Transcript

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☐ **Mullaney, Emily** started transcription

DA **Dominick Arcuri** 0:07
Alright.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 0:14
Great.
Gonna give everybody another minute or so.
So we do have a quorum, but I know that Mike Dungus and Paul White.
Also plan to. There's Paul.

WP **White, Paul** 0:34
Yes, I'm here. Sorry.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 0:38
Alrighty.
Then you want to go ahead and get started.
We will kick us off, OK.
All right.
Good morning, everybody.
I'm calling this meeting of the Public Safety Communications Task force to order.
It is 11/16 on January 8, 2025, and I'm Barbara Neal.
As a reminder, the meeting's being recorded.
The recording will be posted on the Task force web page.
Following the meeting, we'll start with the roll call. If you could verbally acknowledge your presence.
I call your name.
Not sure where that is coming from.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 1:22
I didn't hear it.

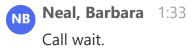**Neal, Barbara** 1:24

Oh, hold on just one second.

Sorry, that's me.

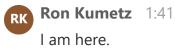I have something running in the background.

Roll call Jen Morrison.

Morrison, Jennifer 1:31

I'm here.

James Mack 1:32

Yes.

Neal, Barbara 1:33

Call wait.

White, Paul 1:35

I'm here.

Neal, Barbara 1:37

Michael Wright.

Michael Wright 1:38

I am here.

Neal, Barbara 1:40

Ron koumetz.

Ron Kumetz 1:41

I am here.

Neal, Barbara 1:43

Jim Mac.

Here and I do not see Mike Dungus yet, but he did say he'd be here, so he may join later.

Also joining us is Emily Mullaney as our administrative support and our project management team.

Rick and Dom from Telivate.

And from mission critical, it looks like we have Jason Malloy, Phil Sisk.

And Bonnie Maney, welcome everybody.

I do not see any members of the public.

Present. So we will move on to approval of the agenda. The agenda was distributed to Task Force members by e-mail.

It's also available on the web page do Task Force members have any proposed changes to the agenda?

Hearing nothing will consider the agenda approved and move on to approval of the Minutes.

These would be the minutes from the December 18th regular meeting #41.

Is there?

Are there any changes needed to the Minutes?

And if not, is there a motion to approve those minutes?

Ron Kumetz 3:08

I will make that motion to remove approve the Minutes.

Neal, Barbara 3:12

Thank you, Ron.

Second, I think that was Jim.

OK. Any discussion?

All right, we'll move to a vote.

I'm gonna abstain from the vote as I wasn't at that meeting and I haven't watched all of the recording so.

Those in favor of approving the Minutes, please raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

I see Jen.

White, Paul 3:38

Sorry.

Neal, Barbara 3:39
I hear Ron Paul, Michael and Jim.

Ron Kumetz 3:39
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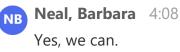
White, Paul 3:42
Thank you.

Neal, Barbara 3:43
So the Minutes are approved from December 18th.
Public comment is next and I do see that a member of the public.
Has joined us.
Bob Schlichter would you like to introduce yourself 1st, and you're welcome to offer any public comment you may have this morning.

Bob Schlachter 4:07
Good morning.
Can you hear me?
OK.

Neal, Barbara 4:08
Yes, we can.

Bob Schlachter 4:10
OK. My name is Bob Schlechter.
I'm President of Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid association down in Rutland.
We utilize state dispatch services quite.
Quite a bit down here. I think we're one of the biggest users of the service currently and I'm interested in sitting in on these meetings.
I was on the original task Force Working group and I'd like to keep in touch with what's happening here.
So if it's OK, I'll monitor from the.
Side here.

Neal, Barbara 4:39
Sure. Certainly. OK.
Glad you could join us.

Bob Schlachter 4:43
Thank you.

Neal, Barbara 4:44
OK.
Moving on then.
I'm just double checking.
Make sure we don't have anyone else from the public and we do not. OK, moving on to project updates, Dom.
I'll hand it over to you.

