

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting No. 15 – Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

11:15 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

James ‘Jim’ Mack, Shelburne Dispatch

Ron Kumetz, VSFA

Mike Doenges, Mayor, Rutland City

Michael Wright, CEO of Calnex Ambulance

Task Force Members Absent

Paul White, Regional Dispatch Working Group, Vice-Chair

Others Present

Cally Audet, Task Force Clerk

Phillip Sisk, Mission Critical Partners

Stephen Whitaker

Kim Cheney

Jay Gagne, Windham County Sheriff’s Dept.

Jim Morgan

Approval of Agenda

No changes.

Approval of Minutes

- 12/19/2023 – Regular Meeting No. 14
- 12/22/2023 – Special Meeting No. 14

Motion: At 11:19 AM, Barb Neal moved that the task force approval all minutes listed on the agenda as written; 2nd by Ron Kumetz. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Draft Report to Legislature

Co-Chair Neal shared that a copy of the draft report to the legislature was distributed to task force members last week and displayed the draft report on the screen for all attendees to view and emphasized that this was a draft document only. The Chairs stated that this was an opportunity for the task force members to provide feedback, and members of the public would have the opportunity to do so during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Co-Chair Neal proposed adding language to the document acknowledging what the legislature requested in the report and the fact that the task force would be unable to deliver those items in said report. She then shared additional feedback received from other task force members to date, proposing a change in language to the final paragraph regarding the task force anticipating being able to meet the September 24th deadline for certain deliverables. There were no objections from task force members to these proposed changes.

With no objections, the Chairs shared they would continue to work on the previously noted language and send it back to the task force for final review and approval at a subsequent meeting.

Co-Chair Morrison asked that additional information be added to the stakeholder engagement section of the report, as both chairs have engaged in stakeholder engagement with various groups throughout the process thus far both individually and at other meetings.

The final report is due on Monday, January 15, however due to the holiday the task force is aiming to have the report submitted on Friday, January 12, 2024.

Conversation was had regarding whether or not the final draft must be voted on in public session. The task force will revisit approval at next week's meeting.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to public comment.

Stephen Whitaker shared many concerns he had with the drafted report to the legislature, inclusive of the following topics: confidentiality policies, independent counsel, meeting quorum, project management and subject matter expert selection, access to 911 Board cell antennas, congressionally directed spending, and the development of procedures and best practices to name a few.

For further details, please see the meeting transcript (attached) beginning at 0:13:37.510.

Kim Cheney expressed his concerns regarding lack of information and decisions being shared publicly. He shared that he would have liked to review draft contracts and other documents prior to their release. He expressed that he did not feel that the Task Force had made much progress to date.

For further details, please see the meeting transcript (attached) beginning at 0:19:50.470.

Co-Chair Neal stated that much of the contract process to date has needed to occur in executive session due to the legal process. Once these items have been finalized, more information will be available for public consumption.

Steven Whitaker asked that it be noted that Kim Cheney used to be the attorney general.

New Business

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to task force members for discussion of new business. She shared that she did not find reason to enter executive session as there were no further updates to discuss regarding contracts at that time.

Co-Chair Morrison provided a brief update on the current status of contract development, stating that the contract for the project manager had entered its final stages of development and approval. She shared that they hope to have the contract available for public consumption by the end of the week. She also shared that the contracting process continues for the task force's independent counsel, with a few things to work through in the vetting process.

Co-Chair Morrison shared that the chairs would be speaking with members of the House Committee on Government Operations later in the day to catch them up on the activities of the task force to date, to seek feedback or suggestions they have on the report that will later be provided to them on January 12th.

Executive Session – For the purpose of discussing one or more contracts

No business to discuss in executive session.

Potential Action(s) as a Result of Executive Session

None.

Set Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled as a regular meeting for Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 11:15 AM.

Motion: There being no further business, Michael Doenges made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Ron Kumetz. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cally Audet
Cally Audet, Clerk

01/03/24
Date

0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:0.620

Neal, Barbara

Meeting to order.

0:0:0.630 --> 0:0:2.170

Neal, Barbara

If you want to start the recording, thank you.

0:0:3.50 --> 0:0:3.290

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:4.840 --> 0:0:6.130

Neal, Barbara

Good morning everyone.

0:0:6.140 --> 0:0:8.350

Neal, Barbara

Happy New Year to everybody.

0:0:8.480 --> 0:0:13.250

Neal, Barbara

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

0:0:13.260 --> 0:0:17.730

Neal, Barbara

It is 11:15 on January 3rd, 2024.

0:0:18.120 --> 0:0:19.70

Neal, Barbara

I'm Barbara Neal.

0:0:19.500 --> 0:0:26.460

Neal, Barbara

And as a reminder, this meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted on the task force web page following the meeting.

0:0:27.470 --> 0:0:31.60

Neal, Barbara

Let's start with a roll call of Task Force members.

0:0:31.70 --> 0:0:37.180

Neal, Barbara

If you could just acknowledge verbally when I call your name umm Jen Morrison.

0:0:37.970 --> 0:0:38.310

Morrison, Jennifer

I'm here.

0:0:39.500 --> 0:0:42.170

Neal, Barbara

The morning Umm Michael Wright.

0:0:42.950 --> 0:0:44.40

Michael

Here morning.

0:0:44.720 --> 0:0:46.230

Neal, Barbara

Good morning Mike Dungeness.

