

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting No. 19 – Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

11:17 AM - Call to Order

Co-Chair Neal brought the meeting to order and conducted roll call for Task Force members. She reminded the attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

The following were in attendance:

Task Force Members Present

Barbara Neal, E911 Director, Co-Chair
Jennifer Morrison, Public Safety Commissioner, Co-Chair
Paul White, Regional Dispatch Working Group, Vice-Chair
Mike Doenges, Mayor, Rutland City
James ‘Jim’ Mack, Shelburne Dispatch
Ron Kumetz, VSFA
Michael Wright, CEO of Calnex Ambulance

Task Force Members Absent

Others Present

Cally Audet, Task Force Clerk
Kim Cheney
Stephen Whitaker
Rick Burke, Televate
Dominick Arcuri, Televate
Richard Townend, Altairis Technology Partners
Senator Irene Wrenner, Chittenden North District

Approval of Agenda

Motion: At 11:22 AM, Co-Chair Neal moved to amend the agenda to remove the executive session agenda item; 2nd by Jim Mack. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- 01/31/2024 – Regular Meeting No. 18

Motion: At 11:22 AM, Ron Kumetz moved that the task force approve the minutes as written; 2nd by Mike Doenges. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Status Update

Co-Chair Neal provided an update to the system planning draft contract; sharing that the draft contract was sent to the selected vendor on Monday, February 12, 2024, and the task force is awaiting their response.

Co-Chair Morrison provided a brief overview to attendees regarding weekly status reports received by Televate, the Task Force's project management team. She shared that these reports have been submitted in draft form to date as priorities have been rapidly changing. The Co-Chairs and Televate team utilized this time to solicit feedback from task force members on various items such as form content, distribution methodology, the report review process, and public postings of said reports.

Stephen Whitaker requested an email copy as he does not have visual, only audio meeting capabilities. Co-Chair Neal agreed to forward a copy to Mr. Whitaker.

Televate team member, Dom Arcuri shared a copy of a draft weekly status report for attendees to view and provided an overview of the team's approach in drafting the current weekly status reports. Information captured in these reports include a draft of the project schedule, accomplished and planned activities, draft project plan to be integrated into the final project plan set forth by the system planning vendor, action items, list of risk items, as well as an issue management summary.

The Chairs opened the floor to questions and/or comments from Task Force members.

Paul White inquired about the risk/issue list asking if as risks turn to issues if they would remain on the list, or if that item would drop off once the issue had been resolved. Dom Arcuri explained that the item will remain on the list for an additional reporting period for visibility, but then will drop off and be archived. Televate team member, Rick Burke, also shared that this process remains true for the action item list as well.

Michael Wright inquired if the weekly status reports would be distributed via email or stored in the Task Force SharePoint. Co-Chair Morrison stated that they are looking for the task force members to weigh in on this matter. Paul White stated that either method of distribution was okay with him, however shared that if it is posted to SharePoint, he would like email reminder that there is a document ready for review; Ron Kumetz and Jim Mack agreed.

Co-Chair Neal asked the group for their opinion on when they felt the report should be posted online for public consumption; in draft format upon receiving the document from Televate, or after the task force has reviewed the report and approved its content. Co-Chair Morrison raised the point that depending on the Task Force's decision on future meeting cadence the plan for public distribution may need to be discussed further. No final decision was made on this matter, further discussion is to be had.

No further comments

Public Comment

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to public comment, giving each participant wishing to share three (3) to four (4) minutes each.

Senator Irene Wrenner expressed her wariness regarding the ability of expensive projects to bear good fruit in the State of Vermont, while sharing her understanding of prior state projects that may be perceived as unsuccessful. She shared examples of past projects such as transferring Valcour from a record system into a CAD dispatch system, as well as a lifeline system where both federal grant and congressionally directed spending funds were allocated to projects that have been interpreted by some as wasted money.

She provided an overview of her involvement with regional dispatch in Chittenden County, and her continued research into the basic issues and challenges that the towns in Chittenden County face. She expressed concern regarding the selection of projects or vendors to date, and also shared that she had introduced an amendment last Friday on the Senate floor that suggested some course corrections to the task force's current process.

Senator Wrenner also asked attendees to note that to date it is her understanding that the current project activities had been deemed unrelated to information technology, which she felt was of concern. She explained the definition of information technology activities and noted statutory stipulations for reporting requirements and independent reviews, and asked the task force to consider affirming what was being done with the \$9 million and/or \$11 million of grant money.

Kim Cheney addressed members of the Televate team, asking how they intend to address local governance in their weekly status reports, and expressed concerns regarding public transparency in task force discussion. Televate team member, Dom Arcuri thanked Mr. Cheney for his comments and clarified that governance and cost share is a major part of the project scope.

Stephen Whitaker shared that he believed the weekly report needs should be sent out to subscribed users on a routine basis regardless of draft or final status to maintain transparency. He thanked Co-Chair Neal for forwarding him the draft weekly status report for review, and expressed concerns that he felt the report was sparse and did not appear to encompass what he believed to be the required information.

He also shared additional concerns regarding transparency as the reports are only currently being shared verbally to the Co-Chairs, and he did not feel there was ample evidence of the last five (5) weeks of work completed. Mr. Whitaker expressed concerns regarding the process for independent review and vendor solicitation for such matters, the process for utilizing congressionally directed spending, and his perceived lack of due diligence in project management selection.

For additional details on all public comments, please refer to the meeting transcript (attached) beginning at 0:19:7.0.

New Business

Co-Chair Morrison shared with task force members that she will be seeking to distribute an updated plan for the proposed expenditure of the \$9 million in congressionally directed spending. The Chairs anticipate

sharing that next week, likely on Tuesday. She stated that this item will be up for discussion at the next meeting, as she would like to seek task force input regardless of whether or not it's statutorily mandated.

No further comments.

Set Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled as a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 11:15 AM. Special meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

Motion: There being no further business, Jim Mack made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Paul White. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cally Audet
Cally Audet, Clerk

02/15/24
Date

DRAFT

0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:0.600

Neal, Barbara

We all here.

0:0:0.610 --> 0:0:2.600

Neal, Barbara

So Kelly, go ahead and start the recording.

0:0:2.610 --> 0:0:3.360

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:0:4.450 --> 0:0:5.600

Neal, Barbara

Good morning everybody.

0:0:5.610 --> 0:0:10.60

Neal, Barbara

I'm calling this meeting of the Public Safety Communications Task force to order.

0:0:10.170 --> 0:0:12.840

Neal, Barbara

It is 1117.

0:0:13.70 --> 0:0:16.950

Neal, Barbara

On February 14th, 2024, and I'm Barbara Neil.

