

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting No. 20 – Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

11:32 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
Mike Doenges, Mayor, Rutland City
James ‘Jim’ Mack, Shelburne Dispatch
Ron Kumetz, VSFA

Task Force Members Absent

Michael Wright, CEO of Calnex Ambulance
Paul White, Regional Dispatch Working Group, Vice-Chair

Others Present

Cally Audet, Task Force Clerk
Becky Robinson, Northern Borders Dispatch
Kim Cheney
Corey Chase, Radio Technology Services Director
Stephen Whitaker
Rick Burke, Televate
Dominick Arcuri, Televate
Richard Townend, Altairis Technology Partners
Phillip Sisk, Mission Critical Partners
Irene Wrenner, Senator, Chittenden North District
Ray Gorman, Northern Borders Dispatch
Donald Campbell, Northern Borders Dispatch

Approval of Agenda

Mike Doenges entered meeting at 11:36 AM

Motion: At 11:37 AM, Co-Chair Morrison motioned to move public comment ahead of approval of the minutes on the agenda; 2nd by Jim Mack. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to public comment.

Ray Gorman of Northern Borders Dispatch shared with the group that their entity will be applying for a grant for approximately \$900,000 through the Northern Regional Borders Commission in hopes of completing a major upgrade to their dispatch center in the North Country. He shared that among other smaller components, this upgrade would include significant improvements to their mapping technology.

Mr. Gorman shared that their entity is looking for a letter of support from the Task Force to submit alongside their application, with a preliminary application deadline of March 15, 2024. He shared that their dispatch center is responsible for covering a large portion of the North Country, including several towns in Vermont. The group at Northern Borders Dispatch hopes to initiate a solid working relationship with the Task Force, and to have further future discussion of the possibility of adding a tower on Mount Monadnock in Lemington, VT, as it could assist in coverage through many of Vermont's towns.

Co-Chair Morrison thanked the members from Northern Borders Dispatch and shared that this conversation in regard to the letter of support could be continued offline, and she would bring any draft language submitted to her or Corey Chase back to the Task Force for further discussion on next steps. Co-Chair Morrison also noted that as work continues in planning what the future system for Vermont might look like, there will be continued conversations with neighboring communities who will be affected as well. She asked that the group stay in tune for future developments on the matter.

Stephen Whitaker began by discussing his initial interactions with attendees from Northern Borders Dispatch regarding their lack of mapping capabilities. He stated that despite Vermont E911's advanced capabilities within their dispatch facilities, he did not feel that all facilities throughout the state have been provided the same benefits. Mr. Whitaker shared with the group that he told staff from Northern Borders Dispatch that he did not feel the Task Force was able to move as quickly as their entity might hope.

Mr. Whitaker continued on to share the following comments in regard to the Draft Planning System Project Plan circulated prior to the task force meeting:

- While there is what he believed to be some pertinent information, he did not feel that the draft document reflected a thorough plan.
- He reiterated his prior concerns with Task Force due diligence in the selection of the project management team.
- He shared concerns that a project scope definition for LMR, LTE resiliency, redundancy, inventories, or financial models was not presented in the draft plan.
- He shared concerns regarding the timeliness of plan development.
- He shared that he feels there is not adequate capacity on the task force to manage the project manager.

- He shared that instead of waiting for the hiring of SME's, the project plan should already be developed when they come on board.

Mr. Whitaker continued on to share the following comments in regard to the Draft Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Implementation Plan:

- He shared that he believes the current proposed use of congressionally directed spending is at great risk of being found an impermissible use from the congressional intent to support the transition to regional statewide communications, public safety communications and this is in effect building up the state systems when there has yet to be an agreement on who is going to use the system and under what circumstances.
- He stated that he believed the \$9 Million in CDS is corrupting the process, and shared concerns regarding statutory planning and independent review requirements.

For additional details on all public comments, please refer to the meeting transcript (attached), beginning at 0:4:45.730.

Approval of Minutes

- 02/14/2024 – Regular Meeting No. 19

Motion: At 11:50 AM, Jim Mack moved that the task force approve the minutes as written; 2nd by Jennifer Morrison. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Status Report

Co-Chair Morrison shared that the weekly status reports were circulated to Task Force members, interested parties, and posted to the website prior to the meeting. She then opened the floor to Task Force members for feedback on the format of the reports.

Co-Chair Neal shared that she approves of their current format and enjoys seeing them from week to week.

Mike Doenges shared that the current format is working for him but felt as though the Task Force could leave this open for discussion at a later day as the project progresses.

The Chairs asked the project management team members if they had anything further to share. Dom Arcuri shared that there was nothing further, but that the team remained open to future suggestions to meet the group's needs.

Draft Project Plan Review

The Co-Chairs opened the floor for input from Task Force members on the Draft Project Plan circulated prior to the meeting. Co-Chair Morrison began by reminding attendees that this document does not represent a finalized plan and will not become finalized until the subject matter experts are brought on board and are given the opportunity to develop a collaborative and unified plan.

The following comments were provided by Task Force Members:

Mike Doenges noted that he appreciated this process. He acknowledged that individuals through public comment have shared their concerns with the pace of the project thus far, however Mr. Doenges noted that given the complexity involved in the tasks at hand, it is imperative that the Task Force take their time to ensure that this process is done properly and fosters a much better long-term outcome in vision for the state.

Mr. Doenges continued on to share that he appreciates that the Task Force understands the urgency in which this project does need to be done, and that he believes the Task Force is doing the necessary due diligence by ensuring the group does not jump ahead and create multiple plans for multiple things until all of the parts are in order. He shared that he believed the Task Force is headed in the right direction and is moving at the pace necessary to be successful.

Ron Kumetz contributed to Mr. Doenges' comments by sharing that as a representative of both the fire service and from a technical perspective, the steps in which the Task Force have taken thus far are necessary to build the buy in from local jurisdictions. Mr. Kumetz shared that the State of Vermont has approximately 253 fire departments, the majority of which are volunteer departments. He shared that from his experience that if these departments feel as though the Task Force is trying to force something on them, chaos is sure to ensue.

Mr. Kumetz reiterated that it is imperative that the group take their time to foster solid working relationships with the stakeholders and truly understand the individual needs and have important conversations about what might need to happen. The Task Force wants the stakeholders to participate willingly and not feel forced.

Co-Chair Neal echoed Mr. Doenges and Mr. Kumetz comments.

Co-Chair Neal noted that while on the topic of stakeholder engagement, there was an item she would like the project management team to discuss under new business.

Draft CDS Plan Review

Co-Chair Morrison provided a brief overview of the draft Congressionally Directed Spending Implementation Plan and solicited feedback from Task Force members. Co-Chair Morrison shared after gathering and incorporating appropriate feedback in the draft CDS plan, the intent is to resubmit the plan back to the federal agency, where they will also request an extension of the period of performance by 18 months. Co-Chair Morrison stated that without the period of performance extension, it is very possible that all of the outlined work in the plan may not be completed.

Co-Chair Morrison explained that the current draft of the CDS plan has been developed to do two things; be allowable under the COPS technology funding stream, and reflect the intent behind ACT 78, which is to build the strongest possible backbone to be best positioned with the most recent technology, allowing for successful implementation of whatever system design is decided upon at the end of this process. She shared

that the draft plan outlines the possibility of two new sites in the area of Canaan and Ferdinand which would hopefully benefit the North Country area as previously discussed in this meeting.

Co-Chair Morrison opened the floor to comments from the Task Force members on the draft CDS plan and requested that any additional feedback outside of the meeting be submitted via email to her or Corey Chase, Director of Radio Technology Services by the end of the following week.

Mike Doenges thanked Co-Chair Morrison for the opportunity to review and weigh in on the draft plan, and expressed his overall gratitude for the approach that was taken in developing this plan. He shared that as a network engineer who has designed infrastructure and backbones for different systems like this one in the past, the use of congressionally directed spending in the way it has been provided will hopefully allow for the development of a successful system that serves the bigger picture. He reiterated his appreciation for the effort that has gone into the decision-making process and shared that he believes core infrastructure is critical to the States needs moving forward.

Mr. Doenges stated that he did not have comments to add as he believed the team who developed the plan had done a phenomenal job and is excited to see what the final version of this plan will look like.

Co-Chair Morrison gave credit to the whole team responsible for developing the plan as they did a great job.

Co-Chair Neal asked one clarifying question about the language outlined in Plan Project Nine (9) regarding dispatch improvements and consoles. She added that her understanding of dispatch consoles is the actual workstation where all the equipment sits that allows the dispatch function but felt while reading through the proposal that console may mean something a bit different and asked for further clarification.

Corey Chase clarified that a dispatch console is a device that is at a call taker workstation that allows the dispatcher to communicate over the radio network. He went on to explain that it is his understanding that presently at the Vermont State Police (VSP), there are dispatch consoles that are PC based and have a touch screen that allow the call taker to push a button and select which radio channel they wish to speak over when using their microphone to speak over the radio network. For the purposes of this particular project, they are proposing an upgrade to the current dispatch console to a device that provides similar functionality, but also includes an embedded voice telephony service in the same device to hopefully eliminate aging desktop analog telephones that are integrated for the current single use headset.

Mr. Chase shared that presently VSP dispatchers are required to use the same headset to speak over the telephone and to speak over the radio, which causes added frustration to all parties in maintaining the quality of the service when both the analog telephone and the technology is aging. He explained that the intention is to upgrade the dispatch consoles to integrate modern digital telephony into the same device headset that can work in a single system that can seamlessly integrate between telephone calls and dispatch functions. He also shared that once this service has been successfully integrated into VSP and shows promise in easing their operations, it has an ancillary benefit and is something that is easily extensible.

Mr. Chase also shared that this modern technology would allow for dispatch operations to become portable should the need arise.

Co-Chair Morrison briefly touched on the statewide benefit of this system as the two current VSP PSAPs handle roughly 75% of the 911 calls and then get them where they need to go. Co-Chair Neal provided clarification that it is currently just shy of 70% of the calls, however still very significant.