0:0:47.450 --> 0:0:47.950

Doenges, Mike

Good morning.

0:0:48.620 --> 0:0:50.530

Neal, Barbara

Morning, Ron krumitz.

0:0:51.390 --> 0:0:52.10

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Good morning.

0:0:52.640 --> 0:0:54.360

Neal, Barbara

Morning and Jim Mack.

0:0:56.230 --> 0:0:56.510

James Mack

Here.

0:0:57.660 --> 0:0:58.10

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:59.500 --> 0:1:0.210

Neal, Barbara

All righty.

0:1:0.270 --> 0:1:5.910

Neal, Barbara

UM, also joining us at court, of course, is Cali Audette as administrative support.

0:1:6.860 --> 0:1:10.550

Neal, Barbara

We have looks like several members of the public with us.

0:1:10.560 --> 0:1:16.210

Neal, Barbara

I'll call your name and give you an opportunity to introduce yourself and any affiliation you care to share.

0:1:16.700 --> 0:1:18.240

Neal, Barbara

Steven, let's start with you.

0:1:23.580 --> 0:1:24.260

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Steve Whitaker.

0:1:26.0 --> 0:1:28.60

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jay.

0:1:30.920 --> 0:1:31.390

Jay

Good morning.

0:1:31.400 --> 0:1:32.320

Jay

My name is Jason Gagne.

0:1:32.330 --> 0:1:35.260

Jay

I'm the communications administrator for the Windham County Sheriff's Office.

0:1:37.370 --> 0:1:39.970

Neal, Barbara

Thanks for joining us, Kim Cheney.

0:1:42.570 --> 0:1:43.330

Kim Cheney

Good morning.

0:1:44.90 --> 0:1:46.690

Kim Cheney

Umm interesting member of the public.

0:1:48.10 --> 0:1:48.730

Neal, Barbara

Nice to see you.

0:1:50.250 --> 0:1:52.100

Neal, Barbara

Let's see Phil Sisk.

0:1:53.760 --> 0:1:54.450

Phillip Sisk
Good morning.

0:1:54.460 --> 0:1:56.530

Phillip Sisk
Phil Sisk with mission critical partners.

0:1:56.640 --> 0:1:56.940

Phillip Sisk
Thank you.

0:1:57.590 --> 0:1:58.340

Neal, Barbara
Good morning.

0:1:58.710 --> 0:2:1.550

Neal, Barbara
OK, let's see.

0:2:1.560 --> 0:2:5.250

Neal, Barbara
So we are moving on now to approval of the agenda.

0:2:5.460 --> 0:2:11.310

Neal, Barbara
The agenda was distributed to Task Force members by email and is also available on our web page.

0:2:11.480 --> 0:2:15.50

Neal, Barbara
Do task force members have any changes to the agenda?

0:2:19.380 --> 0:2:19.750

Neal, Barbara
No.

0:2:19.960 --> 0:2:28.110

Neal, Barbara
OK, hearing none, we will consider the agenda approved and move on to approval of the Minutes.

0:2:28.120 --> 0:2:31.260

Neal, Barbara
So we have two sets of minutes to approve.

0:2:32.230 --> 0:2:35.860

Neal, Barbara
The first is from the December 19th regular meeting.

0:2:35.930 --> 0:2:41.60

Neal, Barbara

#14, are there any changes needed for these minutes?

0:2:44.420 --> 0:2:50.910

Neal, Barbara

OK, let's move on to the December 22nd, 2023 special meeting.

0:2:51.80 --> 0:2:52.620

Neal, Barbara

Any changes needed here?

0:2:56.610 --> 0:3:3.70

Neal, Barbara

OK, so I will make a motion that we approve the Minutes listed on the agenda today.

0:3:3.440 --> 0:3:4.280

Neal, Barbara

Is there a second?

0:3:4.790 --> 0:3:5.490

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I will second that.

0:3:5.670 --> 0:3:6.100

James Mack

2nd.

0:3:7.190 --> 0:3:7.580

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:3:7.880 --> 0:3:8.860

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Ron.

0:3:8.870 --> 0:3:10.950

Neal, Barbara

Any further discussion or any discussion?

0:3:13.370 --> 0:3:18.720

Neal, Barbara

All right, all in favor, please signify by raising your hand and saying aye.

0:3:19.910 --> 0:3:20.90

Morrison, Jennifer

Aye.

0:3:21.90 --> 0:3:21.200

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:3:21.290 --> 0:3:21.480

James Mack

And I.

0:3:21.320 --> 0:3:26.840

Neal, Barbara

OK, alrighty, I see all task force members hands are up the minutes.

0:3:27.470 --> 0:3:33.50

Neal, Barbara

Uh listed on today's agenda are approved, so let's move to.

0:3:35.770 --> 0:3:37.810

Neal, Barbara

Making sure I have this in the right order here.

0:3:38.430 --> 0:3:41.930

Neal, Barbara

Review of the draft report to the legislature.

0:3:43.470 --> 0:3:49.100

Neal, Barbara

So this was distributed to Task Force members last week. I believe.

0:3:49.250 --> 0:3:53.270

Neal, Barbara

I'm gonna pull up a copy to share and.

0:3:55.400 --> 0:3:56.80

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:3:56.300 --> 0:4:1.450

Neal, Barbara

Then we can move through, move through the document and see what changes we may have.