0:0:17.530 --> 0:0:23.870

Neal, Barbara

As a reminder, the meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted on the Task force web page following the meeting.

0:0:24.680 --> 0:0:29.10

Neal, Barbara

So let's start with our usual roll call of Task force members.

0:0:29.160 --> 0:0:31.290

Neal, Barbara

Please verbally acknowledge your presence.

0:0:31.300 --> 0:0:34.10

Neal, Barbara

When I call your name Jen Morrison.

0:0:37.710 --> 0:0:39.310

Audet, Cally

It looks like she had to drop off.

0:0:39.740 --> 0:0:40.850

Neal, Barbara

OK. OK.

0:0:41.420 --> 0:0:44.290

Neal, Barbara

Alright, we'll circle back if we see her come back on.

0:0:44.620 --> 0:0:48.70

Neal, Barbara

So I will go, Paul, where I see you're just joined us.

0:0:50.340 --> 0:0:50.440

White, Paul

Yes.

0:0:48.80 --> 0:0:52.920

Neal, Barbara

We've just called the meeting to order and we're going through the roll call and you're next ball white.

0:0:52.710 --> 0:0:53.910

White, Paul

I I am here.

0:0:54.450 --> 0:0:54.890

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:54.900 --> 0:0:55.310

Neal, Barbara

Good morning.

0:0:56.650 --> 0:0:57.930

Neal, Barbara

Alright, Michael Wright.

0:0:58.720 --> 0:0:59.260

Michael

I am here.

0:1:0.430 --> 0:1:0.880

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:1:0.940 --> 0:1:1.760

Neal, Barbara

Mike Dungeness.

0:1:2.900 --> 0:1:3.440

Doenges, Mike

I am here.

0:1:4.450 --> 0:1:5.910

Neal, Barbara

Morning, Ron krumitz.

0:1:12.270 --> 0:1:13.180

Doenges, Mike

Ron is muted.

0:1:13.850 --> 0:1:15.150

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Ohh, I'm here, I'm here.

0:1:13.620 --> 0:1:15.220

Neal, Barbara

Ron is the.

0:1:15.350 --> 0:1:15.880

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I'm here.

0:1:16.890 --> 0:1:17.260

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I'm at.

0:1:16.370 --> 0:1:17.310

Neal, Barbara

There he is. Yep.

0:1:19.460 --> 0:1:21.110

Neal, Barbara

Good morning, Ron, Jim Mack.

0:1:21.40 --> 0:1:21.370

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Morning.

0:1:22.930 --> 0:1:23.190

Neal, Barbara

Good.

0:1:22.790 --> 0:1:23.540

James Mack

I'm here.

0:1:24.210 --> 0:1:24.790

Neal, Barbara

Morning, Jim.

0:1:25.650 --> 0:1:26.280

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:1:28.240 --> 0:1:28.760

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I am here.

0:1:26.290 --> 0:1:29.0

Neal, Barbara

And did the Commissioner make it back on the call?

0:1:29.370 --> 0:1:30.200

Neal, Barbara

OK, good morning.

0:1:29.890 --> 0:1:30.230

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I'm here.

0:1:30.860 --> 0:1:32.140

Neal, Barbara

Alright, Jen, thank you.

0:1:32.490 --> 0:1:33.200

Neal, Barbara

OK, so we.

0:1:32.730 --> 0:1:34.90

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I'm just here by phone apparently.

0:1:34.950 --> 0:1:38.820

Neal, Barbara

OK, we are all accounted for here.

0:1:39.490 --> 0:1:50.280

Neal, Barbara

Also joining us is Kelly Audette as our administrative support and our project management partners, Rick and Dom from Televisit morning, everybody.

0:1:51.850 --> 0:2:3.380

Neal, Barbara

And we also have several members of the public with us, so I'll call your name and give you an opportunity to introduce yourself and any affiliation that you would care to share.

0:2:4.380 --> 0:2:10.510

Neal, Barbara

So going down my list, we have a phone number ending in 9517.

0:2:10.520 --> 0:2:12.940

Neal, Barbara

Steven Whittaker, I think that's you, correct.

0:2:13.370 --> 0:2:13.980

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No.

0:2:14.50 --> 0:2:14.750

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Nope, that's me.

0:2:15.250 --> 0:2:16.140

Neal, Barbara

Oh, I'm sorry.

0:2:16.190 --> 0:2:16.870

Neal, Barbara

I'm sorry, OK?

0:2:16.910 --> 0:2:17.290

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That's OK.

0:2:17.990 --> 0:2:19.240

Neal, Barbara

Uh, alright.

0:2:19.310 --> 0:2:23.0

Neal, Barbara

I also have an unknown user, Stephen.

0:2:23.10 --> 0:2:23.560

Neal, Barbara

Do you?

0:2:23.690 --> 0:2:24.720

Neal, Barbara

Are you on the line?

0:2:29.710 --> 0:2:30.100

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I yeah.

0:2:31.410 --> 0:2:31.800

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:2:32.110 --> 0:2:34.970

Neal, Barbara
They believe that to you then welcome.

0:2:35.250 --> 0:2:37.490

Neal, Barbara
Alright, Kim chini.

0:2:39.380 --> 0:2:40.330

Kim Cheney
Good morning.

0:2:40.340 --> 0:2:41.350

Kim Cheney
If this is working.

0:2:48.940 --> 0:2:49.570

White, Paul
It was worth.

0:2:48.800 --> 0:2:49.580

Neal, Barbara
Came came.

0:2:49.640 --> 0:2:52.780

White, Paul
It was working, but you muted yourself shortly into your conversation.

0:2:53.250 --> 0:2:53.670

Neal, Barbara
Right.

0:2:53.670 --> 0:2:54.500

Kim Cheney
I'm sorry.

0:2:54.810 --> 0:3:6.620

Kim Cheney
I wanted to give my thanks to my former colleagues at television, when whom I worked happily before and look forward to doing it again.

0:3:6.690 --> 0:3:7.130

Kim Cheney
Thank you.

0:3:8.610 --> 0:3:10.230

Neal, Barbara
Thank you. OK.

0:3:9.580 --> 0:3:10.740

Dominick Arcuri
Thank you, Ken, likewise.

0:3:11.360 --> 0:3:11.740

Rick Burke
Thank you.

0:3:13.430 --> 0:3:14.660

Neal, Barbara
Alright, Richard Townend.

0:3:17.750 --> 0:3:19.930

Richard Townend
And dependent with all terrorists technology partners.

0:3:20.820 --> 0:3:23.380

Neal, Barbara
The morning Senator Renner.

0:3:26.200 --> 0:3:26.880

Senator Irene Wrenner
Hi everyone.