Dominick Arcuri 4:59
Thank you, Barb and happy New Year to everyone.
Many of you know.
Our focus over the last few weeks has been primarily on the reports for the project.
Report deliverables. Both the inventory and assessment report and also development of the system planning report. The inventory and assessment report has gone through review and comment period.
The comments have been addressed by MCP.
They have updated the document and it is ready now for distribution to the individual dispatch centers.
The plan for the that report at this point is to.
Actually break it up into the individual section so each dispatch center will receive the introductory sections.
Believe sections 1-2 and three.
To give them, you know, contacts. Of course for the report and then their individual section that assesses the specific.
Capabilities and current situation in their dispatch center. They will have that to review to confirm the data is accurate and also there are some areas where we have gaps in the data.

Hopefully they will be able to fill that in so that.

That will be going on.

Maybe Jason can give an update as to when those are being sent out, but hopefully this week and we'll be getting back updates and incorporating those.

In parallel.

Mcp has been working heavily on the system planning.

Report, which is the major, you know, final report deliverable of the project.

We have that schedule.

For a first draft this week.

The on the 10th Friday, we have scheduled the first draft of that report, which will be available then for Task force review and comment. I assume we're going to make that available in a similar fashion if we do the inventory and assessment report so that it will be.

A link will be provided where Task force members can go online and review that and provide comments via a comment sheet.

Our intent is to incorporate those initial comments.

Get a second draft towards the end of January, which we can distribute for.

Further review from.

Broader selection of stakeholders as well as the public.

In addition to those activities we have, we have completed I think we reported last time completed all the workshops with the exception of the funding.

A workshop which we have been waiting until we have some.

Budgetary numbers that we can communicate to the funding group, we should have those soon with the draft report.

So that's something that actually we need to we need to schedule and maybe we can have discussion later during this meeting as to when best to schedule that meeting.

So a lot of activity going on.

I think that summarizes the majority of it.

Again, happy to answer any questions.

But from Task force members.

Morrison, Jennifer 8:44

I would just point out the enormous lift that the last six weeks has been for MCP and the amount of effort they put forth in meeting the deadlines that we've had.

I also want to give a shout out to task force members that have been who have

reviewed the very preliminary first round drafts of of of items and the inventory report becoming to this place where it's now going back to individual agencies, mostly for fact checking.

Right. And then coming back represents getting really close to the end of a massive chunk of the work of this task force, the inventory and associated companion documents. And then separately getting to the place of having a draft that is worthy of sharing publicly of the system design.

Dominick Arcuri 9:15
Right.

Morrison, Jennifer 9:35
Report is just an enormous amount of work and.
Not sort of foot stomping. The magnitude of work that's been happening here over since just before Thanksgiving.
And into the new year, I feel would be remiss.
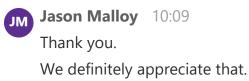So thank you everyone.
Team MCP, TELEVATE and Task Force members for.
Really, keeping this a top priority and striving to to push forward on the timeline we're we're shooting for.

Dominick Arcuri 10:03
Absolutely. Heck of those comments, Jen.
Thank you.

Neal, Barbara 10:06
Definitely.

Jason Malloy 10:09
Thank you.
We definitely appreciate that.

Neal, Barbara 10:09
OK.

Jason Malloy 10:12

One thing to clarify real quick, as far as the funding numbers.

The some of those numbers are gonna come as a result of that funding workshop, so.

That that workshop is gonna help directly drive some of those numbers.

So while there's there may be some.

Budgetary information in the document forthcoming. It's not gonna be everything, because as I said, we need to.

We need that funding workshop to help drive some of that.

Neal, Barbara 10:52

OK, so sounds like a priority to get that on the books then?

So why don't we take that up in new business here in just a minute?

Any other questions for telivate?

OK. And Jason did tell they cover everything you you would like to hear covered in the in the project updates or do you have anything to add?

Jason Malloy 11:20

Tom, what did you mention that you needed clarification from me. I apologize.

I have a contractor doing some repair work today and they kind of went out.