0:4:1.780 --> 0:4:6.680

Neal, Barbara

See, I said that I was going to bring that up with great confidence.

0:4:6.690 --> 0:4:8.640

Neal, Barbara

Now let me see that I can find it.

0:4:8.990 --> 0:4:9.330

Neal, Barbara

There we go.

0:4:11.520 --> 0:4:17.990

Neal, Barbara

OK, so we do have a report due to the legislature on January 15th.

0:4:18.220 --> 0:4:25.420

Neal, Barbara

I will stress that what you're looking at is a draft, so changes are welcomed and expected.

0:4:27.670 --> 0:4:28.200

Neal, Barbara

Let's see.

0:4:28.210 --> 0:4:28.960

Neal, Barbara

I can't see you.

0:4:28.970 --> 0:4:34.450

Neal, Barbara

Just so you know, so if you need to interrupt me, just do so verbally because I can't see you anymore.

0:4:35.150 --> 0:4:39.480

Neal, Barbara

So should we start with the background section?

0:4:39.570 --> 0:4:40.730

Neal, Barbara

Any changes here?

0:4:47.610 --> 0:4:52.520

Neal, Barbara

Umm, Kate, hearing nothing we can.

0:4:52.630 --> 0:4:53.10

Neal, Barbara

You know what?

0:4:53.20 --> 0:4:53.650

Neal, Barbara

I'm gonna do, I think.

0:4:53.660 --> 0:4:55.840

Neal, Barbara

Let's start with just overall feedback.

0:4:59.350 --> 0:5:1.20

Morrison, Jennifer

So let's let's be clear.

0:4:55.850 --> 0:5:2.630

Neal, Barbara

Are there is there overall feedback on the document and things we need to add or but?

0:5:7.540 --> 0:5:7.840

Neal, Barbara

Correct.

0:5:2.80 --> 0:5:13.60

Morrison, Jennifer

Let's be clear that we're taking feedback from the task Force members now and that if people wish to offer additional feedback, we will be having a public comment after this.

0:5:13.570 --> 0:5:13.710

Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:5:13.330 --> 0:5:17.660

Morrison, Jennifer

So this is for the task force members to chime in here.

0:5:19.590 --> 0:5:20.190

Neal, Barbara

Good point.

0:5:21.430 --> 0:5:24.780

Neal, Barbara

So let's do the overall impressions.

0:5:25.730 --> 0:5:27.190

Neal, Barbara

Are we covering what we need to?

0:5:30.260 --> 0:5:30.860

Neal, Barbara

Thoughts on that?

0:5:33.330 --> 0:5:34.430

Kim Cheney

I didn't change.

0:5:34.440 --> 0:5:36.490

Kim Cheney

I can't see the whole document.

0:5:39.550 --> 0:5:40.10

Neal, Barbara
Umm.

0:5:40.610 --> 0:5:41.60

Morrison, Jennifer
Yeah, I'll.

0:5:41.70 --> 0:5:42.120

Morrison, Jennifer
I'll email it to Kim.

0:5:42.130 --> 0:5:42.750

Morrison, Jennifer
I'll email it to you.

0:5:42.530 --> 0:5:42.770

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:5:43.990 --> 0:5:44.720

Neal, Barbara
Thanks Chan.

0:5:44.150 --> 0:5:45.190

Kim Cheney
OK, we'll scroll.

0:5:49.710 --> 0:6:12.640

Neal, Barbara

I will say that, umm, in my review of what what I actually or what Commissioner and I drafted, I think it might be worthwhile for us to add a sentence or two that acknowledges what the legislature requested in this report and the fact that we can't deliver that in this report.

0:6:12.710 --> 0:6:26.790

Neal, Barbara

I think they wanted a anticipated timelines and there were a number of requirements and we don't specifically say here that we're not going to meet those expectations.

0:6:27.630 --> 0:6:31.420

Neal, Barbara

So I could work in a sentence about that, and then I also had.

0:6:33.520 --> 0:6:34.660

Neal, Barbara

Feedback from.

0:6:36.690 --> 0:6:38.160

Neal, Barbara

Actually from Paul White.

0:6:40.160 --> 0:6:44.280

Neal, Barbara

Who has not yet joined in the report we state.

0:6:46.990 --> 0:6:48.350

Neal, Barbara

Trying to find exactly where.

0:6:50.910 --> 0:6:51.300

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:6:51.310 --> 0:6:56.60

Neal, Barbara

It's in the last paragraph under status updates and legislative requirements.

0:6:56.70 --> 0:7:6.500

Neal, Barbara

The last paragraph we say the task force anticipates being able to meet the September 24 deadline for completion of UMM.

0:7:6.930 --> 0:7:8.150

Neal, Barbara

I'm wondering if we want to.

0:7:9.600 --> 0:7:22.930

Neal, Barbara

Convey that much confidence, or if we want to change, anticipates to hopes, or will be able to, we'll be able to provide a better update on our ability to meet that deadline.

0:7:22.940 --> 0:7:27.150

Neal, Barbara

Once we have all the system planning folks on board.

0:7:27.160 --> 0:7:30.760

Neal, Barbara

So thoughts on that or both?

0:7:34.830 --> 0:7:34.960

Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:7:30.370 --> 0:7:42.960

Morrison, Jennifer

That was that was the concern that Paul flagged for us was to perhaps temper our confidence by, umm, by saying that we will have better sense down the road.