New Business

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to Rick Burke, of Televate to share a conceptual idea with the group as it pertains to stakeholder engagement.

Mr. Burke shared that the project management team has begun drafting what they have preliminarily referred to as a stakeholder update or newsletter. The project management team asked to use this time to solicit feedback from the group on the concept and shared a draft of the proposed format on the screen for attendees to view.

Stephen Whitaker asked that a copy be shared with him via email; Co-Chair Neal acknowledged the request and stated she would send him a copy.

Mr. Burke provided a brief overview of the proposed first edition draft of the stakeholder newsletter to include the following items: project details and overview, 'Did You Know' section introducing stakeholders to public safety communications, team introductions, project status of current and key activities, introductions to project management team members, and a section providing stakeholders guidance on providing direct inquiries to the Task Force.

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to comments from the Task Force members.

Jim Mack shared that he liked the idea.

Co-Chair Morrison stated that it was a great first draft, and that she appreciated the thought behind it. Ultimately, she is interested in what the stakeholders think and proposed adding a feedback section for stakeholder comments. This may entail a shared mailbox being created for submissions.

Task Force members discussed the desired frequency of the newsletter publications, and the majority agreed that monthly would be appropriate.

Mr. Burke shared that he would work on some edits and hoped to distribute another draft to the Task Force for comments later in the week.

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

Motion: At 12:28 PM, Co-Chair Neal moved that the Task Force finds sharing information about bidder responses publicly would put the task force at a substantial disadvantage in making a decision about

awarding a contract or contracts; 2nd by Mike Doenges. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: At 12:29 PM, Barb Neal moved that the task force enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing one or more contracts and invite members of the Televate project management team; 2nd by Ron Kumetz. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was entered at 12:29 PM. Task Force Members Barb Neal, Jennifer Morrison, Ron Kumetz, Jim Mack, Mike Doenges and clerk, Cally Audet attended, as well as Televate representatives, Rick Burke, and Dom Arcuri.

Motion: Ron Kumetz moved that the task force exit Executive Session; 2nd by Jim Mack. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 1:01 PM.

Potential Action(s) as a Result of Executive Session

Motion: At 1:03 PM, Co-Chair Morrison moved to return the draft contract to selected vendor with the modifications as discussed in executive session, and if accepted by vendor it shall constitute approval of the contract by the Task Force; 2nd by Ron Kumetz. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Set Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled as a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 11:15 AM.

Motion: There being no further business, Mike Doenges made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Jim Mack. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cally Audet
Cally Audet, Clerk

03/01/24
Date

Part I – Prior to Executive Session

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Ron Kumetz (Guest)

You hear me?

0:0:1.220 --> 0:0:1.930

Neal, Barbara

Excellent.

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Neal, Barbara

Yes, we can and I see that uh Kelly has just started the recording.

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Neal, Barbara

So we will get going.

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Neal, Barbara

Thanks to everybody for hanging in there with us while we gathered everyone together this morning and sorry for the delay.

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Neal, Barbara

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

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Neal, Barbara

It is 1132.

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Neal, Barbara

On February 28th, 2024, and I'm Barbara Neil.

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Neal, Barbara

As a reminder, the meeting is being recorded and that recording will be posted to the Task force web page following the meeting, we will start with a roll call of Task Force members.

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Neal, Barbara

Please verbally acknowledge your presence.

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Neal, Barbara

When I call your name Jen Morrison.

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Morrison, Jennifer

I'm here.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, Ron krumitz.

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Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Here.

0:0:50.710 --> 0:0:51.900

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jim Mack.

0:0:53.310 --> 0:0:53.530

James Mack

Here.

0:0:54.480 --> 0:0:55.10

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:55.330 --> 0:0:58.270

Neal, Barbara

And I'm here as well, making the quorum.

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Neal, Barbara

So we do not have today, Paul White, Michael Wright or Mike Dungeness at this point.

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Neal, Barbara

So also joining us is Cali Audette as our administrative support and our project management partners from Televic, Rick and Dom.

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Neal, Barbara

Morning everybody.

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Dominick Arcuri

Morning.

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rburke

Good morning.

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Neal, Barbara

And we we have several members of the public with us as well, actually.

0:1:21.10 --> 0:1:24.760

Neal, Barbara

Let me start first with Corey Chase.

0:1:24.770 --> 0:1:28.280

Neal, Barbara

Corey, would you introduce yourself and let folks know who you are?

0:1:31.720 --> 0:1:32.330

Chase, Corey

Good morning.

0:1:32.340 --> 0:1:33.370

Chase, Corey

I'm Corey chase.

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Chase, Corey

I'm the director for the Radio Technology Services division at the Department of Public Safety.

0:1:39.660 --> 0:1:40.650

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:1:41.580 --> 0:1:45.30

Neal, Barbara

I will just go down through the list of people I see on the screen.

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Neal, Barbara

So Steven, let's start with you.

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Uh, it would appear.

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Neal, Barbara

Morning Becky Robinson and I believe you're joined by a couple people.

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Becky Robinson

Yes.

0:1:58.530 --> 0:2:7.910

Becky Robinson

Uh Becky Robinson from Northern Borders Dispatch and I have Ray Gorman and Don Campbell, who are also board members of my dispatched board.

0:2:8.940 --> 0:2:9.930

Neal, Barbara

OK, great.

0:2:9.940 --> 0:2:11.730

Neal, Barbara

Welcome, Kim chini.

0:2:14.500 --> 0:2:15.290

Kim Cheney

Good morning.

0:2:15.300 --> 0:2:17.690

Kim Cheney

Just hang on, I said member of the public.

0:2:17.700 --> 0:2:20.650

Kim Cheney

I'm looking forward to hearing what everybody has to say.

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Kim Cheney

Somewhere during this meeting, I hope somebody could give me an idea of what's happening in the legislature.

0:2:28.760 --> 0:2:31.880

Neal, Barbara

OK, welcome, Richard Townsend.

0:2:35.790 --> 0:2:38.680

Richard Townend

Good morning, Richard Town and from All Terrace Technology partners.

0:2:38.790 --> 0:2:40.260

Richard Townend

I apologize for the background noise.

0:2:40.270 --> 0:2:41.460

Richard Townend

I'm not in the best location.

0:2:42.590 --> 0:2:45.10

Neal, Barbara

OK, actually I wasn't hearing anything in the background.

0:2:45.20 --> 0:2:47.940

Neal, Barbara

So I think you're good, Phil Sisk.

0:2:48.790 --> 0:2:49.300

Phillip Sisk

Good morning.

0:2:49.310 --> 0:2:51.110

Phillip Sisk

Phil Sisk with mission critical partners.

0:2:52.710 --> 0:2:53.240

Neal, Barbara
Morning.

0:2:53.290 --> 0:2:54.490

Neal, Barbara
And senator Renner.

0:2:56.270 --> 0:2:56.760

Irene Wrenner
Good morning.

0:2:57.30 --> 0:2:59.650

Irene Wrenner
Good morning, Senator Irene Renner chimed in North District.

0:3:0.970 --> 0:3:1.620

Neal, Barbara
Welcome.

0:3:1.910 --> 0:3:2.540

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:3:3.450 --> 0:3:4.370

Neal, Barbara
Anybody I missed?

0:3:8.160 --> 0:3:8.500

Neal, Barbara
All right.

0:3:10.60 --> 0:3:13.720

Neal, Barbara
So let's start with or go next to approval of the agenda.

0:3:13.730 --> 0:3:16.950

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

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Neal, Barbara

It is also available on our web page do task force members have any changes to the agenda for today Chen.

0:3:24.510 --> 0:3:31.180

Morrison, Jennifer

Yeah, out of out of a respect to the folks who came to give public comment, let's put that above the approval of the Minutes.

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:3:31.630 --> 0:3:37.710

Morrison, Jennifer

Let's just flop those two so that folks can get back to their their jobs if they need to.

0:3:40.560 --> 0:3:40.970

Neal, Barbara

All righty.

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Neal, Barbara

So we will, we'll turn that into a motion to move public comment above approval of the Minutes on the agenda.

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Neal, Barbara

Is there a second?

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James Mack

I'll.

0:3:50.530 --> 0:3:51.150

James Mack

I'll second it.

0:3:52.280 --> 0:3:53.80

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jim.

0:3:53.130 --> 0:3:54.270

Neal, Barbara

Any further discussion?

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Morrison, Jennifer

Yeah, there's Mike.

0:3:59.450 --> 0:4:1.500

Neal, Barbara

OK, there's Mike.

0:4:1.510 --> 0:4:5.850

Neal, Barbara

Yes, I think we'll take this vote and then we'll welcome Mike in.

0:4:5.860 --> 0:4:6.260

Neal, Barbara

How's that?

0:4:8.560 --> 0:4:8.740

Morrison, Jennifer

OK.

0:4:8.350 --> 0:4:11.100

Neal, Barbara

OK, so uh, the motion is to move public.

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Neal, Barbara

Comment above approval of the Minutes on today's agenda.

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Neal, Barbara

All in favor, please raise your hand or indicate by saying.

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Neal, Barbara

Aye, Ron kummetz.

0:4:20.110 --> 0:4:20.520

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:4:20.530 --> 0:4:26.720

Neal, Barbara

Hand is up and he said aye, and so are the remaining task force members hands up.

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Neal, Barbara

So with that, I'm going to take a quick pause here and just welcome Mike Dungeness to the call.

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Neal, Barbara

Can you hear us OK? OK.

0:4:35.970 --> 0:4:39.720

Michael Doenges

Yes, I apologize for my yes, I apologize for my tardiness.

0:4:39.790 --> 0:4:41.990

Michael Doenges

Had a intercity emergency so.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, understood.

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Neal, Barbara

Alright, so we will move then right to public comment.

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Neal, Barbara

We have several people here, so if you could raise your hand or or otherwise indicate that you'd like to give public comment, that would be helpful.

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Steve Whitaker.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, Steven, go ahead.

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But I was hoping to let.

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The New Hampshire folks go at it first if they're prepared.

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Otherwise, I'll start on a.

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Let's uh Joe, you'll know.