0:3:26.890 --> 0:3:29.340

Senator Irene Wrenner
Senator Irene Renner from Chittenden N district.

0:3:30.690 --> 0:3:31.880

Neal, Barbara
Nice to have you join us.

0:3:31.890 --> 0:3:34.670

Neal, Barbara
Did I miss anyone else from the public?

0:3:34.680 --> 0:3:35.370

Neal, Barbara
That's on the line.

0:3:38.290 --> 0:3:39.670

Neal, Barbara
OK, great.

0:3:39.890 --> 0:3:40.780

Neal, Barbara
Hearing nothing.

0:3:40.790 --> 0:3:42.920

Neal, Barbara
Let's move on to approval of the agenda.

0:3:42.970 --> 0:3:46.360

Neal, Barbara
So the agenda was distributed to Task Force members by email.

0:3:46.370 --> 0:3:48.600

Neal, Barbara
It's also available on our web page.

0:3:49.600 --> 0:3:58.50

Neal, Barbara
I have one change to the agenda, which is to remove the executive session agenda item.

0:3:58.60 --> 0:4:0.670

Neal, Barbara
I don't believe that we will need one today.

0:4:0.840 --> 0:4:3.720

Neal, Barbara
I do have an update, but it can be shared publicly.

0:4:5.800 --> 0:4:10.110

Neal, Barbara
Any other changes to the agenda from Task Force members?

0:4:15.60 --> 0:4:22.130

Neal, Barbara
OK, I'll make a motion that we amend the agenda to remove the executive session agenda item.

0:4:22.480 --> 0:4:23.260

Neal, Barbara
Is there a second?

0:4:24.290 --> 0:4:24.770

James Mack
2nd.

0:4:25.330 --> 0:4:26.810

Neal, Barbara
Thank you, Jim, any discussion?

0:4:29.130 --> 0:4:29.700

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:4:29.770 --> 0:4:33.580

Neal, Barbara

All in favor of changing the agenda, as noted.

0:4:33.710 --> 0:4:35.800

Neal, Barbara

Raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

0:4:37.590 --> 0:4:37.820

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Hi.

0:4:37.390 --> 0:4:37.840

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:4:38.590 --> 0:4:39.900

Neal, Barbara

OK, I hear Jen.

0:4:39.910 --> 0:4:45.100

Neal, Barbara

I hear Ron and I see Jim, like Paul and myself and Michael.

0:4:47.370 --> 0:4:49.130

Neal, Barbara

Voting to approve that change?

0:4:50.890 --> 0:4:58.60

Neal, Barbara

So let's move on to approval of the Minutes from January 31st, 2024 that was regular meeting #18.

0:4:58.460 --> 0:5:0.850

Neal, Barbara

Are there any changes needed to those minutes?

0:5:6.110 --> 0:5:8.330

Neal, Barbara

Alright, hearing nothing.

0:5:8.550 --> 0:5:10.780

Neal, Barbara

Do we have a motion to approve?

0:5:10.720 --> 0:5:11.270

Doenges, Mike

So moved.

0:5:10.230 --> 0:5:11.330

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I'll make a motion to accept.

0:5:13.210 --> 0:5:13.790

Doenges, Mike

I'll second.

0:5:13.610 --> 0:5:13.850

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:5:14.770 --> 0:5:15.200

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:5:15.370 --> 0:5:16.30

Neal, Barbara

Any discussion?

0:5:18.970 --> 0:5:22.200

Neal, Barbara

All in favor of approving the minutes of January 31st?

0:5:22.210 --> 0:5:23.790

Neal, Barbara

Raised your hand or indicate by saying aye.

0:5:25.470 --> 0:5:25.710

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Aye.

0:5:27.850 --> 0:5:28.360

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:5:26.830 --> 0:5:32.920

Neal, Barbara

I hear, Jim, I hear Ron and I see hands from all other task force members.

0:5:34.480 --> 0:5:34.980

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:5:36.0 --> 0:5:36.550

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:5:36.610 --> 0:5:48.20

Neal, Barbara

Moving on to project status update, I have an update, then I'll hand it over to Jen and then we'll get an update from Tel Aviv as well.

0:5:48.390 --> 0:5:58.310

Neal, Barbara

So I wanted to let everybody know that the system planning draft contract was sent to the vendor on Monday and we are awaiting their response.

0:5:59.380 --> 0:6:0.530

Neal, Barbara

So that is that up.

0:6:0.540 --> 0:6:7.270

Neal, Barbara

And Jen, you wanted to speak a little bit, I think to the status reports and where we stand with that.

0:6:8.540 --> 0:6:9.290

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Indeed.

0:6:9.930 --> 0:6:10.850

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf

Good morning everyone.

0:6:10.860 --> 0:6:12.880

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I'm sorry that I can't be there on a camera.

0:6:12.890 --> 0:6:15.790

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Apparently the Wi-Fi is not sufficient here.

0:6:15.800 --> 0:6:16.750

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Where I am trying to work.

0:6:18.960 --> 0:7:0.900

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We have been, Barb and I have been receiving weekly status reports verbally with Elevate as we have been rapidly changing the priorities as they have unfolded, but we have received a draft written weekly status report that we would like to share with the task force to comment on form content, make sure that this draft that they have put together meets the the needs of the task force and then we will

develop a distribution methodology to receive those reports, review them and then put them on our on our website for the general public to be able to.

0:7:1.450 --> 0:7:2.580

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf

Look at them as well.

0:7:3.170 --> 0:7:16.910

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf

So I had intended to share that with you, but I can't do it from my phone, so I might have to rely on, uh, storm or Rick to either share screen or post it in the chat.

0:7:17.160 --> 0:7:28.500

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf

And again, the purpose of it is for folks on the task force to provide feedback if this is what they envision for form and content, for feedback on a weekly basis.

0:7:29.410 --> 0:7:29.860

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf

Umm.

0:7:30.120 --> 0:7:35.330

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf

And so that is what I have to say about the weekly status reports and not being able to see the agenda.

0:7:35.340 --> 0:7:36.430

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf

Barb, what else are we talking about?

0:7:36.730 --> 0:7:37.360

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:7:37.430 --> 0:7:41.510

Neal, Barbara

I think, well, what we'll do now, I think it's handed over to Rick and Dom.

0:7:44.130 --> 0:7:44.470

Dominick Arcuri

Yeah.

0:7:41.620 --> 0:7:45.0

Neal, Barbara

Are you able to share that that screen?

0:7:44.480 --> 0:7:45.470

Dominick Arcuri

So I can I can share that.

0:7:45.50 --> 0:7:46.310

Neal, Barbara

OK, alright.

0:7:53.600 --> 0:7:53.850

Dominick Arcuri

Uh.