0:7:44.580 --> 0:7:44.720

Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:7:46.580 --> 0:7:54.20

Neal, Barbara

So if we changed anticipates to some other word hopes, we'll try.

0:8:0.770 --> 0:8:0.920

Neal, Barbara

That.

0:7:57.460 --> 0:8:5.570

Morrison, Jennifer

I think we should flag it and wordsmith it, and we can send it back out to the team for feedback.

0:8:6.550 --> 0:8:6.770

Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:8:9.860 --> 0:8:10.270

Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:8:10.280 --> 0:8:11.170

Neal, Barbara

We will do just that.

0:8:13.680 --> 0:8:25.400

Neal, Barbara

Where there are there any objections to us adding a sentence or two about what the what the legislation requires and how we're meeting it here or or not?

0:8:25.480 --> 0:8:28.970

Neal, Barbara

But at least acknowledging what they what they had requested.

0:8:33.60 --> 0:8:33.940

James Mack

Sounds good to me.

0:8:34.560 --> 0:8:36.560

Neal, Barbara

OK. Acknowledge.

0:8:42.110 --> 0:8:45.410

Neal, Barbara

OK, we can work that in as we wordsmith.

0:8:45.530 --> 0:8:47.30

Neal, Barbara

Probably this entire section.

0:8:49.890 --> 0:8:50.370

Neal, Barbara

What else?

0:9:0.900 --> 0:9:5.250

Neal, Barbara

Well, hearing nothing, why don't we, the Commissioner, and I'll take this back?

0:9:5.260 --> 0:9:6.970

Neal, Barbara

We will do that wordsmithing.

0:9:6.980 --> 0:9:19.610

Neal, Barbara

We'll get another version of it out to you before the next meeting, assuming the next meeting will be next week where we can, umm, where we can finalize it.

0:9:20.820 --> 0:9:21.650

Morrison, Jennifer

I do have one.

0:9:21.700 --> 0:9:22.790

Morrison, Jennifer

I I'm sorry, Barb.

0:9:19.720 --> 0:9:23.350

Neal, Barbara

It is due to the no.

0:9:23.360 --> 0:9:23.570

Neal, Barbara

Go ahead.

0:9:22.800 --> 0:9:30.690

Morrison, Jennifer

I do have one comment I thought I sent back, but I probably didn't.

0:9:30.700 --> 0:9:38.250

Morrison, Jennifer

I probably meant to in my head and didn't do it, but under the stakeholder engagement and communications, there's we've actually done more than this.

0:9:39.470 --> 0:9:54.160

Morrison, Jennifer

I have personally communicated with all EMS, fire and law enforcement agencies about the status of the task force and shared the link to our web page to be able to stay abreast of what's been going on.

0:9:54.170 --> 0:10:0.420

Morrison, Jennifer

So I will try and find where I added a sentence on a previous draft of this so that we can.

0:10:0.480 --> 0:10:3.200

Morrison, Jennifer

And indicate that we have.

0:10:3.770 --> 0:10:7.700

Morrison, Jennifer

We have done some pushing of information out.

0:10:8.490 --> 0:10:20.170

Morrison, Jennifer

I have also provided updates on the status of this task force at various and sundry meetings of, you know, chiefs and sheriff's, etcetera.

0:10:21.800 --> 0:10:22.910

Neal, Barbara

Yes, good point.

0:10:22.920 --> 0:10:24.750

Neal, Barbara

And I do remember that exchange.

0:10:24.800 --> 0:10:28.490

Neal, Barbara

UM, I'm not sure if it was in a draft or in an email.

0:10:28.620 --> 0:10:36.490

Neal, Barbara

I may not have now I may not have pulled up the most recent as I'm thinking about it, but we will add those details.

0:10:36.500 --> 0:10:39.10

Neal, Barbara

I've had the ambulance association.

0:10:39.20 --> 0:10:44.860

Neal, Barbara

I spoke to and others, of course. So.

0:10:44.870 --> 0:10:45.100

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:10:45.110 --> 0:10:47.680

Neal, Barbara

We'll, we'll we will beef that up with more details.

0:10:53.40 --> 0:11:0.900

Neal, Barbara

OK, so the report is due to the legislature on January 15th, which is a holiday.

0:11:4.900 --> 0:11:9.400

Neal, Barbara

So I would think that means that we need to get that this to them by Friday the 12th.

0:11:11.530 --> 0:11:11.950

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:11:12.280 --> 0:11:18.130

Neal, Barbara

So we will, we will have this time between now and then to finalize it and get back in front of you next week.

0:11:21.250 --> 0:11:21.550

Neal, Barbara

Any.

0:11:21.40 --> 0:11:22.110

Morrison, Jennifer

I don't think it's any.

0:11:22.160 --> 0:11:23.300

Morrison, Jennifer

I don't I.

0:11:23.460 --> 0:11:31.310

Morrison, Jennifer

Just wanna as a point of order ask why this can't be done offline as a group and then sent to the legislature.

0:11:31.320 --> 0:11:42.740

Morrison, Jennifer

I mean, this is the opportunity for interested members of the public to provide feedback, but I don't other than circulating it electronically and asking for further edits from the task force members.

0:11:42.910 --> 0:11:51.600

Morrison, Jennifer

Does this have to be voted on to send to them, or is this just a collaborative effort that we're then forwarding on to the legislature?