The volume dropped out.

Dominick Arcuri 11:34

That was regarding the distribution of the portions of the inventory report to the individual dispatch centers is that is that likely, are those likely to be distributed this week?

Jason Malloy 11:51

The inventory.

Yeah, we need to create the specific review worksheet for each one of those and that is completed.

We'll be able to send those out and as as was previously discussed.

The e-mail that goes out to them will include instructions that.

The first couple of sections are for their review, but not necessarily.
For changes just more for their, for their information.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 12:33
OK.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 12:34
Jason, what?
What? Turn around time are you gonna give them?

JM **Jason Malloy** 12:43
Given the response that we got initially.
I've been on the fence about that.
I have been thinking about that.
We certainly don't wanna drag it out too long.
My thought was potentially.
A maybe a two week turn around.
What's the? What's the task force?
Desire on that. I certainly you know.
Between between a week and two weeks has been my thought.
There's certainly no more than two weeks, but I'll I'll certainly take input.

WP **White, Paul** 13:20
Take maybe two week two, maybe two weeks with a one week reminder halfway through.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 13:27
Yep, that sounds great. If you give him more than two weeks, it signals that it's not urgent.

JM **Jason Malloy** 13:32
Correct, correct.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 13:32

But if you give him less than two weeks, it's like, you know, how do we triage this into the list of current fires? So.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 13:37
Impossible, yeah.

JM **Jason Malloy** 13:39
Right. OK.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 13:44
Like that, Paul.
The reminder at the one week Mark.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 13:52
OK.
Anything else on project updates?
Excellent.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 14:01
I think that we should move it to new business, but it's related to what the updates were.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 14:02
We.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 14:06
So when we get to new business, I think we should talk about.
That's going to be the strategy to receive feedback once the draft of the system design report is released.
For public consumption, we need to start thinking about how we're going to capture the input and what types of convenings and, you know, facilitated discussions. We're going to host.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 14:31
OK.

That sounds good. We are at.

New business now.

So I added a a note there, but I wonder if maybe we should start with the funding workshop scheduling and then move on to yours. And then I have one item and perhaps there are others so.

So let's start with the funding workshop scheduling. I do not have it in front of me, but I believe we had created a list of potential participants.

And what are we thinking like within the next two weeks or?

I'm throwing it out there.

For thoughts.

Morrison, Jennifer 15:19

We have to wait until we have a first draft of system design so we know what.

So we know the potential magnitude of what they're trying to determine funding for.

We just ask them to go in blind. How we're going to pay for this and they don't have any sense of, you know, small, medium, large.

Neal, Barbara 15:33

Yeah.

Morrison, Jennifer 15:39

I'm not sure they're going to know how to be responsive to the request.

My my thought, and I'd love to hear what others think.

Is that two things?

One my initial list has changed considerably based on the November elections and we want no committee assignments until tonight or tomorrow.

So we'll have to rework this list.

To that, we once we know the date of public release of the draft of the system design that we give about a week, a week after that date, we schedule a A funding workshop.

That will have given people who are invited to the workshop that week to review the draft.

Neal, Barbara 16:30

When is the? When is the public?

We're talking about the system planning report. When is the public system planning report due?

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 16:40
31st, I think 31st of January.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 16:42
31st.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 16:43
Is that right Dom and Rick?

DA **Dominick Arcuri** 16:46
Yes, that's correct the 31st.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 16:49
So Jason had mentioned that there there may be some discussion of funding in that draft, but that they were expecting input from the workshop as well.
So what?
Based on that, what would be?
I mean is there?

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 17:04
Oh wait.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 17:04
Is there information that we could share with the workshop ahead of the public release that might?
Support or.
Give support to MC PS work to finalize that section.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 17:21
Yeah, that's great point. If they're looking for input from that group, then we obviously have to host it before the 30 well before the 31st.

Dominick Arcuri 17:33

Jason, maybe you can clarify, but I thought at least in the wireless section and I knows I believe Scott's team is trying to put together cost estimates.