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Neal, Barbara

Alright, let me go right to Becky then.

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Neal, Barbara

Becky, do you have any comments you'd like to share with us?

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Morrison, Jennifer

Wait, hang on.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Hang on, hang on.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Barb, can I exert a a minute here?

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Neal, Barbara

What?

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Morrison, Jennifer

Senator Renner is clearly at the Statehouse and probably has other things to do.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So if she has public comment, I would ask that she go first.

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Neal, Barbara

No, OK that that is fine.

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Irene Wrenner

I'm here to listen this week.

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Irene Wrenner

Thanks so much.

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Morrison, Jennifer

OK, alright, very good.

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Irene Wrenner

I appreciate the not.

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Neal, Barbara

All right, Becky, how about you?

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Becky Robinson

So I'm just.

0:5:52.530 --> 0:5:59.330

Becky Robinson

I'm personally wanna hear what you guys are doing, but I do know Gray has some comments.

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Becky Robinson

So thank you for letting us in in there, especially this early in the meeting, we are looking, we are doing a major upgrade to our dispatch center here in the North Country.

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Becky Robinson

We are going through the Northern Regional Borders Commission for a grant of approximately \$900,000 in trying to make this as quick as possible and basically one large component of its mapping.

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Becky Robinson

Alright.

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Becky Robinson

And we can get into more details of back.

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Becky Robinson

You'd be glad to give you those on that and we're looking into simulcasting we are looking for a letter of support, possibly from your board.

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Becky Robinson

Alright, for this, we're at the we're applying for.

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Becky Robinson

We have to have our preliminary grant application in by March 15th and where we do dispatching for of large portion on the North Country that also includes several towns in Vermont.

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Becky Robinson

We were hoping to get your help there and we really want to try to get our foot into the door with working with you folks in the future with a possible location of a tower on Mount Monadnock and Lemmington.

0:7:8.350 --> 0:7:21.120

Becky Robinson

And just because we're doing so much with you or your area, Canaan, Vermont is 1 of what we call our poor towns, which is the five towns that run the northern borders dispatch.

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Becky Robinson

So we we really wanna get involved with you folks in Vermont to to all work together to put this together because we're classic New Hampshire area that's dispatching for the small towns along the Connecticut River Valley.

0:7:35.870 --> 0:7:47.100

Becky Robinson

And further out, we have significant situations on our border with the Canadians, with the all the people that are sneaking across the border etcetera like that one.

0:7:47.230 --> 0:7:55.180

Becky Robinson

And we really need to develop a much better communication system for for Mark, New Hampshire, all of our states involved.

0:7:55.780 --> 0:8:6.370

Becky Robinson

And we think that you folks could be a a real asset and us working together would really make the best bang for the buck for everybody, right?

0:8:6.560 --> 0:8:12.910

Becky Robinson

I hope I gave you a quick synopsis of why we'd like to be with you and our current need for a letter of support.

0:8:14.890 --> 0:8:16.160

Morrison, Jennifer

So thank you for that.

0:8:16.170 --> 0:8:28.340

Morrison, Jennifer

And we can certainly take the conversation offline about a letter of support that I could then bring back to the group to make a decision on whether or not that's something the group would like to to do.

0:8:28.350 --> 0:8:40.280

Morrison, Jennifer

So if you could work through Corey Chase to give us some draft language for a letter of support and more details about the grant that you're applying for, then I can bring that back to the task force group.

0:8:41.70 --> 0:8:56.270

Morrison, Jennifer

I just want to point out that as we move towards towards the starting line, which will then result in a lot happening in a lot of lanes at the same time, there's going to be a lot of work done in the scope of ACT 78.

0:8:56.700 --> 0:9:2.150

Morrison, Jennifer

There will be a lot of work happening on the Vermont side and it will implicate the border communities as well.

0:9:2.340 --> 0:9:9.570

Morrison, Jennifer

So as we move into planning what the future system looks like, it is inevitable that we will be working together.

0:9:9.580 --> 0:9:13.830

Morrison, Jennifer

So it would be terrific to start nurturing that relationship now we're not.

0:9:13.880 --> 0:9:18.330

Morrison, Jennifer

We're not there yet, but I think that staying in tune along the way sounds like a really great idea.

0:9:18.340 --> 0:9:21.0

Morrison, Jennifer

So thanks for taking the time to to come talk to us.

0:9:21.650 --> 0:9:21.910

Becky Robinson

Yeah.

0:9:21.920 --> 0:9:25.760

Becky Robinson

So you have our addresses and stuff we want to be involved it.

0:9:25.770 --> 0:9:33.800

Becky Robinson

It's important to both of us significantly, and let's get it worked together and get a real, much better system than we have at the moment.

0:9:34.600 --> 0:9:34.940

Becky Robinson

Thank you.

0:9:38.0 --> 0:9:40.220

Neal, Barbara

Thank you very much for those comments.

0:9:40.230 --> 0:9:41.770

Neal, Barbara

OK, Steven.

0:9:45.600 --> 0:9:46.470

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Uh, can you hear me?

0:9:47.130 --> 0:9:47.270

Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:9:49.160 --> 0:10:4.920

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Uh, I'll point out from my preliminary talks with Northern Borders dispatch is that they don't have map display of any anally, despite the fact that Vermont's 911 system includes that dispatch facility and we.

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We, uh, legitimately, brag around the country that were next generation 911 with all this anti anali display capability, but we kind of left colbrook out as an orphan.

0:10:17.680 --> 0:10:23.730

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Uh, that's a legitimate concern that we should remedy sooner than later.

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I have warned them that this task force isn't moving as fast as they hope to move, and the challenge will be to.

0:10:34.740 --> 0:10:38.490

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Make some decisions quickly with the task force that we know will not.

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Uh, that our experts advise, will not uh come back to haunt us so that we could lend

support and let it, you know, Colebrook move forward, possibly faster than we are prepared to.

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I want it is now the appropriate time to comment on the draft.

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Uh project work plan and the draft CDs plan.

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Or you can open up public comment when you laid it.

0:11:9.420 --> 0:11:10.880

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Get to those sections of the agenda.

0:11:12.20 --> 0:11:12.600

Morrison, Jennifer

Now it's fine.

0:11:11.920 --> 0:11:13.810

Neal, Barbara

Now is the time, Steven. Yep.

0:11:14.980 --> 0:11:15.440

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OK.

0:11:15.450 --> 0:11:17.70

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Well, I first note that the.

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Public the.

0:11:22.510 --> 0:11:28.920

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Project Planning Project Plan System Planning Project plan is not a plan at all.

0:11:28.930 --> 0:11:38.760

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It looks like a bunch of cut and paste from the project Management Institute, but it demonstrates and includes no vision or scope of what this project is about.

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So I have warned you about not doing the due diligence on television and this is a prime example.

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I had learned years ago from Terry Lavalley that this is a this is a a business model of keeping the contract documents or the even the RFP vague enough to where you can do as little as possible and get away with it.

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And I'm real concerned that no project scope definition for LMR, LTE resiliency, redundancy, inventories, financial model, none of that is in this document.

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It really just, it's a shame that we've had to wait.

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This document was due January 12th.

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According to the contract and here it is in the February and we're getting such a hollow and useless document.

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Not useless because it does include some good, you know, PMI verbiage.

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But I'm raising that as a real red flag that we do not have.

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Custard guidance and we don't have adequate capacity on this task force to manage that project manager.

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In fact, it appears that the project manager wants to set it.

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The management team wants to set itself in league with the two chairs and call all the shots and just keep the board as a work group advised.

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And that's not the way this is supposed to work.

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No action is supposed to happen without the task force voting on it and in effect, that's if you read the document carefully.

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It it's further rarified.

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Uh.

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Anyway, I would encourage people to read it.

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I'll make sure it's available to anyone who doesn't have it already.

0:13:32.830 --> 0:13:52.540

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Umm, but the fact that I did speak to Co chair Morrison and she suggested that that once

the subject matter expert is under contract, that all the specificity from their work plan will, you know be inserted into the plan.

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But that's that's kind of the other way around.

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The project manager is supposed to have the vision in the direction of the sequence already specified, and you negotiate a contract from that, and we clearly don't have that here, so I've been warning you again and again.

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And now it's coming to fruition that we've got the wrong project management team and we're not much further forward.

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When we were a month ago, Umm, as regards to the CDs plan, I wanna raise a big red flag on that because it clearly the reference to regional is that regional systems will be allowed to collate, collocate on their tower.

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We are at real risk of this being founded, impermissible use from the congressional intent to support the transition to regional statewide communications, public safety, communications and this is in effect building up the state systems when there's been no agreement of who is going to use the state systems and under what circumstances.

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So without that architecture, there's no Lexus at all.

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Between these improvements and regional dispatch transition, so uh, I believe that this 9,000,000 is corrupting the process that this trend that this task force is supposed to be undertaking.

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It's just skewed all the, you know, air out of the room, oxygen out of the fire, and has all the capacity.

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That and attention that Jen and Corey should be spending on getting this task force plan initiative underway in favor of evading statutory planning.

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And independent review requirements.

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Breaking it down into smaller pieces to pretend that it it's not 1 project that requires you know a a business case and sources of funds and life cycle, cost analysis, etcetera.

0:15:57.230 --> 0:16:7.700

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That that planning is not done, and it's unlikely to have been to be done in time to get independent reviews done in time to get vendor contracts underway.

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So we need to really seek think seriously about risking the 9,000,000 being available in the future budget cycle and getting focused on one planning methodology, not two.

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One that that the CVS undermines the sequence, the planning, the governance, oversight, etcetera of the uh legislatively authorized Task force planning model.

0:16:39.700 --> 0:16:40.440

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That's enough for now.

0:16:43.430 --> 0:16:43.800

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:16:43.810 --> 0:16:48.410

Neal, Barbara

Steven, is there anyone else from the public that wants to make some comments today?

0:16:52.460 --> 0:16:54.690

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Barbie, you're are you gonna cover legislative?

0:16:54.700 --> 0:16:58.830

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If not, I could do that for for Kim Chain or offline.