0:11:53.910 --> 0:11:55.140

Neal, Barbara

You know, I don't have.

0:11:55.150 --> 0:12:8.320

Neal, Barbara

I don't have Paul White my open public meeting guru on here, but I think to be safe we should have the task force approve the final version since it's the.

0:12:7.800 --> 0:12:12.140

Morrison, Jennifer

Right, but that can be done by email, as my point is that the task force members can.

0:12:20.430 --> 0:12:20.630

Morrison, Jennifer

OK.

0:12:10.630 --> 0:12:21.140

Neal, Barbara

Uh, well, I I would say that that could be conducting the business of the task force without, you know, not in a public setting which we're not supposed to do.

0:12:21.210 --> 0:12:23.50

Neal, Barbara

So yeah.

0:12:26.730 --> 0:12:31.190

Neal, Barbara

I think yeah, erring on the side of caution that way would would serve us well.

0:12:33.610 --> 0:12:42.120

Neal, Barbara

And then maybe we can get a more firmer answer on those types of things as we move forward, because I'm sure the question will come up again, so.

0:12:42.360 --> 0:12:42.560

Morrison, Jennifer

OK.

0:12:44.930 --> 0:12:45.410

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:12:46.90 --> 0:12:47.120

Neal, Barbara

Any other thoughts?

0:12:47.130 --> 0:12:49.370

Neal, Barbara

Comments from Task Force members.

0:12:51.500 --> 0:12:54.110

Neal, Barbara

Before we leave this conversation.

0:12:58.330 --> 0:13:0.370

Neal, Barbara

OK, let me stop sharing.

0:13:4.760 --> 0:13:5.200

Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:13:6.890 --> 0:13:10.660

Neal, Barbara

OK, we will work on that and get that back out to you.

0:13:10.670 --> 0:13:13.270

Neal, Barbara

So let's move on now to.

0:13:17.910 --> 0:13:18.860

Neal, Barbara

Public comment.

0:13:20.560 --> 0:13:24.170

Neal, Barbara

Umm, I'm going to assume that Steven would like to offer some comments.

0:13:24.180 --> 0:13:28.390

Neal, Barbara

Is there anyone else on the line that would plans to give comments today?

0:13:28.400 --> 0:13:31.250

Neal, Barbara

If you could raise your hand or otherwise indicate.

0:13:34.770 --> 0:13:35.30

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:13:36.50 --> 0:13:36.500

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:13:37.510 --> 0:13:39.990

Neal, Barbara

Steven, would you like to comment today?

0:13:41.370 --> 0:13:44.40

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Yeah, well, these are directed first to the report.

0:13:44.50 --> 0:13:50.830

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I had hoped to have an opportunity to comment on that separately because I have a more than a few minutes.

0:13:53.490 --> 0:14:1.420

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In the report to the legislature, the draft, I noticed there's no mention of the dubious confidentiality policy.

0:14:1.830 --> 0:14:4.110

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The rationale for independent counsel?

0:14:4.660 --> 0:14:14.240

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The difficulty achieving a quorum of four and the being boxed into only one really bad choice for project manager.

0:14:15.260 --> 0:15:9.200

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The assertion without any discussion that a single SME, rather than having multiple is the root that's being pursued, because that if if we if it was discussed, should have been discussed in open session versus executive session, the need for the 911 board exit, the need for access to the 91 board cell antennas, database problems with the 9,000,000 earmarks, COPS, funds, lack of a plan, independent review of failure potential, seek conflict, conflicts with the sequence of the task force plan timeline and the 9,000,000 congressionally directed spending overall, the lack of any task force work plan, leadership engagement or momentum much less the courage to address the thorny issues that I keep bringing to the attention and somehow never seem to make it to the agenda.

0:15:10.450 --> 0:15:22.910

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There's no mention at all in this report of the specific requirement that the task force shall develop procedures and best practices for state agency cooperation and coordination on matters of overlapping jurisdiction.

0:15:23.820 --> 0:15:47.790

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The primary purpose of this subdivision is to ensure the task force has access to expertise and data related to its mission, including expertise within and data maintained by the Department of Public

Service, the agency, Digital Services Division of Emergency Preparedness, response and injury within the Department of Health, the Department of Taxes, the Agency of Transportation, the Enhanced 901 Board, and the Department of Public Safety. End Quote.

0:15:49.200 --> 0:16:18.370

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Nor is there mention of this requirement per in two design honor before January 15th, the task force shall develop findings and recommendations related to draft elements of a preliminary design for a public safety communication systems, including system not plural, including identification of a proposed implementation, timeline, and any additional data and resources needed to develop a final design before December 15th of this year.

0:16:21.570 --> 0:16:31.320

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So I I'm kind of at a loss of how y'all don't see those as important things to address in reporting to the legislature.

0:16:31.330 --> 0:16:37.910

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And it leaves you know what interested in informed public to have to you know.

0:16:39.960 --> 0:16:47.860

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Do double time to make up for the lack of this report, including these important elements, to have to educate the legislators on what's really going on.

0:16:48.610 --> 0:16:52.950

44bfdd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead

So that's that's on the report.

0:16:53.0 --> 0:16:58.250

44bfdd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead

I also have comments on the disjointed.

0:16:59.540 --> 0:17:0.70

44bfdd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead

Ohh.