Or, you know, budgetary cost estimates currently based on their various options for wireless systems.

So hopefully we would have some information there, yeah.

Jason Malloy 18:00

So for example, we'll have.

We'll have some of that information.

We'll also be I'm getting. I'm in touch with our.

The head of our automated systems team, our CAD team so that we can you maybe put together some budgetary numbers there.

But looking at, for example in Bonnie, correct me if I'm wrong, but when we, when we start talking about things like the.

The merging of sinners, or.

State fees.

Wireless fees, et cetera, et cetera.

Those are some of the things that that we would need to get input from the stakeholder group, from the, from the public groups to to be able to really build out that section fully.

Bonnie, do you have anything to add or clarify there?

Bonnie Maney 18:56

You have no right, because when we don't know.

There's so many variables right at this point that we can really identify some things that are more.

Labor intensive, you know, oriented than rather hard costs. But when we're talking about existing 34 communication centres or potential mergers, what those regions could look like, who would you wear that again?

Where even some of that funding could could come from.

Who would actually ultimately be the the the?

I would say the players, but those that would want to merge versus those would that would want to stay independent.

Those are a lot harder costs to.

I mean, there's just so many configurations of what that could be.

So those are conversations that that we wanna have and I would look at this in many cases more of of a ROM until a path is determined.

Once a path is determined.

Or the options and. I know that the some of the task force members you know as we work through, we've seen you've seen some of those options.

Uh.

And you can start to refine a cost much more in the cost today is going to be different, much different than a cost five years or seven years or 10 years down the road when some of these things could take place so.

There are so many variables I I just want to kind of set expectations.

It's not like this would be a line item.

You know, on that you would get, you know, with a contractor on a facility built so.

And where those funds could come from and when funds could be available down the road, that may not be available today, so.

That's there's just a lot of variables.

So we I know we have another conversation coming up as we get set to to bring things together for Friday and these are some of the things we probably need to talk about.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 21:12

Well, I guess what I'm.

What? I guess what I'm looking for, and I think, Barb, we might be able to like mind on this.

How can we help in advance of the January 31st draft?

How can we help get you the information that you need to get?

As far down the road as you feel you should be in that first draft on possible ways to fund the preferred future.

And it might be the case that we can't convene an actual workshop of subject matter experts until we know what we're trying to build.

But is there?

Are there a couple people that we could point you to to talk about?
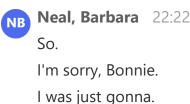
How might these be funded?

What are things we should know?

So that you can put some level of detail in that draft.

And if the answer is no, you just can't talk about funding till you know what you're building then that's that's understandable in my book.

I'd love to hear from other task force members, but I want to make sure that we're helping and providing subject matter experts to you to the degree you think you can use them before this January 31st first draft comes out.

BM **Bonnie Maney** 22:21

And and before you oh, go ahead.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 22:22

So.

I'm sorry, Bonnie.

I was just gonna.

BM **Bonnie Maney** 22:25

Hey, you're fine.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 22:26

I was just gonna say.

My understanding was that there would be funding mechanisms, identify or cut.

I'm sorry, maybe costs or potential costs identified for each of the options that are being presented.

Understanding that they would be general right there, the devils in the details on how that would really play out so.

Will that be?

Part of the first draft that comes out.

I I think that's my expectation anyway.

Yes, OK.

Go ahead, Bonnie.

BM **Bonnie Maney** 23:06

Well, let me give you, let me give you an example. I think one that immediately comes to mind and I know there's been, we've had discussion about it is part of the inventory report and such as well is the example of the cost of the current staff, the.

Number of staff, right?

We know what that general number is right for the 217 existing.

Equivalent with troops. I think about 19,000,000 as being spent on staff.

Estimate at this point.

Wide now that compared to when we calculate out the potential staffing numbers for if we do a reduction for the options for the reduction in communication centers, those options, those four, those are numbers that we'll be able to to present. We know this is a cost we know.

This could be a future state 1234 options for.

A change in the number of staff.