0:16:59.500 --> 0:17:4.450

Neal, Barbara

No, I think off offline, I don't know that we well we have a project status agenda item.

0:17:4.460 --> 0:17:6.800

Neal, Barbara

So perhaps we can include legislative updates there.

0:17:9.90 --> 0:17:12.830

Neal, Barbara

But we will if there's no one else wishing to make public comment, we will move on.

0:17:14.980 --> 0:17:15.650

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:17:16.120 --> 0:17:18.120

Neal, Barbara

Two approval of the Minutes.

0:17:18.130 --> 0:17:23.90

Neal, Barbara

So we have a set of minutes from February 14th regular meeting #19.

0:17:23.500 --> 0:17:27.350

Neal, Barbara

Are there any corrections or changes needed to these minutes?

0:17:32.50 --> 0:17:32.740

Neal, Barbara

I'm here.

0:17:33.880 --> 0:17:36.910

Neal, Barbara

Uh, I think, Kim, you're unmuted right now.

0:17:37.970 --> 0:17:42.520

Neal, Barbara

Umm, alright, hearing nothing, is there a motion to approve the minutes from February 14th?

0:17:43.80 --> 0:17:43.550

Morrison, Jennifer

So moved.

0:17:44.430 --> 0:17:44.610

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:17:43.940 --> 0:17:47.10

James Mack

Move the tiles force approve the minutes that is written.

0:17:47.960 --> 0:17:48.480

Morrison, Jennifer

I'll second it.

0:17:49.600 --> 0:17:50.340

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jim.

0:17:50.350 --> 0:17:51.780

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jen, any discussion?

0:17:54.230 --> 0:17:57.20

Neal, Barbara

All in favor of approving the minutes from February 14th?

0:17:57.30 --> 0:18:0.900

Neal, Barbara

Raise your hand and or or or indicate by saying aye.

0:18:1.860 --> 0:18:2.430

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:18:2.960 --> 0:18:6.930

Neal, Barbara

And Kieran and I see all other task force Member hands are up.

0:18:7.20 --> 0:18:8.270

Neal, Barbara

So the Minutes are approved.

0:18:9.770 --> 0:18:12.340

Neal, Barbara

OK, we have done public comment.

0:18:12.730 --> 0:18:17.70

Neal, Barbara

So we will move to a project status reports.

0:18:19.340 --> 0:18:19.870

Neal, Barbara

Genuine.

0:18:19.880 --> 0:18:22.370

Neal, Barbara

I didn't have an opportunity to talk about this ahead of time.

0:18:22.520 --> 0:18:28.380

Neal, Barbara

I would we like the television to review the two status reports that have been distributed.

0:18:30.890 --> 0:18:31.320

Morrison, Jennifer

Sure.

0:18:31.330 --> 0:18:40.740

Morrison, Jennifer

I mean, I mean they the status reports were circulated to the task force and to people who regularly attend these meetings, plus they were posted to our website.

0:18:40.950 --> 0:18:45.950

Morrison, Jennifer

So I'm not sure we need them to completely go through them, but since we're still a little bit early in the process.

0:18:55.680 --> 0:18:56.10

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:18:47.470 --> 0:18:58.130

Morrison, Jennifer

We can open it up for a feedback on if there's information or sections of that we're trying to format it in a consistent manner so that you know each status report looks good.

0:18:58.140 --> 0:19:5.130

Morrison, Jennifer

If task force members have feedback on items they'd like to see that they didn't see now would be a great time to.

0:19:7.310 --> 0:19:14.550

Morrison, Jennifer

To mention it so that we can ensure that these weekly status reports are providing the level of information that that Members want to see.

0:19:18.540 --> 0:19:19.210

Neal, Barbara

All right then.

0:19:19.220 --> 0:19:20.370

Neal, Barbara

So task force members.

0:19:23.550 --> 0:19:25.910

Neal, Barbara

Input feedback on the status reports.

0:19:36.420 --> 0:19:39.390

Neal, Barbara

I can say that I like to see them from week to week.

0:19:39.400 --> 0:19:47.830

Neal, Barbara

The things moving from one from the summary to the from the completed on the list to do to the completed list and so on and so forth.

0:19:47.840 --> 0:19:48.950

Neal, Barbara

So it's working for me.

0:19:50.390 --> 0:19:53.480

Neal, Barbara

Sounds like there's not a lot of comments, so is that?

0:19:53.490 --> 0:19:55.100

Neal, Barbara

Should I assume it's working for everyone?

0:19:56.750 --> 0:19:57.430

James Mack

Working for me.

0:19:58.270 --> 0:19:58.450

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:20:0.500 --> 0:20:1.230

Neal, Barbara

Mike, go ahead.

0:20:1.270 --> 0:20:3.20

Doenges, Mike

Yeah, it's working for me as well.

0:20:3.30 --> 0:20:12.560

Doenges, Mike

I think that I, if we're willing to leave that open to adjustment as we get deeper into the projects and as the information gets thicker, we may want to find a better way to do summaries.

0:20:12.630 --> 0:20:14.310

Doenges, Mike

And I think for now it's perfect. So.

0:20:15.940 --> 0:20:16.570

Neal, Barbara

Excellent.

0:20:16.640 --> 0:20:17.220

Neal, Barbara
Anyone else?

0:20:21.860 --> 0:20:22.270

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:20:22.600 --> 0:20:26.920

Neal, Barbara
Rick or Dom, do you have anything to add about the weekly status reports?

0:20:30.80 --> 0:20:30.920

Dominick Arcuri
Nothing further.

0:20:30.930 --> 0:20:36.490

Dominick Arcuri
Just thank you for the comments and we'll continue to do to update those as appropriate.

0:20:36.500 --> 0:20:41.830

Dominick Arcuri
And there are additional comments or additional items you would like to see incorporated.

0:20:42.260 --> 0:20:43.130

Dominick Arcuri
Happy to do so.

0:20:43.140 --> 0:20:43.820

Dominick Arcuri
Please let us know.

0:20:46.30 --> 0:20:46.640

Neal, Barbara
Sounds good.

0:20:46.810 --> 0:20:47.540

Neal, Barbara
Excellent.

0:20:47.630 --> 0:20:55.790

Neal, Barbara

I think we could take the same approach with the project plan review, so that was distributed earlier this week to Task Force members.

0:20:56.640 --> 0:20:57.280

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:20:58.880 --> 0:21:3.170

Neal, Barbara

Discussion around that input on the project plan review.

0:21:13.380 --> 0:21:29.360

Morrison, Jennifer

The I I would just share the observation that the project plan review is not finalized and it won't be finalized until we have our subject matter experts fully on boarded and we have created the Unified project plan.

0:21:29.770 --> 0:21:39.60

Morrison, Jennifer

There's not going to be a separate plan that televote runs with and then a separate plan that the folks doing the scope of work implicated in Act 78 are doing.

0:21:39.290 --> 0:21:41.0

Morrison, Jennifer

It's going to be 1 unified plan.

0:21:41.750 --> 0:21:42.220

Morrison, Jennifer

Go ahead, Mike.

0:21:42.530 --> 0:21:42.740

Neal, Barbara

Correct.

0:21:43.570 --> 0:21:43.910

Doenges, Mike

Yeah.

0:21:43.920 --> 0:21:46.660

Doenges, Mike

I just wanna I wanna highlight that I appreciate this process.

0:21:46.670 --> 0:21:52.90

Doenges, Mike

I know there's public comment that's saying a lot of this process is taking too long and we're not moving fast enough.

0:21:54.420 --> 0:22:10.430

Doenges, Mike

The the complexity involved in what we're trying to do and and I know a lot of task force members know this already, but the complexity involved trying to do and do it accurately accurately as we've seen many years prior moving too quickly can result in.

0:22:12.30 --> 0:22:16.560

Doenges, Mike

Ohh discombobulated set of solutions that don't actually align and get us to where we need to be.

0:22:17.390 --> 0:22:33.780

Doenges, Mike

Having that plan that is finalized with our subject matter expert and then monitored and managed by our project manager is so critical to us moving forward and I know it's taking additional time and I know it seems like a long and arduous process because it is.

0:22:34.160 --> 0:22:57.540

Doenges, Mike

But the the more we can spend on the front end developing these systems appropriately now in pacing ourselves correctly with the understanding that there's urgency for different things, I think we'll end up resulting in a much better long term output in vision for this state and it's in, in all of these different centers that we're gonna need to be doing this for.

0:22:57.550 --> 0:23:1.550

Doenges, Mike

So I I really appreciate the fact that we are taking a pace to metered approach.

0:23:3.160 --> 0:23:27.690

Doenges, Mike

I appreciate that the task force understands the urgency in which this does need to get done, and I do think that we are doing the appropriate due diligence by making sure we don't jump ahead and create multiple plans for multiple things until we have all the Ducks in the row, and I know that's all a long breath to say I think we're heading the right direction, but it's it's I think it needs to be said that we are moving at the pace we need to move and if we can move faster, we will, but we are.

0:23:27.780 --> 0:23:29.520

Doenges, Mike

Moving as quickly as we can to get the job done.

0:23:31.650 --> 0:23:32.70

Neal, Barbara

Excellent.

0:23:32.80 --> 0:23:34.60

Neal, Barbara

I think that was very well, said Bron.

0:23:34.70 --> 0:23:34.750

Neal, Barbara

You have a comment.

0:23:35.930 --> 0:23:37.850

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Uh, yes.

0:23:37.860 --> 0:23:52.390

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I I think I'd like to just add to what Mike is saying from from my perspective as a you know, representing the fire service as well as from a technical perspective.

0:23:54.660 --> 0:24:15.570

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

We we need to keep in mind that we as a state have approximately 253 fire departments and the overwhelming majority of those departments are staffed by volunteers, people who for back of a better description, you can't just simply tell them we're gonna do it this way, because otherwise we're going to be sending you a paycheck.

0:24:15.640 --> 0:24:17.800

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

We don't give them a paycheck, and if they?

0:24:19.300 --> 0:24:22.370

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

If they take offense, they think we're trying to force something on them.