0:17:0.460 --> 0:17:7.600

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9,000,000 versus the 11 million in Task force jurisdiction versus Department of Public Service safety.

0:17:8.560 --> 0:17:21.230

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The the Members of this task force, other than a few that have received some emails, may not be aware that there were no bidders for the independent review of the congressionally directed spending wish list.

0:17:22.60 --> 0:17:36.510

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I notice I didn't call it a plan with no bidders for an independent review, it appears that a new RFP that appeared yesterday is just another attempt to end around proper statutory guardrails.

0:17:37.780 --> 0:17:55.610

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And I'm arguing in the legislature that the task force needs to have jurisdiction over this 9,000,000 because you cannot put the cart before the horse and let all that spending go without a plan.

0:17:55.620 --> 0:18:2.720

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And then force the subject matter experts when they're finally hired to accommodate those Fata complete decisions.

0:18:3.750 --> 0:18:12.520

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They you you've really got things out of sequence here and you don't have proper oversight and you don't have proper planning and that needs to be remedied.

0:18:12.530 --> 0:18:16.820

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And I don't see the membership of this task force wrestling with these thorny issues.

0:18:17.370 --> 0:18:26.820

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No, I don't understand it and I don't my recommendations to solve it involve expanding the task force by two members.

0:18:27.850 --> 0:18:55.20

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Having the task force elected its own chair and the two members being from regional oriented agencies like a sheriff's association appointee and a Regional Planning Commission staffer who focuses on emergency planning, that that would, you know, I think we need to remove the active peace app restriction on who the police chiefs appoint.

0:18:55.470 --> 0:19:16.190

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I I think it's premature to even have ambulance, you know, EMS out there where we're dealing with infrastructure now we have a, it seems like the scramble to not lose the 9,000,000 is distorting this, contorting this process in potentially corrupting the foundation of the 10 year \$100 million initiative.

0:19:16.560 --> 0:19:18.950

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And we need to get it straight down now.

0:19:19.780 --> 0:19:22.70

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So that's probably more than you wanted to hear.

0:19:22.720 --> 0:19:38.380

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Umm I have specific recommendations of how to go about that that I'm providing to the legislatures, legislators, but I really wish this task force would have some discussion on this and the fact that it hasn't is just dumbfounding to me.

0:19:40.270 --> 0:19:40.760

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That's enough.

0:19:42.870 --> 0:19:43.440

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:19:43.510 --> 0:19:45.40

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Steven.

0:19:45.490 --> 0:19:47.530

Neal, Barbara

Does anybody else from the public wish to comment?

0:19:50.470 --> 0:19:50.940

Kim Cheney

That's fine.

0:19:52.240 --> 0:19:52.880

Kim Cheney

Can you hear me?

0:19:52.100 --> 0:19:52.890

Neal, Barbara

Go ahead, Kim.

0:19:55.30 --> 0:19:58.380

Kim Cheney

Well, to me everything is.

0:19:58.390 --> 0:20:0.220

Kim Cheney

One is from quote and secrecy.

0:20:1.730 --> 0:20:2.630

Kim Cheney

I have no idea.

0:20:2.700 --> 0:20:2.830

Kim Cheney
Yeah.

0:20:4.480 --> 0:20:4.900

Kim Cheney
What?

0:20:4.950 --> 0:20:6.560

Kim Cheney
Any decisions have been made.

0:20:6.570 --> 0:20:7.650

Kim Cheney
Who's been appointed?

0:20:7.660 --> 0:20:10.50

Kim Cheney
What on what?

0:20:10.60 --> 0:20:13.290

Kim Cheney
The contracts are for me.

0:20:14.970 --> 0:20:17.990

Kim Cheney
That's total disappointment.

0:20:19.950 --> 0:20:20.510

44bfdd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead
Hey, Kim.

0:20:19.830 --> 0:20:20.630

Kim Cheney
To come to this.

0:20:20.520 --> 0:20:21.650

44bfdd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead
You're very muffled.

0:20:21.660 --> 0:20:25.910

44bfdd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead
If you maybe can you reposition your mic here, you're coming out really muffled.

0:20:27.700 --> 0:20:30.460

Kim Cheney
Well, that's the best I can do.

0:20:30.470 --> 0:20:31.90

Kim Cheney
And then yes.

0:20:31.740 --> 0:20:32.610

Neal, Barbara
That's fine, Kim.

0:20:32.620 --> 0:20:33.350

Neal, Barbara
Go ahead.

0:20:33.360 --> 0:20:34.470

Neal, Barbara
I think we can hear you fine.

0:20:36.330 --> 0:20:36.630

Kim Cheney
Well.

0:20:39.710 --> 0:20:46.140

Kim Cheney
When you subscribe, more disappointed in where we are at this point, I don't know a thing about anything.

0:20:46.150 --> 0:20:49.600

Kim Cheney
It's been decided I haven't seen before before.

0:20:50.160 --> 0:20:52.490

Kim Cheney
I haven't seen any draft contracts.

0:20:53.40 --> 0:20:58.800

Kim Cheney
I haven't seen any cool BIOS of potential bidders.

0:21:0.170 --> 0:21:4.870

Kim Cheney
Umm, it's a total black hole and.

0:21:6.650 --> 0:21:9.110

Kim Cheney
Umm, let me spiritual.

0:21:12.120 --> 0:21:19.720

Kim Cheney
The beginning with this was an exciting beginning with trying America using communication system.