0:7:46.320 --> 0:7:53.940

Neal, Barbara

If you wanna walk us through that and any other updates that that you're prepared to give today, the floor is yours.

0:7:54.950 --> 0:8:0.420

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Can can I request a email copy because I don't have visual here, I just have telephone.

0:8:2.890 --> 0:8:7.230

Neal, Barbara

Umm, I don't know that I haven't emailed copy of this.

0:8:9.450 --> 0:8:10.210

Dominick Arcuri

Uh, you should.

0:8:9.280 --> 0:8:10.240

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I think Jen said she.

0:8:11.20 --> 0:8:11.840

Neal, Barbara

Do I OK.

0:8:12.360 --> 0:8:12.460

Dominick Arcuri

Yes.

0:8:14.470 --> 0:8:14.970

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:8:18.260 --> 0:8:18.730

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:8:18.740 --> 0:8:20.570

Neal, Barbara

Yes, Steven, I'll forward that to you.

0:8:20.580 --> 0:8:22.90

Neal, Barbara
Now go ahead Dom.

0:8:23.220 --> 0:8:24.160

Dominick Arcuri
Alright, thank you.

0:8:24.450 --> 0:8:28.860

Dominick Arcuri
As as Jen mentioned, we have drafted a status report.

0:8:29.310 --> 0:8:43.380

Dominick Arcuri
Uh, I'll put together an initial format and looking for feedback from the task force members as to whether or not this format meets their needs, or if there are any additions or changes.

0:8:43.870 --> 0:8:55.700

Dominick Arcuri
So you can see that we initially identify the activities accomplished from the last period and also planned activities for the coming period.

0:8:56.90 --> 0:8:59.540

Dominick Arcuri
So you'll see them the work we have been involved in.

0:8:59.550 --> 0:9:19.660

Dominick Arcuri
As Jen mentioned, supporting evaluation of system planning, vendor proposals and provided input on the statement of work and the schedule uh for the the draft contract we are currently working on a preliminary schedule.

0:9:19.670 --> 0:9:24.640

Dominick Arcuri
We have a draft of a schedule with a moderate amount of detail.

0:9:24.770 --> 0:9:46.490

Dominick Arcuri
Right now we have incorporated the dates that have been proposed in the system planning vendor contract into our schedule and we are waiting for confirmation from those to to finalize that that is similar to a project plan.

0:9:46.500 --> 0:9:55.950

Dominick Arcuri
We have a draft project plan covering the schedule and other items such as, you know, schedule controls, scope control, communications, et cetera.

0:9:56.380 --> 0:10:1.850

Dominick Arcuri

We will integrate into that project plan.

0:10:2.100 --> 0:10:10.890

Dominick Arcuri

The input from the system planning vendor when they are on under contract and once they have initiated the project.

0:10:10.900 --> 0:10:17.80

Dominick Arcuri

So so we won't publish a a project plan until we've incorporated those changes.

0:10:18.350 --> 0:10:26.0

Dominick Arcuri

You'll see we have identified also an initial list of action items that we will order.

0:10:26.100 --> 0:10:28.160

Dominick Arcuri

The task force are currently working.

0:10:29.900 --> 0:10:38.740

Dominick Arcuri

#2 #2 there I can't update that television now has access to the Vermont share folder, so that has been accomplished.

0:10:38.900 --> 0:10:47.500

Dominick Arcuri

The other items action items are in process and we will report on those and update them certainly on a weekly basis.

0:10:48.830 --> 0:11:0.80

Dominick Arcuri

Uh, we have identified some initial potential risks as we see them and certainly anyone on the project within the task force is.

0:11:0.330 --> 0:11:1.450

Dominick Arcuri

But uh.

0:11:2.20 --> 0:11:21.950

Dominick Arcuri

Capable and free to identify potential risks, we've identified these three that we will be working and monitoring initially and we expect there'll be more that we add to this once A and and then we've also identified a Section 4 or what we call issues.

0:11:22.60 --> 0:11:27.360

Dominick Arcuri

So once a risk becomes a reality, it turns into an issue.

0:11:27.440 --> 0:11:31.370

Dominick Arcuri

And then we have to address it in that manner.

0:11:31.560 --> 0:11:36.930

Dominick Arcuri

So we have a a table that we use for following that process as well.

0:11:38.110 --> 0:11:43.610

Dominick Arcuri

Uh, and that's that's the extent right now.

0:11:43.620 --> 0:11:45.480

Dominick Arcuri

The initial status update.

0:11:47.390 --> 0:11:48.560

Dominick Arcuri

Happy to answer any questions.

0:11:50.330 --> 0:11:51.10

Neal, Barbara

OK, great.

0:11:52.530 --> 0:11:53.360

Neal, Barbara

Questions.

0:11:53.630 --> 0:11:55.560

Neal, Barbara

Comments from Task Force members.

0:11:59.980 --> 0:12:0.290

Neal, Barbara

See.

0:12:0.370 --> 0:12:1.980

White, Paul

Just a quick quick question.

0:12:1.990 --> 0:12:7.960

White, Paul

I'm just curious as as risks transition to issues and then ultimately get resolved.

0:12:17.150 --> 0:12:17.200

Kim Cheney

In.

0:12:8.210 --> 0:12:17.690

White, Paul

Is it the plan that they will continually stay on the list, so eventually this report could get lengthy or once they're resolved they will drop off the list and be archived?

0:12:19.80 --> 0:12:19.420

Dominick Arcuri
General.

0:12:20.100 --> 0:12:31.650

Dominick Arcuri
The way we handle once they're resolved, they stay on for an additional period just to confirm and then they're removed from the list, but archived at that time.

0:12:31.230 --> 0:12:32.530

White, Paul
OK. OK.

0:12:32.540 --> 0:12:32.860

White, Paul
Thank you.

0:12:33.250 --> 0:12:37.120

Rick Burke
Uh, and we take the same approach towards action items as well.

0:12:38.150 --> 0:12:38.400

White, Paul
OK.

0:12:45.460 --> 0:12:45.630

White, Paul
Yeah.

0:12:37.410 --> 0:12:48.290

Rick Burke
So the next week we'll put a Gray line through the action item that's been closed and then the following week it would be removed now.

0:13:4.700 --> 0:13:4.880

White, Paul
Sure.

0:12:48.330 --> 0:13:6.420

Rick Burke
And that's our general approach and we could, as you indicated it, it could get busy over early, get very busy over a project of this magnitude and these action items are obviously designed to represent all action items from for every participant in the program.

0:13:6.510 --> 0:13:18.960

Rick Burke

And so, you know, leaving them on another week and indicating that this has been closed as it is a clean light to, you know, to keep track and and then the and then the the archive will still have it on there.