0:24:23.680 --> 0:24:28.690

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Things are just gonna go to hell in a hand basket very quickly, and we're not gonna get the buy in that.

0:24:28.700 --> 0:24:32.380

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

We need to make this a coherent statewide. Umm.

0:24:32.870 --> 0:24:43.560

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

You, you know, link of regional systems that all function together nicely, so rushing ahead with this is not a great way to go.

0:24:43.570 --> 0:25:11.750

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

This is gonna be a lot of work to get to make to understand what the individual needs are, what their wants are, and what their preferences are, and to convince them maybe that things need to operate slightly different than they're used to because we we want everybody to come willingly, not to be forced into this and and have all sorts of negative feelings about what we eventually accomplish.

0:25:15.870 --> 0:25:16.500

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:25:16.550 --> 0:25:17.100

Neal, Barbara

I agree.

0:25:17.110 --> 0:25:18.370

Neal, Barbara

I agree with that as well.

0:25:22.60 --> 0:25:24.970

Neal, Barbara

Any other comments from Task Force members on the project plan?

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

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Neal, Barbara

While Ron was talking, I was reminded then we can do this under new business.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm, right?

0:25:40.770 --> 0:25:43.620

Neal, Barbara

Without stakeholder UM and.

0:25:44.580 --> 0:25:44.780

Neal, Barbara

From.

0:25:44.820 --> 0:25:45.630

Morrison, Jennifer

Barbie froze.

0:25:46.410 --> 0:25:47.890

Neal, Barbara

Oop and my back.

0:25:50.80 --> 0:25:50.240

Neal, Barbara

Hello.

0:25:50.490 --> 0:25:51.250

James Mack

Working on my end.

0:25:54.900 --> 0:25:55.370

Neal, Barbara

Can everybody?

0:25:54.920 --> 0:25:56.0

James Mack

You're working on my end.

0:25:56.510 --> 0:25:57.340

Dominick Arcuri

Wait, we can hear you.

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rburke

Yeah.

0:25:56.440 --> 0:25:58.230

Neal, Barbara

I hear you, Jim. OK.

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Dominick Arcuri

We can hear you.

0:25:58.610 --> 0:25:59.410

rburke

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, I'll keep going.

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Neal, Barbara

To day, we'll bring up the stakeholder information.

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Neal, Barbara

Rick and Dom that you sent over just prior to this meeting during new business for people to take a look at, how's that?

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rburke

Sorry.

0:26:18.230 --> 0:26:18.800

rburke

Very good.

0:26:19.240 --> 0:26:19.700

Dominick Arcuri

Sounds good.

0:26:19.370 --> 0:26:20.30

rburke

Thank you for that.

0:26:19.230 --> 0:26:20.940

Neal, Barbara

OK. Yeah.

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rburke

So.

0:26:21.830 --> 0:26:28.340

rburke

So I'll be I'll preface what I'm about to to show some that everyone is aware.

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rburke

So I created we we created a draft of stakeholder update which is a you know, a newsletter regarding the project that is intended to inform the the General Assembly and and and all the stakeholders.

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rburke

And so we we you know, we created it so that we could at least show show the the work in progress today and to also solicit input.

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rburke

And you know it's in input from the task force on on the content, yeah.

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rburke

Yeah, that's right.

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Neal, Barbara

Rick, could I, could I interrupt you one second, Rick, I'm very, very sorry I skipped over.

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rburke

Alright, first mate.

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Neal, Barbara

I skipped over an agenda item and went to new visit, pause for a minute.

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rburke

Absolutely.

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Neal, Barbara

I want I need to go back.

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rburke

That's no problem.

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Neal, Barbara

I'm sorry to the draft of CDs plan.

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Neal, Barbara

Jen, are you are you able to hear me now?

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Morrison, Jennifer

I can.

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Neal, Barbara

And can you present on the draft CDs plan?

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Neal, Barbara

Sorry about that.

0:27:21.310 --> 0:27:29.410

Morrison, Jennifer

I'm sure I'm gonna actually turn my camera off because I think the wind is creating quite a bit of trouble up here, so I'm gonna keep my bandwidth down.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So everybody has an opportunity to see the draft plan for the \$9 million congressionally directed spending.

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Morrison, Jennifer

This plan, as as noted, has morphed over time.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Folks are probably very familiar with the history of this grant and the fact that we received it through a funding stream that we did not anticipate and and caused us to have to ohh redo the plan.

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Morrison, Jennifer

What was circulated is what we intend to well, once we receive feedback and message and feedback that we receive is what we intend to submit as the new project plan at the time that we resubmit it back to the feds, we will be asking for an extension of the performance period which we have enlisted the help of Senator Sanders office and we are hopeful that we can get an extension of the performance period.

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Morrison, Jennifer

It's it's just and the the the amount of work represented in just that plan is humongous and it is going to be very difficult to pull off all of those projects within the current performance plan, which ends at the end of 2024.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So we are hoping that we will get an 18 month extension of the performance period.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So that that is a piece of news that I will keep you posted on where we're super hopeful that we can make that happen.

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Morrison, Jennifer

It is.

0:29:1.730 --> 0:29:2.780

Morrison, Jennifer

It is a mountain of work.

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Morrison, Jennifer

If we don't get the extension and it is possible that we won't be able to complete all of the projects.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So you know, that's why we're asking for feedback on which pieces how we roll them out when in terms of RFP's, et cetera, will depend somewhat on how long it takes to do the project that will help determine priority, but also the amount of impact that the individual projects can have towards benefiting whatever the future statewide system is.

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Morrison, Jennifer

And that's the key here is that all of these projects have been developed to do 2 things be allowable under the COPS technology funding stream and reflect the intent behind ACT 78, which is to build the strongest possible for us for for us to build the strongest possible backbone so that we are best positioned with the most recent technologies to be able to implement whatever design is decided at the end of this system of this process.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Umm.

0:30:7.510 --> 0:30:17.670

Morrison, Jennifer

And to have moved us closer to to what that would look like, for instance, the project on moving to prepare to go to simulcast and investments like that.

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Morrison, Jennifer

That.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Expanding the current LMR network and for our friends in Colebrook, there are two two proposed site expansions.

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Morrison, Jennifer

You probably saw that that they're in the area of Canaan and Ferdinand, or are two proposed new sites, so that should be a benefit in the North Country area.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So again, I'm opening it up if people don't want to comment in this meeting, you are welcome to email me or Corey with your feedback about this plan.

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Morrison, Jennifer

It's our intention to leave it out there for folks to noodle on and give feedback till the end of next week and then at the end of next week we are going to be submitting our revised plan to back to the the COPS office.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So that's, that's the current state of affairs and we welcome your feedback.

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Neal, Barbara

Night might go ahead.

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Doenges, Mike

I know I'm talking a lot today.

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Morrison, Jennifer

We like that.

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Morrison, Jennifer

That's good.

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Doenges, Mike

I'm sorry, I apologize.

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:31:22.110 --> 0:31:24.540

Doenges, Mike

Again, I just want to kind of throw out a thank you.

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Doenges, Mike

I know that this.

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Doenges, Mike

And I and again I I I joined the task force when it was created and there was already kind of that shuffling going on with that congressionally directed spending and trying to resolve this.

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Doenges, Mike

So I wanna say, you know, as a as a, you know, network engineer who's designed infrastructure and backbone for the, you know, different systems over the many years that I've been, you know, tasked with things like that.

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Doenges, Mike

The idea that using that congressionally directed spending in the way that it's been given to us and making this fit as best possible for the future use of the of the PTC and what we're trying to do with the bigger picture, I really appreciate that effort because there are many things in many directions that could have been gone that that this could have gone in.

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Doenges, Mike

And I think that core infrastructure is so critical to what we're gonna be doing as we move forward and the state's willingness to allow us to share and use that as it gets built and the future of what's going to end up happening, I I like where this is going.

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Doenges, Mike

I looked through most of it.

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Doenges, Mike

I probably won't add too much comment, Jen.

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Doenges, Mike

I think the team that's put this together has done a phenomenal job and I do see where this will add major value to the systems that we can use in the future as as we come down the

line, of course there's going to be some ambiguity between now and the time that our subject matter expert puts together their solution.

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Doenges, Mike

But the key, and I think we've talked about this before, the key of using these funds to get us as close to whole as we can with these funds, so that it can be used for the future regional dispatch program is reflected quite well in this so far.

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Doenges, Mike

And I'd love to see what the final version looks like once you get it finalized, so thanks for that.

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Doenges, Mike

And I just want to throw that comment in there.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Thank you for the.

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Morrison, Jennifer

The credit goes to the team.

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Morrison, Jennifer

You can be sure I did not dream that up.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Way out of my wheelhouse, but yes, lots of folks have been working very hard to be responsible and responsive to the the sort of two considerations, the X 78 and the confines of the funding stream.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So if we don't have any other feedback now, like I said, I just want to reiterate, please send it either directly to me or to Corey or any member of the task force and we will put it into the mix as we develop a final draft for resubmission.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Thank you.

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Neal, Barbara

Jenna, I do have one comment.

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Neal, Barbara

If there aren't any others from Task Force members.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm on the on the plan project nine, part a talks about dispatch improvements and consoles and when I read that I think of a console really I think of as like the workstation where where the stuff sits that allows the dispatch function.

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Neal, Barbara

But in reading through the description, it seems like it's a bit more.

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Neal, Barbara

It's a bit more than that, so I wonder if you or Corey or whoever could just explain.

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Neal, Barbara

Now project 9.

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Morrison, Jennifer

I think we'll let Corey take a a quick explanation at that.

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Neal, Barbara

Yeah, part 9 project nine part A in particular and maybe this.

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Is it just me or did Barb drop off?

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James Mack

Arps here.

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Neal, Barbara

I think I'm still here. Yep.

0:34:54.580 --> 0:34:55.410

Neal, Barbara

You hear my question.

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Neal, Barbara

It.

0:34:58.440 --> 0:35:5.730

Morrison, Jennifer

I heard it and I started to say Corey can take a swing at that and then my connection keeps getting weird.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Which is highly unusual because we have outstanding speed connection here.