0:21:21.240 --> 0:21:23.670

Kim Cheney

Can you spell that away to be really doing that?

0:21:25.470 --> 0:21:27.190

Kim Cheney

Meanwhile, several months, baby.

0:21:29.320 --> 0:21:29.840

Kim Cheney

Umm.

0:21:30.380 --> 0:21:33.350

Kim Cheney

And we're not one step forward.

0:21:33.360 --> 0:21:34.130

Kim Cheney

What I can see?

0:21:35.670 --> 0:21:37.990

Kim Cheney

Maybe there are things that happen.

0:21:40.50 --> 0:21:44.360

Kim Cheney

Are you certainly haven't published anything public preview.

0:21:48.310 --> 0:21:55.20

Kim Cheney

Hello I don't think this is going to help a process in the Wellness right you have everybody start all over again.

0:21:57.850 --> 0:22:9.380

Kim Cheney

So my comment is that the work and touch my information out to the public, I want to go include madness.

0:22:11.70 --> 0:22:16.30

Kim Cheney

This the public, something most important comma review.

0:22:16.40 --> 0:22:18.640

Kim Cheney

What you've done and see who carried out my mom.

0:22:21.380 --> 0:22:21.750

Kim Cheney

Sweet.

0:22:23.860 --> 0:22:24.790

Neal, Barbara
Thank you, Kim.

0:22:25.360 --> 0:22:39.370

Neal, Barbara
I don't usually respond to to public comments, but I do just want to say as far as the contract process goes, a lot of that has had to happen in executive session session because of the nature of of that beast.

0:22:39.420 --> 0:22:50.470

Neal, Barbara
So once we're through that, I think some of that information that you're seeking will be available or the information that you're seeking related to the bids will will be available.

0:22:51.100 --> 0:22:58.490

Neal, Barbara
So that's just a little bit of context and that is there anyone else from the public that would like to offer some comments?

0:23:1.970 --> 0:23:3.990

Kim Cheney
Almost one more bottle of family.

0:23:3.800 --> 0:23:4.430

44bfd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead
The.

0:23:6.470 --> 0:23:6.860

Kim Cheney
Camera.

0:23:6.220 --> 0:23:7.380

Neal, Barbara
I'm sorry, I didn't hear you can.

0:23:9.610 --> 0:23:18.690

Kim Cheney
I know it's only reason why graph contracts could not be public, so people would know what you looking for.

0:23:19.300 --> 0:23:21.260

Kim Cheney
That couldn't happen a long time ago.

0:23:22.270 --> 0:23:23.580

Kim Cheney
I think right now.

0:23:26.220 --> 0:23:33.390

Kim Cheney

Umm affects the actual meeting time jobs, so you don't know what they is saying something.

0:23:36.810 --> 0:23:37.150

Kim Cheney

So.

0:23:39.420 --> 0:23:40.70

Kim Cheney

I think this.

0:23:42.30 --> 0:23:43.130

Kim Cheney

Black holes.

0:23:45.130 --> 0:23:46.600

Kim Cheney

During the struggle with you.

0:23:49.660 --> 0:23:50.50

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:23:50.920 --> 0:23:51.710

Neal, Barbara

Well, thank you for.

0:23:52.0 --> 0:23:53.430

Neal, Barbara

Thank you for your comments.

0:23:50.870 --> 0:23:54.660

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And I'd like to know for get Barb. Just.

0:23:55.100 --> 0:23:55.410

44bfdd2f-0020-4c6e-adc2-bec0ebf0bead

Yeah.

0:23:53.480 --> 0:23:56.410

Neal, Barbara

Steven, go ahead for the couple more minutes.

0:23:55.420 --> 0:24:4.330

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One very briefly, I just like to note for the other participants here that the person just ahead of me speaking Kim Cheney is the former attorney general.

0:24:4.340 --> 0:24:10.10

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So his his analysis of this overuse of secrecy should be taken to heart.

0:24:13.790 --> 0:24:16.680

Neal, Barbara

OK, anyone else from the public wishing to comment?

0:24:21.0 --> 0:24:21.430

Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:24:21.440 --> 0:24:25.710

Neal, Barbara

Then we will move on to new business.

0:24:26.80 --> 0:24:28.800

Neal, Barbara

Is there any new business from Task Force members today?

0:24:34.0 --> 0:24:55.890

Neal, Barbara

OK, moving on then, Commissioner, you and I did not have an opportunity to discuss this before the meeting, but given an earlier conversation we had by email today, I don't believe there's a reason to go to executive session to give the update on the project management contract work.

0:24:56.360 --> 0:25:6.220

Neal, Barbara

I think we can provide an update in public session without identifying the vendor because we're not there yet and without identifying the details of the contract itself.

0:25:6.270 --> 0:25:10.550

Neal, Barbara

So I'll give you an opportunity to agree or disagree and then we can decide where we're going here.

0:25:11.160 --> 0:25:12.90

Morrison, Jennifer

No, I think that's right.

0:25:12.100 --> 0:25:15.670

Morrison, Jennifer

And it probably should fall under new business simply because it's an update.

0:25:16.550 --> 0:25:17.390

Neal, Barbara

OK, OK.

0:25:16.40 --> 0:25:18.480

Morrison, Jennifer

So the.

0:25:20.110 --> 0:25:24.380

Morrison, Jennifer

As of this morning, my understanding is that the contract for.

