural county by the end of 2013. Now, in the next 6 or 7 months, she will be working on compiling all the plans together to create a formalized master plan with the sustainability initiatives and marketing. Daphne DeLeon inquired about whether the master plan would include integration, leveraging the commonalities among them, and taking advantage of economies of scale. Ariel Martinez stated the school districts are a good example of this in regards to efforts to increase bandwidth. Assemblyman James Oscarson asked for post-study plans for Lincoln and Nye counties and an ANTC build-out report for Dayton / Lyon County. Kevin Hayes corrected the location as Dyer rather than Dayton and stated that the weather has been delaying progress, but they would be working through the winter. Esmeralda County School District work is currently underway. The microwave project, including the consortium project, which are both targeted for the end of August. Clarification on the types of maps available on the website was done. Daphne DeLeon explained that the Nevada State Library and Archives does competitive grant funding for the state's libraries each year. Virtual trainings were funded with BTOP. Carson City is an example from this year.

12. Review and discussion on future task force meeting dates and future agenda items

The next meeting is week of January 13. On January 9, the Governor's Office telemedicine working group is planning to meet.

13. Informational Items

None

14. Public Comment

Mike Grimm, North American Land Sailing Association, announce the 14th Landsailing World Championships, July 12 – 20, at Smith Creek Dry Lake. They're expecting 150 land yacht pilots, 300-400 attendees, and wants Internet access. Gerald Ackerman suggested contacting the Seismology Lab and Lindsey Niedzielski agreed to send contact information to Mike Grimm. Also, contact information will be sent for Kevin Hayes.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.