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Morrison, Jennifer

But Corey, are you able to answer the question about Project 9?

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Chase, Corey

Yes, I am.

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Chase, Corey

I I was waiting.

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Chase, Corey

I thought the Barb was still in the middle of a responding to a a question.

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Chase, Corey

That so, Barb, your, your, your question was to describe more, more fully the the Dispatch console and its function.

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Neal, Barbara

Yes, and how it benefits statewide.

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Neal, Barbara

Communications, right, so I know this has to be state owned.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm, projects that result from the spending, but what's the what is the statewide impact of Project 9?

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Chase, Corey

So a dispatch console is a is a device that's at a workstation.

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Chase, Corey

A call call Taker Workstation that allows the the dispatcher to communicate over the radio network.

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Chase, Corey

Umm.

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Chase, Corey

In in from in at from presently at the Vermont State Police, we have dispatch consoles that are PC based and it's a touch screen that allows you to push a button and select which channel which radio channel you will speak over when you when you use your microphone to speak across the radio dispatch network. Umm.

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Chase, Corey

Did somebody have a question?

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James Mack

Yeah.

0:36:33.820 --> 0:36:36.880

James Mack

Is is that the attach console that you're you're referring to?

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Chase, Corey

Yes.

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Chase, Corey

Did that answer your question?

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Chase, Corey

Yes.

0:36:42.800 --> 0:36:42.890

James Mack

Yes.

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Chase, Corey

So a presently a dispatch the that the the concept of a dispatch console is somewhat amorphous because there are in in this in this technology spectrum what we're talking about it can include many different things.

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Chase, Corey

But specifically what we're talking about is a touch screen that allows you to select which radio channel you will transmit on when you push the microphone button.

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Chase, Corey

Umm, the proposal that we're talking about here is to upgrade the dispatch consoles.

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Chase, Corey

Umm to embed a voice telephony service into the same device and that would have the benefit of umm for PSP eliminating an aging desktop analog telephone that is integrated for the the current single use headset.

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Chase, Corey

So right now presently for VSP be a VSP dispatcher has to use the same headset to speak over the telephone and speak over the radio so that they can seamlessly do that without having to change headsets.

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Chase, Corey

That's a very convoluted process for us to maintain the quality of that interaction because they have to be able to use a single headset to do both of those things, and the analog telephone and the current dispatch console are it it creates frustration for us and frustration for the dispatchers because the quality of of service is difficult to maintain and these are two aging the analog telephone is an aging technology.

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Chase, Corey

What we propose to do is to upgrade the.

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Chase, Corey

Dispatch consoles to integrate modern digital telephony into the same device so that a single headset can work in a single, umm.

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Chase, Corey

In a single system so that they can seamlessly integrate between telephone calls, put a, put a person on, continue to speak with a telephone person, someone on the telephone, while also speaking with the with the person over the VSP over dispatch or other first responders over a dispatch by integrating those into a single package that will solve many problems for VSP.

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Chase, Corey

It will relieve workflow problems for VSP, for the dispatchers, it will make dispatching much simpler for the VSP dispatching that that is the primary purpose of this.

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Chase, Corey

To integrate that service, however, we recognize that once we have done that, once we've integrated that service and eased operation for VSP dispatchers, it has an ancillary benefit that this is easily extensible.

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Chase, Corey

That means that we can now we will be setting ourselves up so that we can easily port that experience, that desktop console experience to other locations, other psaps within our within our network or to other other dispatch agencies around the state because we will be porting the ability to interact with radio service and telephony service.

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Chase, Corey

So it makes it easier to move and port and.

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Chase, Corey

In stand up temporarily, we could temporarily stand up this this patch consoles moving both both access to the radio services and telephony to a new location.

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Chase, Corey

Quickly and easily, but we could also, on a temporary basis, for instance, if something happened to a piece app, we could temporarily move it, but we could also move it to other dispatch.

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Chase, Corey

We could move that service to other piece apps and it makes that whole process portable.

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Chase, Corey

I I did.

0:40:22.270 --> 0:40:23.510

Chase, Corey

I did, I yeah.

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Morrison, Jennifer

So I would like to yeah, you did great Corey.

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Morrison, Jennifer

And I just wanna point out that when we talk about, so what's the statewide benefit here?

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Morrison, Jennifer

Uh, the two piece apps operated by the Vermont State Police handle Barbie.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Know the number better than I, but more than 75% of the 911 calls and then get them to where they need to go, so there's obvious benefit to being able to receive 911 calls from all over the state.

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Morrison, Jennifer

And again, this is a key piece of building in a more resilient system to be able to.

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Morrison, Jennifer

If flooding impacted one of the peace apps, or something else, being able to pick up and move the the entity that receives 3/4 of the 911 calls across the state.

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James Mack

With.

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Morrison, Jennifer

I was close.

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Neal, Barbara

Well, I'll correct you just a little bit because it's just under 70% but but on a good yes when when things are operating well, which they are at this point.

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Neal, Barbara

So so yes, I see your point there and thank you, Corey for the explanation of of what was involved here.

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Neal, Barbara

Are there any other comments now on this plan?

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Neal, Barbara

OK, alright.

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Neal, Barbara

I think Jan, unless you have something more to add here, we can move on.

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Morrison, Jennifer

No, I'm all set.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, good.

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Neal, Barbara

Alright, so that brings us back to one might say new business.

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Neal, Barbara

Rick, I'll hand it back over to you and I apologize for the interruption earlier, but we'd like to hear about your your stakeholder, umm, information that we got just before this meeting.

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rburke

Alright.

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rburke

Thank you, Barb, and thank you everyone.

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rburke

I am.

0:42:7.870 --> 0:42:12.60

rburke

I'll start over, but I will and and no need to apologize.

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rburke

We we all live in the fast lane and things change on the on the fly, so the task force said, you know, they're intention was to keep, you know, the General Assembly and the stakeholders and the Community informed about the project in a way that, you know, provided both a content and status.

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rburke

And information about the task force and information about the program and.

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rburke

And so you know what? What, what?

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rburke

What was decided on is, is that at least stakeholder update a newsletter to you know, so to speak, would be published so that we would get information of interest and value out to the Community and also to solicit their ongoing participation and keep them informed and and get them excited about the program.

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rburke

So you know what we decided on was to create, you know, a they right now it's called a stakeholder update from the task force.

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rburke

Its name is may change but the concept remains the same.

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rburke

Keep everyone informed of, solicit their input and and keep you know and and and excitement about the program.

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rburke

And So what I wanna do is share I I sent you worked on.

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rburke

We wanted to be sure that we were meeting our our obligations on the on the project plan.

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rburke

You know that we said we'll get something published and and we did.

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rburke

And so that's the goal.

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rburke

We're gonna make comments of what we're working on and and as well as making sure that we publish that information in a timely manner.

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rburke

And So what I'm gonna display is a draft.

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rburke

So I I will.

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rburke

I'll walk you through the concept. Here.

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rburke

Let me know when you can see it on your screen.

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Morrison, Jennifer

We got it.

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Barber.

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Neal, Barbara

We.

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Could could somebody send that to me via email?

0:44:1.590 --> 0:44:2.670

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I don't have video here.

0:44:3.700 --> 0:44:4.340

Neal, Barbara

Uh, yeah.

0:44:6.290 --> 0:44:7.990

Neal, Barbara

I believe we can, Jen.

0:44:10.140 --> 0:44:11.400

Morrison, Jennifer

If it's in my inbox, I can.

0:44:10.840 --> 0:44:11.790

Neal, Barbara

Yeah, yeah, yeah, of course.

0:44:11.800 --> 0:44:12.450

Neal, Barbara

It's being shared.

0:44:12.460 --> 0:44:12.630

Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

0:44:12.640 --> 0:44:13.50

Neal, Barbara

I'm sorry.

0:44:13.60 --> 0:44:13.550

Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

0:44:13.620 --> 0:44:14.610

Neal, Barbara

Yes, Steven, I will send it.

0:44:15.600 --> 0:44:18.990

rburke

I just wanted to reiterate though that this is the first draft.

0:44:19.0 --> 0:44:20.500

rburke

It's hot off the press this morning.

0:44:20.510 --> 0:44:22.350

rburke

Worked on it the last couple of days.

0:44:22.360 --> 0:44:22.930

rburke

Elizabeth.

0:44:22.940 --> 0:44:23.310

rburke

Hurry on.

0:44:23.320 --> 0:44:24.730

rburke

Our team assembled it.

0:44:24.750 --> 0:44:41.90

rburke

There are some typos in here, for example the the general assemble like in the first line, there should be the General Assembly but, but you know I I I forwarded to of John and Bob this morning so that they could you know decide if we wanted to just present it.

0:44:41.100 --> 0:44:54.490

rburke

So keep in mind that you know the goal here is to get input on this document and and you know and ensure that it's edited, but it is a rough draft, but the concept is not the same.

0:44:54.500 --> 0:44:55.990

rburke

So you know what I'm thinking.

0:44:56.110 --> 0:45:19.510

rburke

Our goal is in this inaugural addition we you know, we leverage we we let them know we let the reader know that our intention, you know what we're doing and why we're doing it and you know so in this first edition we talk about the project and and you know, So what why it's what's its format, what it's the overview of what it is and I want to keep it.

0:45:19.570 --> 0:45:28.720

rburke

I was trying to keep this to no more than two pages for this for this edition, but the first one is 3 pages cause we've got a little bit maybe over zealous.

0:45:29.70 --> 0:45:29.790

rburke

We wanna have it.

0:45:29.800 --> 0:45:33.480

rburke

Did you know section in here for example you know the the.

0:45:33.490 --> 0:46:3.30

rburke

Did you know is is intended to introduce the reader to Rome and information regarding the state of public safety communications in in the state and you know for the 1st edition, you know as thinking about well, let's let's let them know how many 911 call centers and psaps are out there and also you know indicate to them that you know that that that's gonna be an initial focus we're we're you know the the the program is going to work directly with the PS app.