0:13:18.970 --> 0:13:25.740

Rick Burke

But you know what we've showed to you would remove it the the week after, you know, for the next session, if that.

0:13:25.840 --> 0:13:25.970

White, Paul

OK.

0:13:25.800 --> 0:13:26.740

Rick Burke

That works for you.

0:13:26.750 --> 0:13:27.890

Rick Burke

That's our typical approach.

0:13:27.930 --> 0:13:29.50

White, Paul

Yep, Yep.

0:13:29.90 --> 0:13:29.900

White, Paul

No, I liked it.

0:13:29.910 --> 0:13:30.230

White, Paul

Thank you.

0:13:31.750 --> 0:13:32.10

Rick Burke

Certainly.

0:13:33.260 --> 0:13:33.790

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:13:33.830 --> 0:13:34.840

Neal, Barbara

And I don't have.

0:13:34.850 --> 0:13:40.470

Neal, Barbara

I can't see everybody, so if there's any other task force members that have questions or comments, please speak up.

0:13:42.610 --> 0:13:45.660

Michael

Barb, the sum this document will be it.

0:13:45.770 --> 0:13:50.910

Michael

Is it gonna be in our email or is this gonna be in this folder that is mentioned here that we'll have access to?

0:13:53.240 --> 0:13:53.820

Neal, Barbara

Uh.

0:13:53.600 --> 0:13:55.500

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I think that that's all resting.

0:13:55.510 --> 0:14:15.270

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That's a little bit of what we wanted to ask you about today is your feedback on the weekly status reports, not just the form and content, but do you prefer to receive it via email or do you want to, umm, be notified that it's now in our shared drive and once everybody's taking a peek at it, it will go be posted publicly?

0:14:15.860 --> 0:14:18.720

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I guess process is is TBD on that.

0:14:21.0 --> 0:14:21.420

Michael

Perfect.

0:14:21.430 --> 0:14:21.740

Michael

Thank you.

0:14:22.270 --> 0:14:23.220

White, Paul

I would think both.

0:14:23.410 --> 0:14:31.140

White, Paul

I think either either sending it by email or sending us an email letting know that there's an update available so that we can go find it either one.

0:14:32.650 --> 0:14:37.330

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Yeah, I either way is fine as long as there's some reminder that it's there.

0:14:39.420 --> 0:14:39.820

Doenges, Mike
Agreed.

0:14:42.40 --> 0:14:42.410

Dominick Arcuri
Understood.

0:14:44.900 --> 0:14:45.150

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf
OK.

0:14:43.930 --> 0:14:49.160

Neal, Barbara
Would we, would we, umm, posted publicly?

0:14:49.170 --> 0:14:53.160

Neal, Barbara
At what point would it be posted publicly after the task force has reviewed it?

0:14:53.170 --> 0:14:55.130

Neal, Barbara
Or is it public rate from the get go?

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4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf
Also I think.

0:14:59.260 --> 0:15:1.630

White, Paul
I don't see why there be anything sensitive.

0:15:1.770 --> 0:15:4.0

White, Paul
I mean, I I don't think it'd be public from the get go.

0:15:2.640 --> 0:15:4.920

4d816c5f-1ec2-4e5e-ac8c-5c8f012c9bbf
No, I I'm not suggesting there's anything sense.

0:15:5.580 --> 0:15:5.820

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:15:17.720 --> 0:15:17.880

White, Paul
So.

0:15:5.380 --> 0:15:20.610

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I'm not suggesting there's anything sensitive, but it could be the case that a task force member would say, hey, what about we worked on this issue with you guys if there was an omission or a correction to something I don't have a particular preference.

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It could either be uh, posted to the website right away, understanding that it could be a work in progress, and changes could be made to it.

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Or we could have the task force take a look at it and, you know, give him 24 hours from the time we share it.

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And then post it publicly.

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I think it should be up to the task force what they think best meets the need.

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Neal, Barbara

I think I like public as a draft and then, you know, presumably these will be reviewed at each task force meeting and if changes are made then it will just be adjusted.

0:15:57.190 --> 0:16:0.890

Neal, Barbara

The public, all of the versions will be adjusted appropriately.

0:16:2.30 --> 0:16:7.340

Neal, Barbara

Umm, maybe once it's been reviewed at the task force, it's no longer labeled the draft.

0:16:7.350 --> 0:16:8.200

Neal, Barbara

Something like that.

0:16:8.710 --> 0:16:9.730

Neal, Barbara

Like the Minutes, kind of.

0:16:22.720 --> 0:16:26.790

Rick Burke

So may I may I just summarize what I think the process is.

0:16:27.810 --> 0:16:27.910

Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:16:27.320 --> 0:16:43.130

Rick Burke

So we are going to prepare and release you know, say I don't know 48 hours, so 2448 hours prior to the next meeting or or or more promptly than that and then it'll have a draft watermark on it.

0:16:43.140 --> 0:16:56.660

Rick Burke

It'll be emailed to the task force members, and then we give then it's reviewed during the session and and once agreed, then it would be posted as an an and removes a draft watermark.

0:17:1.460 --> 0:17:1.860

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:17:3.90 --> 0:17:10.380

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That actually makes sense to have it be a draft and circulated, and then approve the status report at each at each meeting.

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Although we the cadence of meetings might prohibit that if we're only do, if we only do meetings every other week, then we would end up with two to approve at a time.

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So maybe that's not the best method.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:17:27.670 --> 0:17:29.370

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So I don't want to spend too much time here.

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How about we let's talk offline and we figure out the system and it could be as simple as we distribute it.

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24 hours goes by if we haven't received feedback, removed the watermark, put it, post it publicly.

0:17:43.30 --> 0:17:44.130

White, Paul

Yeah. OK.

0:17:44.590 --> 0:17:44.770

White, Paul

Good.

0:17:44.530 --> 0:17:46.550

Neal, Barbara

Yeah, we sound good.

0:17:46.890 --> 0:17:51.680

Neal, Barbara

Everybody, any objections from task force members to that?

0:17:51.690 --> 0:17:53.100

Neal, Barbara

I don't think we need to vote on this.

0:17:53.110 --> 0:17:54.620

Neal, Barbara

We'll just hammer out the details and.

0:17:56.470 --> 0:17:56.920

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:17:57.450 --> 0:17:57.830

Neal, Barbara

Any other?

0:17:58.330 --> 0:18:2.820

Rick Burke

Yeah, just just for everyone's benefit because we are, we all know that.

0:18:2.830 --> 0:18:7.600

Rick Burke

You know, we we have a we can get put in email jail for for our files are too big.

0:18:7.670 --> 0:18:9.980

Rick Burke

So this is about 130 KB file.