And we can show the delta there. If you did. This is the current expense. If you did this, this would be reducing that number.

This would be reducing that number and through those savings you could see a potential path and a funding source to get to a a future state. Somewhere along that continuum, those types of things we can to say.

In Jason, as he mentioned, another example would be, you know, estimates on what would a CAD look like.

Again, future State 37, but you know we don't know.

Then what? The other options for mergers would look like, right?

So seat licenses, things like that, we'll be able to give a general number, but like you just said, the devil's in the details.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 24:52

Mm hmm.

BM **Bonnie Maney** 24:54

How would it ultimately play out?

I know Scott's doing his, but we can.

We want to talk.

I think about where we find inefficiencies.

Duplication of effort, duplication of funding.

As those as also potential sources for funding beyond whatever else.

Be, you know, supported and what those options could be is that.

Make sense?

NB **Neal, Barbara** 25:22

Helps. Yep.

BM **Bonnie Maney** 25:24

And you're gonna be able to see because we've had budget information, we may be able to do something here as well.

Of like we, we have budget information from a majority of the communication centers today.

So perhaps again, if said these three centres over here just hypothetically decided that they were gonna merge and be, you know, a regional center, we know what their existing budgets are and what that could potentially be.

Duplication of effort or reduction in those costs, network costs potentially.

I think that's something we would need to know.

Like what are the what are the costs that the state perhaps is paying already?

And get more granular.

I don't think we can get as granular yet to say, well, what would be the savings in network costs and things like that.

We can show that their budgets, even if they need to keep on staff for walk up windows or other ancillary duties, jail duties, that kind of thing, that that a large portion of their budgets, that their municipalities are currently spending.

Could be, you know, spent elsewhere and had a more efficient cost, not even to talk about in that the the saving in like reduction in call transfers and things like that where you really can't really can't put.

Wouldn't say you can't put a monetary value to those.

They are a time savings, but you know there's there is that element as well.

We want to talk about it's there's a lot of funding and cost discussions, cost sharing is another piece. We wanted to kind of lay out options, cost sharing elements in there, but there also there's operational efficiencies that we want to focus on as well.

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 27:24

I just want to make sure that we are providing you with the resources you need to complete the scope of work required.

Bonnie Maney 27:29
Yes.

Morrison, Jennifer 27:31
So please just let us know if you want to be connected to some people who might have knowledge that this task force doesn't have about potentials, potential ways of funding a future.
And then when you're ready.

Bonnie Maney 27:44
We can even get if we can get even.

Morrison, Jennifer 27:45
When you're ready for that workshop, let us know.

Bonnie Maney 27:48
Too. Yeah. OK.
I think we'll have a better understanding of that once you guys get your first eyes on the draft and then maybe the some part the.
The following week or the beginning of the next week and have that to be able to kind of just a group to talk about that section itself.

Rick Burke 28:13
May I chime in?
So I put the the initial list of potential invitees to the funding workshop in the chat.
So I went back over emails and that was the that was the final list and obviously some of those members are no longer with the legislature and and you know, we hadn't been finalized, but we do have we, we did have initial listing.
So it's in the chat.
And and we can work from that.
As well as any special requested, Bonnie may make of of the of the task force.
Another thought, based on what Bonnie just said, is that certainly assumptions are going to be required underlying the find, you know, the funding analysis and the cost analysis. And so you know those assumptions you know, should I recommend

that, you know, Bonnie and her team, you know, put.

Those assumptions and and and and we and we discussed those to ensure.

That they you know that they're that they're they're rational and and and defensible and makes sense.

And so, you know, whatever, whatever cost, and that those assumptions are gonna come not just from staffing but but.

Regionalization and what savings you have in one center or what investment you have to make in spanning centers, there's a lot of moving parts here. And so whatever our assumptions are, you know whatever the the assumption underlying assumptions, the radio network and for backhaul and for all the.

WP **White, Paul** 29:36

Replay.

RB **Rick Burke** 29:47

Elements.