0:46:3.40 --> 0:46:27.590

rburke

So I think we could also, as Ron mentioned earlier in the next one, talk about you know that there's we have you know approximately 253 four departments most of which are volunteers and this this the tension here was just to provide some information of you know a quick snippet of information about public safety within within the state of Vermont that that is informative.

0:46:27.630 --> 0:46:39.910

rburke

So we also provide a, you know, here's our website and on this second page we talked, we wanted to introduce the community to to the stakeholder team.

0:46:39.920 --> 0:46:41.310

rburke

Here's here.

0:46:41.320 --> 0:46:46.370

rburke

Here are as is required by activity 8.

0:46:46.380 --> 0:46:55.720

rburke

Here are our representatives and in this first edition we include it a little, a bio of our Co chair, so.

0:46:55.730 --> 0:47:6.90

rburke

And then the next edition, you know we would add in, you know, two, two additional you know add two additional members of the task force and provide an overview.

0:47:6.100 --> 0:47:19.470

rburke

And so if you're in agreement to that, as we have requested from Jen and Bob, if you would provide a, you know, a photo and a brief bio, then we can include that in in the following.

0:47:19.760 --> 0:47:26.860

rburke

You know the next newsletter, so you know we we provide project status in here.

0:47:26.870 --> 0:47:34.500

rburke

Here is a highlight of of of some of the activities to date and the key activities and.

0:47:34.510 --> 0:47:39.330

rburke

And you know this, this isn't intended to be a status report.

0:47:39.340 --> 0:47:41.420

rburke

This is intended to provide.

0:47:41.890 --> 0:47:42.160

rburke

Uh.

0:47:42.690 --> 0:47:58.120

rburke

A key elements of what we're achieving and and what's been done over the course of the project in this one here we you know we introduce the project management consulting team and future of in the future.

0:48:0.340 --> 0:48:39.450

rburke

Update we would, you know, we would introduce the the Community to the system planning subject matter, expert firm and so you know I wanted to there is a providing there's a contact us also so certainly we want to inform the Community about the website to go for information but if you know we thought it might be appropriate to if if there if there was direct inquiries made to the task force and and we hadn't decided on that yet but I I put that in as a placeholder in the event that we just saw we want to allow.

0:48:39.670 --> 0:48:47.190

rburke

The community to, you know, ask questions or to provide information or not, you know, it's it's really your decision as a task force.

0:48:47.200 --> 0:48:59.670

rburke

So you know, with this, you know, with this inaugural very rough draft, although I am much of it, yeah, it could quickly be turned into a a release so that we can get it out in early March.

0:49:0.100 --> 0:49:5.690

rburke

I've I've got a Word document of the content and I go forward that around for editorial review.

0:49:5.900 --> 0:49:8.10

rburke

We we're we're gonna edit our.

0:49:8.20 --> 0:49:17.270

rburke

I'm gonna go back and edit now that I have this because I worked on a worked on it late last night and Elizabeth was able to get it done so that we could show it today.

0:49:17.280 --> 0:49:34.270

rburke

But I I just want to, you know, get your, you know, share this this draft with you and and get feedback from from the task force on on what your thoughts are and any you know any immediate reactions and that's it.

0:49:36.560 --> 0:49:36.940

Neal, Barbara

Excellent.

0:49:38.500 --> 0:49:38.910

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:49:39.890 --> 0:49:40.270

rburke

Burger.

0:49:38.920 --> 0:49:43.410

Neal, Barbara

Rick's comments questions input from Task Force members.

0:49:46.560 --> 0:49:48.530

Neal, Barbara

And I am not seeing all of you.

0:49:48.540 --> 0:49:49.340

Neal, Barbara

Jim, you have something?

0:49:50.350 --> 0:49:51.770

James Mack

I just wanted to say I like it.

0:49:53.880 --> 0:49:54.380

Neal, Barbara

Very good.

0:49:57.170 --> 0:49:58.770

Neal, Barbara

I am not seeing everyone. Yeah.

0:49:57.100 --> 0:49:59.640

Morrison, Jennifer

Yeah, I think it's it's a great first draft.

0:49:59.970 --> 0:50:0.410

Morrison, Jennifer

Umm.

0:50:0.970 --> 0:50:17.400

Morrison, Jennifer

I'll look forward to taking a look at it on the larger screen, just cause my eyes are old but but

I'm I'm very appreciative of the thought behind it and I think ultimately it doesn't really matter what we think, it's what the people receiving it think and what they wanna know.

0:50:26.160 --> 0:50:26.310

rburke

And.

0:50:17.410 --> 0:50:27.340

Morrison, Jennifer

So with the inaugural edition, I think we should make sure there's a feedback section like, you know, what would you like to hear more about that type of thing?

0:50:32.330 --> 0:50:32.470

rburke

Yeah.

0:50:27.770 --> 0:50:35.170

Morrison, Jennifer

And and I think we talked about this, Rick or Dom away away for the general public to.

0:50:36.960 --> 0:50:37.990

Morrison, Jennifer

Communicate with us.

0:50:38.0 --> 0:50:45.420

Morrison, Jennifer

Drop questions or so some way to be interactive with us should be included in each edition.

0:50:47.840 --> 0:50:49.870

rburke

And and I fully agree with that.

0:50:50.220 --> 0:50:54.650

rburke

But I didn't wanna go ahead and make a decision on behalf of the task force.

0:50:54.660 --> 0:50:57.690

rburke

But you know how they can contact you?

0:50:57.700 --> 0:50:59.570

rburke

I mean I can put it in in here.

0:50:59.580 --> 0:51:4.370

rburke

You know, contact us and and then it's, you know, put a a statement to that effect in here.

0:51:4.380 --> 0:51:10.30

rburke

But I wanna be sure that we know you know that we decide how we want them to contact us.

0:51:10.120 --> 0:51:12.300

rburke

And so but absolutely agree with you.

0:51:10.390 --> 0:51:13.180

Morrison, Jennifer

Yeah, we might have to set up a mailbox.

0:51:16.740 --> 0:51:16.940

rburke

Umm.

0:51:13.190 --> 0:51:25.860

Morrison, Jennifer

We might have to set up an A an email address, you know some PS CTF DP you know, DPS or at vermont.gov and then have it go to the two.

0:51:25.910 --> 0:51:35.780

Morrison, Jennifer

You 2 project managers and me and Barb and Paul and then we can, if it needs to go somewhere else, we can send it to the appropriate party or bring it to the task force as a whole before we reply.

0:51:36.810 --> 0:51:40.490

Morrison, Jennifer

But we we we will have to figure out a a method to be interactive.

0:51:41.440 --> 0:51:42.950

rburke

Alright, a frequency?

0:51:42.960 --> 0:51:44.330

rburke

Umm, I'm publishing this.

0:51:44.340 --> 0:51:51.860

rburke

I mean, we had talked about every two weeks, but you know, it could be weekly, biweekly or monthly.

0:51:52.130 --> 0:51:56.240

rburke

It's really, you know, it's up to the task force, the frequency of it.

0:51:56.890 --> 0:52:15.700

rburke

You know, obviously we're at the at this stage of the program, things are going to start moving more quickly once we once we have the system planning vendor on board and about, yeah, there will be you know there will be status items but you know I I like I said I have a Word document.

0:52:15.710 --> 0:52:23.260

rburke

I'll forward this around and after I added it internally and then you know, after we added internally I'll forward it around.

0:52:23.270 --> 0:52:52.330

rburke

So I appreciate your your comments and if you're if the task force is in agreement, you know with this concept of introducing the Community and having, you know a a, a a photo and and bio of each of our of our test force members then please do forward a photo at a brief bio so that we can keep it up for future releases of the update.

0:52:56.490 --> 0:52:56.920

Neal, Barbara

Great.

0:52:56.330 --> 0:53:1.420

Morrison, Jennifer

What the task force members think about for periodicity every two weeks or every month?

0:53:1.470 --> 0:53:3.430

Morrison, Jennifer

Or what's the general thought there?

0:53:5.220 --> 0:53:9.230

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I don't know that I'd worry about doing it more frequently than every month.

0:53:10.160 --> 0:53:18.450

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

If you start publishing stuff and and it turns into fluffs that just populates page, then people will stop reading it.

0:53:20.80 --> 0:53:20.260

Neal, Barbara

Yeah.

0:53:18.900 --> 0:53:20.410

Morrison, Jennifer

Yep, I agree.

0:53:20.420 --> 0:53:21.790

Morrison, Jennifer

I tend to agree, Ron.

0:53:22.810 --> 0:53:23.390

Neal, Barbara

I do too.

0:53:23.400 --> 0:53:35.780

Neal, Barbara

I was thinking monthly would be good and and we'll have lots of opportunities in the update for you know ways they can get in touch with us in the meantime or or web pages they can go to to get more information.

0:53:35.790 --> 0:53:41.830

Neal, Barbara

So umm, now that's what I would recommend to start with anyway monthly.

0:53:43.740 --> 0:53:44.170

rburke

Alright.

0:53:44.170 --> 0:53:44.390

Morrison, Jennifer

I see.

0:53:44.240 --> 0:53:44.740

James Mack

I agree.

0:53:44.240 --> 0:53:57.320

rburke

And and also so and also solicit ideas on did you know content, you know, I mean we there are some very, very interesting information about that.

0:53:57.380 --> 0:54:4.810

rburke

You know, we should inform the Community about, but you know your ideas and test force ideas on what we wanna.

0:54:4.860 --> 0:54:5.610

rburke

We put in this.

0:54:5.620 --> 0:54:6.120

rburke

Did you know?

0:54:7.600 --> 0:54:13.650

rburke

Of you know the section of the newsletter be of value to hear from the task force as well.

0:54:19.270 --> 0:54:19.630

rburke

OK.

0:54:19.640 --> 0:54:43.670

rburke

So with that said, I'm I'm a make I wanna make some edits to it and I'll send out this distribute this a next version to the task force along with a Word document and and feel free to provide editorial comment back and I go go and get that out to you today if not not later than tomorrow.

0:54:45.0 --> 0:54:48.20

Neal, Barbara

OK, that sounds good.