0:18:9.990 --> 0:18:11.440

Rick Burke

It's not a large file.

0:18:11.510 --> 0:18:16.890

Rick Burke

Ohh, I expect overtime they'll get a little bit larger, but it's never gonna be a megabit file.

0:18:16.900 --> 0:18:20.140

Rick Burke

It's always gonna be, you know, 100 a couple 100 kilobits.

0:18:20.150 --> 0:18:26.330

Rick Burke

So it's not gonna overload your inbox, but it is another inbox item that you're gonna have to manage.

0:18:30.240 --> 0:18:30.520

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:18:33.200 --> 0:18:34.270

Neal, Barbara

Any other questions?

0:18:34.280 --> 0:18:37.50

Neal, Barbara

Comments from Task Force members on the project status.

0:18:42.100 --> 0:18:42.360

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:18:43.410 --> 0:18:44.810

Neal, Barbara

I think we're ready to move on.

0:18:46.730 --> 0:18:49.700

Neal, Barbara

Then 2A public comment.

0:18:49.770 --> 0:18:57.620

Neal, Barbara

So if I could get an indication if people wish to comment, Steven, I'll assume that you do.

0:18:57.850 --> 0:19:2.80

Neal, Barbara

Is there anybody else that wishes to offer a public comment today?

0:19:2.350 --> 0:19:3.970

Neal, Barbara

Senator Renner, I see your hand.

0:19:5.60 --> 0:19:6.510

Neal, Barbara
Kim, I see you.

0:19:7.0 --> 0:19:19.120

Neal, Barbara
OK, so why do we try to limit our comments to, you know, three to four minutes each, so that we're about within the 10 minute period, if we can, we'll be reasonable about that.

0:19:19.420 --> 0:19:21.840

Neal, Barbara
And Senator Brenner, let's start with you.

0:19:24.180 --> 0:19:24.870

Senator Irene Wrenner
Thanks so much.

0:19:24.900 --> 0:19:34.930

Senator Irene Wrenner
I come to you today as both senator and a Vermont taxpayer, and forgive me, but I'm always a little wary of the ability of any expensive project to bear good fruit.

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Senator Irene Wrenner
Especially because when I first began campaigning for this seat two years ago, someone at their front door said to me, if you get elected, please don't spend \$500 million on a system that doesn't work.

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Senator Irene Wrenner
And my gut response was, you've gotta be kidding me.

0:19:52.870 --> 0:20:0.20

Senator Irene Wrenner
Vermont doesn't to spend on anything, and he said, well, if I hadn't worked for the state, I wouldn't know about this.

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Senator Irene Wrenner
But indeed we did.

0:20:2.450 --> 0:20:21.370

Senator Irene Wrenner
There have been other systems project projects that I've heard about since \$5 million to turn Valcour from a record system into a CAD dispatch system, which I haven't seen any evidence of whether it's serving the needs of our new subject matter experts or anyone else.

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Senator Irene Wrenner
There's a lifeline system which cost approximately \$27 million and gets minimal.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

Use those were Homeland Security funds that could have gone to help small towns.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

And yet, without copper plans in place, that money was essentially wasted because that system is nowhere near you as much as it should be for that amount of money.

0:20:45.840 --> 0:20:46.60

Senator Irene Wrenner

Yeah.

0:20:47.10 --> 0:21:2.920

Senator Irene Wrenner

So I come also as someone who has dealt a little bit with regional dispatch in Chittenden County, there were many meetings in 2017 when I played paid close attention to them and eventually the plan went sideways.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

But along the way I learned something about regional dispatch.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

I read a huge book called Principles of Emergency Medical Dispatch.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

So I could gain an appreciation for what those folks do for us.

0:21:14.780 --> 0:21:22.710

Senator Irene Wrenner

I put together a website that you can still reference which shows some of the basic issues and challenges that the towns in Chittenden County face.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

Standing up a system at that time.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

And underlying all those things in high school, college and in the business world, I use computers a lot.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

So I'm not friendly.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

I just don't want to see state or federal funds diverted to projects or vendors who aren't setting up a well thought out system and they don't want to see a system design that has sole sourced out to a familiar face over our competent engineer.

0:21:51.670 --> 0:22:15.30

Senator Irene Wrenner

Umm, I followed the task force activity fairly closely, although I haven't had the chance to attend your meetings because oftentimes I'm in committee meetings of my own at the same time, but I was fortunate to be able to see the two Co chairs present to the Senate Finance Committee recently, after which I introduced an amendment last Friday on the Senate floor that suggested some course corrections to your current process.

0:22:15.590 --> 0:22:16.890

Senator Irene Wrenner

I won't go over any of that.

0:22:16.900 --> 0:22:22.630

Senator Irene Wrenner

You can bone up on it yourselves by watching the tape for looking me up the legislation.

0:22:23.500 --> 0:22:32.90

Senator Irene Wrenner

Uh, but I did want to call your attention to the fact today that I am aware that the Commissioner of the Agency of.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

Umm Publix sorry, the agency of Digital Services has deemed what's being done here as not information technology activities and that concerns me.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

The definition of information technology activities includes such things as.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

The design, construction, purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of systems, including hardware, software, and services that perform or are contracted under Administrative Bulletin 3.5.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

To perform such activities and directly and beneath that statue in three BSA section 3303, there are all kinds of stipulations for reporting requirements and independent reviews.

0:23:28.780 --> 0:23:46.730

Senator Irene Wrenner

Again, I won't go into the details, but I think it's very important that if the task force does nothing else that you please consider affirming that was being done here with \$9 million and or \$11 million of grant money grant money.

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Senator Irene Wrenner

And then in case of the 9,000,000 and general fund money in the case of the \$11 million, if you could affirm that both of those are indeed encompassing information technology activities, I think that would go a long way to helping this process along.

0:24:2.430 --> 0:24:3.500

Senator Irene Wrenner

And I thank you so much for your time.

0:24:4.990 --> 0:24:5.950

Neal, Barbara

Thank you very much.

0:24:7.800 --> 0:24:8.940

Neal, Barbara

Kim Cheney, let's go to you.

0:24:10.820 --> 0:24:11.380

Kim Cheney

Thank you.

0:24:13.780 --> 0:24:14.440

Kim Cheney

First of all I.

0:24:16.500 --> 0:24:26.720

Kim Cheney

I haven't met Senator Renner, but just hearing her speak, I think she has a lot of insight into the past and how this can be moved forward.

0:24:28.410 --> 0:24:34.60

Kim Cheney

I wanna ask Dominic and and Rick as you know my.

0:24:35.570 --> 0:24:42.100

Kim Cheney

Concern is local governance and I didn't see anything in your outline.