0:25:25.970 --> 0:25:34.70

Morrison, Jennifer

A project management support for the task force is in the final home stretch of state bureaucracy.

0:25:34.80 --> 0:25:46.320

Morrison, Jennifer

To get it into the right systems that then manage tracking and payment and getting the final approval from the Attorney General's office, Umm and I would anticipate that that should be able to be public.

0:25:46.380 --> 0:25:47.0

Morrison, Jennifer

Public.

0:25:47.250 --> 0:26:5.700

Morrison, Jennifer

I'm hoping by the end of the week, I think we're almost there across the home stretch and then there is another contract that is in being negotiated with a firm to provide legal counsel to the task force and that process stalled a little over the holidays.

0:26:5.710 --> 0:26:16.990

Morrison, Jennifer

I believe the last update I had is that we are waiting to hear back on potential conflicts of interest and other pieces of that vetting process that have to happen before we sign a contract with them.

0:26:17.920 --> 0:26:18.820

Morrison, Jennifer

So that's what I know.

0:26:21.160 --> 0:26:21.400

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:26:22.500 --> 0:26:26.330

Neal, Barbara

Are there any questions from Task Force members on the status of either of those?

0:26:30.860 --> 0:26:31.310

Neal, Barbara

All right then.

0:26:33.250 --> 0:26:38.190

Neal, Barbara

Moving on in the agenda, if there's no other new business, go ahead.

0:26:46.780 --> 0:26:47.740

Neal, Barbara

Oh yes, Yep.

0:26:36.620 --> 0:27:3.230

Morrison, Jennifer

I guess I think for new business, we should just say publicly, I don't think it's a secret, but you and I are speaking to House DevOps this afternoon at something one or 1:30 today to catch them up on the activities of the task force to date, to seek any feedback or suggestions they have on our report that we will then provide to them by the 12th of January.

0:27:3.920 --> 0:27:5.790

Morrison, Jennifer

So that is on tap for this afternoon.

0:27:5.800 --> 0:27:7.270

Morrison, Jennifer

That's all I can think of for new business.

0:27:9.640 --> 0:27:10.60

Neal, Barbara

Excellent.

0:27:10.910 --> 0:27:11.290

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:27:13.230 --> 0:27:13.490

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:27:16.240 --> 0:27:20.660

Neal, Barbara

Hearing nothing further, let's move to.

0:27:20.670 --> 0:27:28.280

Neal, Barbara

We're not going to have an executive session today, so let's move to setting the next meeting date and adjourning.

0:27:28.290 --> 0:27:33.470

Neal, Barbara

So I would recommend that we meet next Wednesday the 10th at 11:15.

0:27:34.820 --> 0:27:36.780

Neal, Barbara

Nope, not working for the Commissioner.

0:27:37.930 --> 0:27:38.830

Neal, Barbara

You're muted, Jen.

0:27:44.290 --> 0:27:44.710

Neal, Barbara

There you go.

0:27:44.220 --> 0:27:45.40

Morrison, Jennifer

Ah, that's amazing.

0:27:45.50 --> 0:27:45.950

Morrison, Jennifer

That would work.

0:27:46.0 --> 0:27:46.740

Morrison, Jennifer

That's fantastic.

0:27:49.500 --> 0:27:55.890

Neal, Barbara

That will work OK does January 10 at 11:15 work for the other task force members?

0:27:57.20 --> 0:27:57.180

Doenges, Mike

Yep.

0:27:56.360 --> 0:27:57.580

Neal, Barbara

Yes, I'm seeing nods.

0:27:58.900 --> 0:27:59.20

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Yes.

0:27:59.100 --> 0:27:59.290

James Mack

Yep.

0:27:59.460 --> 0:28:1.250

Neal, Barbara

OK. Perfect.

0:28:1.620 --> 0:28:6.680

Neal, Barbara

We will, we will be set for then on the calendar, OK.

0:28:7.50 --> 0:28:8.880

Neal, Barbara

Is there a motion to adjourn?

0:28:9.940 --> 0:28:10.280

Doenges, Mike

So moved.

0:28:10.700 --> 0:28:11.700

James Mack

Make a motion to adjourn.

0:28:12.430 --> 0:28:13.160

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I will second that.

0:28:14.360 --> 0:28:15.10

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:28:15.640 --> 0:28:16.430

Neal, Barbara

Thank you all.

0:28:16.440 --> 0:28:19.330

Neal, Barbara

In favor, raise your hand and and say aye.

0:28:20.100 --> 0:28:20.420

Morrison, Jennifer

Hold.

0:28:20.240 --> 0:28:20.590

Doenges, Mike

I.

0:28:20.910 --> 0:28:21.360

Michael

I.

0:28:22.820 --> 0:28:23.90

Morrison, Jennifer

Aye.

0:28:21.890 --> 0:28:23.440

Neal, Barbara

OK, I see all.

0:28:23.610 --> 0:28:24.580

Neal, Barbara

All hands are up.

0:28:24.590 --> 0:28:29.680

Neal, Barbara

All eyes are accounted for and we are adjourned.

0:28:30.290 --> 0:28:32.160

Neal, Barbara

Thank you very much, everybody.

0:28:33.350 --> 0:28:33.720

James Mack

Thank you.

0:28:32.670 --> 0:28:33.740

Neal, Barbara

We'll talk to you next week.