0:54:47.840 --> 0:54:50.120

rburke

And thank you very much.

0:54:52.980 --> 0:54:53.360

rburke

Problem.

0:54:51.580 --> 0:54:53.420

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Rick. OK.

0:54:55.890 --> 0:55:3.600

Neal, Barbara

We are ready then to move on to the next agenda item, which is executive session.

0:55:3.990 --> 0:55:12.820

Neal, Barbara

So for the purposes of discussing one or more contracts, so I will take us through our usual 2 motions here.

0:55:12.910 --> 0:55:26.300

Neal, Barbara

So first I'll make a motion that the task force find that sharing information about bitter responses publicly would put the task force at a substantial disadvantage in making a decision about awarding a contract or contracts.

0:55:28.0 --> 0:55:29.170

Neal, Barbara

Is there a second?

0:55:30.300 --> 0:55:30.640

Doenges, Mike

2nd.

0:55:31.70 --> 0:55:31.340

James Mack

Again.

0:55:33.50 --> 0:55:33.740

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Mike.

0:55:33.750 --> 0:55:35.550

Neal, Barbara

I think it was Mike, any discussion?

0:55:38.380 --> 0:55:38.890

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:55:38.980 --> 0:55:40.810

Neal, Barbara

All in favor of making this finding?

0:55:40.820 --> 0:55:42.740

Neal, Barbara

Please raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

0:55:43.480 --> 0:55:43.780

Doenges, Mike

Aye.

0:55:44.690 --> 0:55:45.80

James Mack

I.

0:55:46.270 --> 0:55:46.940

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:55:44.940 --> 0:55:48.580

Neal, Barbara

Hey, Mike, I hear you, Ron.

0:55:48.590 --> 0:55:50.60

Neal, Barbara

I see Jim's hand.

0:55:50.310 --> 0:55:51.510

Neal, Barbara

My hand is up, Jen.

0:55:57.980 --> 0:55:58.220

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:55:55.390 --> 0:55:58.860

Morrison, Jennifer

Barb, I've had to jump on to another call, but I'm.

0:55:58.930 --> 0:56:0.990

Morrison, Jennifer

I'm with you on going to executive session.

0:56:1.700 --> 0:56:2.980

Neal, Barbara

OK, alright.

0:56:3.420 --> 0:56:4.70

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:56:4.160 --> 0:56:8.70

Neal, Barbara

I guess we have a we have the majority of Members present, right?

0:56:8.80 --> 0:56:9.500

Neal, Barbara

Callie, we're good to move on.

0:56:9.540 --> 0:56:11.630

Neal, Barbara

OK, alright.

0:56:11.640 --> 0:56:14.690

Neal, Barbara

So the next step then is to make a motion to move into exec.

0:56:14.700 --> 0:56:25.690

Neal, Barbara

I will make a motion to move into executive session for the purposes of discussing one or more contracts and I would like to invite televote reps into that session.

0:56:26.40 --> 0:56:26.810

Neal, Barbara

Is there a second?

0:56:26.590 --> 0:56:27.200

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I'll second that.

0:56:27.940 --> 0:56:28.570

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Ron.

0:56:29.480 --> 0:56:31.450

Neal, Barbara

And all in favor, please raise your hand.

0:56:31.550 --> 0:56:33.340

Neal, Barbara

In and in or?

0:56:34.820 --> 0:56:35.160

Morrison, Jennifer

And.

0:56:33.350 --> 0:56:35.560

Neal, Barbara

I'm sorry or indicate by saying I.

0:56:37.400 --> 0:56:37.600

Morrison, Jennifer

And.

0:56:39.120 --> 0:56:43.280

Neal, Barbara

Alright, I see all task force member hands are up, including runs.

0:56:45.600 --> 0:56:51.130

Neal, Barbara

And we will move into executive session via the other link on your calendar.

0:56:51.320 --> 0:56:51.830

Neal, Barbara

See you there.

0:56:51.710 --> 0:56:54.560

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Are you anticipating action after executive session?

0:56:55.540 --> 0:56:56.40

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:56:56.760 --> 0:56:57.440

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:56:59.140 --> 0:57:3.240

Neal, Barbara

Possibly will let you know when we're going back into public session.

0:57:4.290 --> 0:57:8.430

Audet, Cally

Yeah, I can let you know when we are headed back in umm.

0:57:9.370 --> 0:57:21.800

Audet, Cally

So if there is anyone who is in attendance today who I do not normally, umm, send that notification to please just make sure to share how you'd like to receive that with me.

0:57:24.460 --> 0:57:26.910

Neal, Barbara

OK, we'll see task force and the other link.

0:57:26.920 --> 0:57:27.310

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

Part II – Post Executive Session

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

Neal, Barbara

Where are we?

0:0:2.150 --> 0:0:2.760

Audet, Cally

Don't give them.

0:0:2.770 --> 0:0:5.800

Audet, Cally

Maybe just a few seconds to long back.

0:0:6.490 --> 0:0:8.900

Neal, Barbara

OK, we can do that.

0:0:10.500 --> 0:0:11.440

Doenges, Mike

Let me know if I can help.

0:0:39.230 --> 0:0:39.650

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:39.490 --> 0:0:43.170

Morrison, Jennifer

Well, given that this is recorded, I think we should get moving.

0:0:43.220 --> 0:0:47.440

Morrison, Jennifer

Folks can jump in and review it as they wish.

0:0:48.490 --> 0:0:49.180

Neal, Barbara

Very good.

0:0:49.190 --> 0:0:52.810

Neal, Barbara

Do we have a motion resulting from executive session?

0:0:53.620 --> 0:0:54.390

Morrison, Jennifer

I do.

0:0:54.440 --> 0:0:55.230

Morrison, Jennifer

Thank you.

0:0:57.580 --> 0:0:57.830

Doenges, Mike

Good.

0:0:55.520 --> 0:1:13.950

Morrison, Jennifer

I move that we return the draft contract to the selected vendor with the modifications discussed in executive session and if accepted by the vendor, it shall constitute approval of the contract by the task force.

0:1:15.50 --> 0:1:16.60

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I will second that motion.

0:1:16.140 --> 0:1:16.680

James Mack

So I couldn't.

0:1:17.740 --> 0:1:18.150

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:1:18.940 --> 0:1:19.670

Neal, Barbara

Any discussion?

0:1:26.810 --> 0:1:27.660

Morrison, Jennifer

I.

0:1:23.460 --> 0:1:28.310

Neal, Barbara

All in favor, raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

0:1:28.140 --> 0:1:28.690

Doenges, Mike

I.

0:1:28.780 --> 0:1:29.250

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:1:28.380 --> 0:1:29.290

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:1:29.490 --> 0:1:29.830

James Mack

Aye.

0:1:29.740 --> 0:1:36.680

Neal, Barbara

And see, all hands are up, so that motion has been approved and we will take those steps.

0:1:37.690 --> 0:1:45.900

Neal, Barbara

So the last agenda item is to set the next meeting date and I will just confirm with Cali that we have a meeting scheduled for two weeks from today.

0:1:47.890 --> 0:1:48.710

Audet, Cally

That is correct, yes.

0:1:48.50 --> 0:1:53.290

Neal, Barbara

We we do so I don't believe we need to set any other dates at this point.

0:1:57.570 --> 0:1:58.910

Neal, Barbara

If we need to, yeah.

0:1:55.480 --> 0:2:1.290

Morrison, Jennifer

Now we'll set a special meeting if we need to to resolve the contract, but we would like to move it along.

0:2:2.60 --> 0:2:2.290

Neal, Barbara
Right.

0:2:3.670 --> 0:2:4.420

Neal, Barbara
All right, then.

0:2:4.730 --> 0:2:5.830

Neal, Barbara
Is there a motion to adjourn?

0:2:6.380 --> 0:2:6.880

Doenges, Mike
Some food.

0:2:7.720 --> 0:2:8.210

James Mack
Seconded.

0:2:8.770 --> 0:2:9.520

Neal, Barbara
Thank you, Jim.

0:2:9.610 --> 0:2:10.480

Neal, Barbara
Thank you, Mike.

0:2:10.550 --> 0:2:12.900

Neal, Barbara
All in favor, raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

0:2:13.910 --> 0:2:14.180

Morrison, Jennifer
Aye.

0:2:14.190 --> 0:2:14.480

Ron Kumetz (Guest)
Hi.

0:2:14.910 --> 0:2:15.150

James Mack
Alright.

0:2:14.880 --> 0:2:16.30

Neal, Barbara

All hands are up.

0:2:16.80 --> 0:2:16.890

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:2:16.980 --> 0:2:18.730

Neal, Barbara

Thank you very much everybody.

0:2:19.140 --> 0:2:20.530

Neal, Barbara

Be careful in this crazy weather.

0:2:22.120 --> 0:2:22.350

Dominick Arcuri

It's.

0:2:20.540 --> 0:2:26.50

Neal, Barbara

We're gonna have all goes well and we'll talk to you all soon.

0:2:26.120 --> 0:2:26.720

Neal, Barbara

Thanks a lot.

0:2:27.510 --> 0:2:27.650

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Thank.

0:2:26.900 --> 0:2:27.670

Dominick Arcuri

Alright, thank you.

0:2:27.740 --> 0:2:28.20

Doenges, Mike

Bye.

0:2:27.580 --> 0:2:28.730

Morrison, Jennifer

Thanks, Barb.

0:2:27.680 --> 0:2:28.790

Dominick Arcuri

All bye.

0:2:27.930 --> 0:2:28.910

rburke

Thank you everyone.

0:2:28.920 --> 0:2:29.540

rburke

Have a great day.

0:2:28.740 --> 0:2:29.590

Morrison, Jennifer

Can you call me?

0:2:29.420 --> 0:2:30.10

James Mack

Thanks, bye.

0:2:29.660 --> 0:2:30.410

Morrison, Jennifer

Can you call me Barb?

0:2:29.970 --> 0:2:30.560

Neal, Barbara

I can.

0:2:30.930 --> 0:2:31.790

Neal, Barbara

I sure can, yeah.