0:24:43.680 --> 0:24:47.130

Kim Cheney

Uh, talking about how you would structure local governance?

0:24:48.410 --> 0:24:52.470

Kim Cheney

Which of course is the heart of any kind of system.

0:24:53.970 --> 0:25:21.680

Kim Cheney

And it's probably because I you've done so much in executive session, I have very poor idea what's been going on, but I hope you'll tend to the governance issue and I hope you'll the whole cost sharing issue between locals and state is gonna be critical to any successful plan.

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Kim Cheney

And I trust I don't know who's responsible for developing that, but I know.

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Kim Cheney

Reckon dumb have been down this path before, so I'm hoping you'll get hold of it and moving along.

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Kim Cheney

Thank you.

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Dominick Arcuri

No.

0:25:38.680 --> 0:25:39.440

Neal, Barbara

Thank you very much.

0:25:38.870 --> 0:25:42.20

Dominick Arcuri

Can I respond to that Barber, you.

0:25:46.620 --> 0:25:46.970

Dominick Arcuri

Sure.

0:25:44.290 --> 0:25:47.580

Neal, Barbara

Yes, Tom, quickly and then we'll go into Steven, yeah.

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Dominick Arcuri

I I just wanted to.

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Dominick Arcuri

I just wanted to thank him for the comments and clarify that.

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Dominick Arcuri

Development and recommendations of governments models is a major portion of this project and that is part of the scope of the system planning vendor.

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Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:26:3.570 --> 0:26:4.60

Kim Cheney

OK.

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Kim Cheney

Thank you, Dominic.

0:26:5.810 --> 0:26:6.480

Neal, Barbara

Correct.

0:26:6.550 --> 0:26:6.820

Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

0:26:6.910 --> 0:26:7.540

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, Steven, go ahead.

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Ohh umm yeah I.

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I appreciated Barq's interpretation of the how the weekly reports are gonna be shared, and then it got skewed back to.

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Private until reviewed and that needs to be revisited.

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That, that's that's a public document.

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Even with the draft mark on it, and it should be sent out to all requesting subscribers on a routine basis, regardless of whether it has the draft watermark on it or not, there's no basis for withholding it for a day or a week until the next meeting.

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I will be able to see the changes that are made when the draft mark comes off and it's adopted by the as changed by the task force.

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That kind of thing slips.

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Transparency slips all too easily.

0:27:13.770 --> 0:27:16.680

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Uh, so the.

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I'm concerned looking at the document that Barb sent.

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Thank you.

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But it really is sparse in that this project management plan was due January 12th and it's over a month later and we still only got an outline that doesn't begin to encompass the scope of this project.

0:27:38.960 --> 0:27:46.410

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So I'm really concerned that and then I'm concerned that the weekly updates are being done verbally only that the Co chairs.

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That's not what the contract says, and to have the Co chairs, you know, intercept those on behalf of the task force rather than a document that we can see what's accomplished every week is really poor management.

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Rick Burke

The.

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And and it's not, it's the task force responsibility to be reviewing those reports every week.

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And so you're a month behind and we don't have any documents over the last four weeks of work or five weeks of work. Umm.

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Status report system.

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Draft contract system planning, draft contract.

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So yeah, there's some emails that were shared in the attempt to kill Senator renters amendment by the administration by Co chair emails generated by Co Chair Morrison, that basically revealed that they only got one bid for the.

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Systems systems analysis, systems planning, SP.

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ASP.

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A contract to review it was referred to as an independent review, but it was in no way consistent or within the definition of an independent review in statute, and then that vendor was declined to pursue the contract because it would preclude uh future bidding on the actual radio design work.

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But that scope of work for that SP, a strategic planning analysis, is the phrase I was looking for.

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That's what was on the RFP, that Commissioner Morrison.

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Told the Gallops committee didn't exist the day after it was issued.

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So that has overlap with this system.

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The SME contract, which does propagation analysis of the LMR radio.

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So this is a cluster screw of overlap and mismanagement because one side is under this purview of the task force and one side is not the 11 millions under the purview of the task force to 9,000,000 at this point is not.

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Although the language that has passed both bodies House and Senate.

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Uh, but has not been reconciled in conference committee.

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Does give the task force an ongoing role of updates in the planning for the system planning for the 9,000,000 congressionally directed spending.

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So you are gonna have to come up to speed quickly and it's it's unclear to me how you're going to determine whether the 9,000,000 is being spent in support of a statewide transition to statewide regional emergency communications.

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Because to me, a lot of the projects look like just more of the same public safety spending 27 million on, you know, a lifeline system that the locals don't use and or feathering the gold plating their internal systems.

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So I believe that y'all are gonna need to find a way to verify that indeed, that's part of the regional system, but it creates the other problem of supplanting, which was the subject of another memo Commissioner Morrison sent to try to kill runners.

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Amendment that if front of federal funds are spent, they cannot be spent on anything that would have been supplanting state funds.

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And to the degree we've got 11 million there waiting to be spent on regional dispatch communications, virtually anything that the department is arguing could be spent to support a transition to statewide regional emergency communications is potentially supplanting the the 11 million and is therefore disallowed under the federal rules.

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So you got a real conundrum on your hands here that I don't see anybody wrestling with.

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Uh, the delay in getting and the conflicts in getting the.

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Project, a project manager on board and the track record of this project manager, which I have said and I've been denied in the answer of was due diligence done on the failures of this vendor.

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This project manager in both the first net evaluation and the Central Vermont contract evaluation.

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Those this task forces responsible for doing that due diligence.

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You just can't take gens word that she did in her.

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She didn't do it.

0:32:31.420 --> 0:32:36.220

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This task force is responsible for that due diligence and I would encourage you to step up.

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So y'all are the oversight.

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Like it or not of, you know, affect both the 9,000,000 and the 11 million and you got a lot of work to do to catch up and hold these folks accountable cause the amendment that failed would have increased the task force by four members and would have allowed the task force to elect its own chair instead of being LED around by a Co chairs that think they can solely hear the weekly updates verbally so that there's no paper trail.

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That's just an abuse that needs to stop.

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I'll stop there.

0:33:17.660 --> 0:33:17.880

Dominick Arcuri

Umm.

0:33:17.800 --> 0:33:18.730

Neal, Barbara

All right then.

0:33:18.800 --> 0:33:19.430

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Steven.

0:33:23.230 --> 0:33:29.490

Neal, Barbara

I believe we can move on to new business unless there are any other public comments.

0:33:29.550 --> 0:33:30.760

Neal, Barbara

Anyone else wishing to comment?

0:33:34.560 --> 0:33:34.740

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:33:36.710 --> 0:33:39.470

Neal, Barbara

Do task force members have any new business for today?

0:33:44.90 --> 0:33:46.210

Neal, Barbara

OK, go ahead. Yes.

0:33:42.100 --> 0:33:50.680

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Barbi have an item of new business and I'm gonna have to be somewhat brief because I have to jump on to another thing at noon under new business.

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I wanted to alert task force members that we will be seeking to distribute an updated plan for the expenditure of the proposed expenditure of the \$9 million in congressionally directed spending.

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We anticipate sharing that next week.

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I know Monday is a holiday, but we're looking to do that on perhaps by Tuesday.

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We're gonna ask for your feedback and discussion.

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We will take it up as an agenda item at the next meeting, but I wanted to alert Task Force members that that will be coming your way and looking forward to your input, regardless of whether or not it's statutorily mandated.

0:34:31.860 --> 0:34:33.230

Neal, Barbara

OK, good.

0:34:34.200 --> 0:34:36.270

Neal, Barbara

Any other new business from Task Force members?

0:34:41.190 --> 0:34:43.70

Neal, Barbara

Alright, Kim, I see you phrased your hand.

0:34:43.80 --> 0:34:45.400

Neal, Barbara

Do you have something you'd like to add?

0:34:46.450 --> 0:34:49.470

Kim Cheney

And now I'm trying to figure out how to lower it.

0:34:49.780 --> 0:34:50.530

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:34:51.40 --> 0:34:54.30

Neal, Barbara

OK, just thought I would check in alright.

0:34:53.830 --> 0:34:54.930

Kim Cheney

Thanks for asking.

0:34:55.270 --> 0:34:56.160

Neal, Barbara

Sure thing.

0:34:56.210 --> 0:35:12.720

Neal, Barbara

OK, moving on then we and I know Commissioner Morrison, you may have to drop off here pretty soon, so thank you for your input this morning and let's move on to setting the next meeting date and then we'll adjourn.

0:35:13.880 --> 0:35:24.550

Neal, Barbara

So Kelly had to remind me of this this morning, but back along quite a long while ago, the task force determined that we should have meetings, regular meetings, every other Wednesday.

0:35:24.560 --> 0:35:47.210

Neal, Barbara

At 11:15 we had a lot of other things that came up in the meantime, so we didn't officially start that until sometime in December and we decided then that we would book out four next 4 regularly scheduled meetings in that you know, twice every other week cadence, which brings us to today.

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Neal, Barbara

So I've got a proposal.

0:35:51.410 --> 0:36:4.20

Neal, Barbara

I propose that we continue to have a week meetings every other week on Wednesdays at 11:15 and add special meetings as needed.

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Dominick Arcuri

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Neal, Barbara

For example, next week we will need we will likely need a special meeting.

0:36:12.520 --> 0:36:28.150

Neal, Barbara

One might be to discuss the information that Commissioner Morrison just mentioned on the congressionally directed spending information and the other could be potentially additional information from the assisting system planning vendor.

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Neal, Barbara

You know, we have may have made progress in the contract negotiation.

0:36:32.630 --> 0:36:40.600

Neal, Barbara

I don't know for certain, but we may be at a port, a point where there's some action that needs to be taken for the task by the task force.

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Neal, Barbara

So I propose we have asked Kelly to set up recurring meetings every two weeks and that you hold space on your calendar for next week.

0:36:51.450 --> 0:36:55.660

Neal, Barbara

We'll schedule the special meeting on Tuesday should we need it.

0:36:55.890 --> 0:36:57.400

Neal, Barbara

Does that work for everyone?

0:37:2.640 --> 0:37:4.950

Neal, Barbara

OK, I'm it might go ahead.

0:37:5.930 --> 0:37:9.920

Doenges, Mike

Yeah, Tuesday might be a little tough for me, but I'll try to be as flexible as possible.

0:37:10.150 --> 0:37:13.40

Doenges, Mike

That's the only I'm good with the the regular scheduled meetings.

0:37:14.850 --> 0:37:15.80

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:37:13.50 --> 0:37:15.270

Doenges, Mike

The Tuesday one might be a little tough, but we'll figure it out.

0:37:15.820 --> 0:37:23.370

Neal, Barbara

Well, I think what we would probably do is schedule a special meeting for Wednesday morning because we need to give the 24 hour notice.

0:37:24.500 --> 0:37:29.710

Neal, Barbara

So we'll see where we are Tuesday morning and and schedule it if we can.

0:37:33.820 --> 0:37:34.310

Doenges, Mike

Thank you.

0:37:29.960 --> 0:37:35.50

Neal, Barbara

So or if we need to rather anything else? Yep.

0:37:34.600 --> 0:37:35.490

Doenges, Mike

Thank you for the clarification.

0:37:40.460 --> 0:37:44.300

Neal, Barbara

OK, I think that's it for today.

0:37:45.900 --> 0:37:47.430

Neal, Barbara

Was anybody has anything else?

0:37:47.440 --> 0:37:48.750

Neal, Barbara

Is there a motion to adjourn?

0:37:52.250 --> 0:37:53.470

James Mack

Make a motion to adjourn.

0:37:55.400 --> 0:37:55.800

White, Paul

Set but.

0:37:56.820 --> 0:38:2.30

Neal, Barbara

Could Paul all in favor of adjourning, raise your hand, or indicate by saying aye?

0:38:3.130 --> 0:38:3.630

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:38:4.640 --> 0:38:13.110

Neal, Barbara

OK, I see Ronde hand is up or voice was heard and all other hands are up and we are adjourned for today.

0:38:13.580 --> 0:38:18.440

Neal, Barbara

Maybe we'll see you next week, if not the week beyond that for sure.

0:38:19.150 --> 0:38:21.420

Neal, Barbara

Umm, thank you very much everybody.

0:38:23.520 --> 0:38:23.740

Senator Irene Wrenner

It's.

0:38:21.550 --> 0:38:27.650

Neal, Barbara

And we'll be, we'll be in touch, thanks to Tel Aviv for joining us and thanks to our guests for joining us as well.

0:38:28.870 --> 0:38:29.500

Neal, Barbara

Have a good day.

0:38:29.210 --> 0:38:29.800

Dominick Arcuri

Thank you all.

0:38:30.10 --> 0:38:30.280

Dominick Arcuri

Bye now.

0:38:29.170 --> 0:38:30.570

Senator Irene Wrenner

Thank you. Alright.

0:38:30.240 --> 0:38:30.890

Rick Burke

Thank you everyone.

0:38:31.540 --> 0:38:31.820

Neal, Barbara

Bye bye.

0:38:32.580 --> 0:38:32.910

Rick Burke

Uh.

0:38:32.630 --> 0:38:33.60

Richard Townend

Thanks, bye.