You know, those assumptions are gonna be important because they, you know, we can't predict the future. But rational understanding of what it might be. And so underlying assumptions makes sense to be presented as part of our discussion, ongoing discussion on the advancement of the report, my opinion.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 30:12

OK.

So where are we leaving this?

It sounds to me if I've if I've processed all this accurately that we were going to wait for the first draft of the system planning report, which is expected on Friday, and then discuss with mission critical and and well mission critical, what additional resources they need right to.

Get.

More fine tuning perhaps in the report.

So.

We'll get the draft and we'll circle back.

Is that where we're leaving it?

MJ **Morrison, Jennifer** 30:49

With the caveat that if in the preparation of that draft, MCP feels there would be benefit to talking to some subject matter experts, we will connect them to people who we think might be useful.

NB   **Neal, Barbara**   31:04
OK.

WP   **White, Paul**   31:07
Barb, I guess I'm.

NB   **Neal, Barbara**   31:08
Call Yup.

WP   **White, Paul**   31:08
I think I don't think I was present at the meeting where this.
Thank you, Rick for posting that list in the chat.
I was.
I don't think I was present at the meeting.
Where that was that list was compiled and I'm. I'm just trying to think of what?
The people in that list are going to contribute in a workshop.
I mean, if we think that they're going to tell us how to pay for this, I think we're going to be waiting a long time for that input because they are waiting on the task force to tell them how to pay for it.
I'm I'm just not sure what what's the type of question and answers that we hope to get out of the workshop with this group of people.

MJ   **Morrison, Jennifer**   31:49
So the thought was that these are people from across state government who have had experience in funding or finding funding for large scale statewide projects like broadband rollout. Obviously the Department of Financial Regulation has a lot of insight into.
Various different aspects, including taxes. The Treasurer has a piece of of of visibility into this.
So it was really just meant to be a broad swath of people who.
Have insight into how government can and can't work, and what some fruitful paths

forward would be. Rather than stubbing our toe on a rock that has already been, you know, an obstacle in state government over the past decade.

White, Paul 32:42
Just with with.

Bonnie Maney 32:42
Layout the high level cost areas, right?
Talking with a group like that could then help us put together a list of funding, almost not a high level funding strategy, of like here's possible options that could be able to, you know, address each of the different areas.

White, Paul 32:49
Just.

Bonnie Maney 33:06
And then there's obviously that further down the road as paths are determined, would have to be, you know, assessed and analyzed in more detail.
But having AI think as you just said, Barb, this the I'm sorry, Jen, that what are possible options what are possible funding sources, things that have worked in the past that in particular to Vermont and elsewhere and those experiences could help lay out some of those those areas.
For future funding strategy with more detail.

White, Paul 33:39
Yeah, I guess.
I mean, I can see the value of the the members of the administration that are in the list, but looking at the list of legislators I just, I think if if the if the members of the legislature had an idea of how to pay for this, I think.
They would have already done it without forming two different working groups, but maybe I'm just jaded.

Morrison, Jennifer 34:01
I mean in short term, obviously the joint Fiscal Office, which would include Adam Gresham, would be the place to start if you needed an immediate go to.

And we can talk about this and and.

Provide whatever resources you feel help inform your work.

Neal, Barbara 34:31

OK.

So we'll wait for feedback on that.

It sounds to me like we're gonna leave this discussion for right now.

And pick it back up once the first draft is out.

Is that where we are?

OK.

Moving on then.

Jen your your suggestion for new business was to talk about a strategy for receiving feedback on the system planning.

Public draft, which is expected at the end of January.

Did you have ideas you wanted to start off with, or do you want to just open it up?

Morrison, Jennifer 35:16

Just open it up.

Neal, Barbara 35:20

It is opened.

What do people think I think did? Did we?

Let me start with this.

Did we set in the timeline a specific amount of time for public review?

Think that's probably Dom would have the answer to that, yeah.

Dominick Arcuri 35:39

Yes.

Morrison, Jennifer 35:40

Yes.

Dominick Arcuri 35:41

Yes, I'm, I'm checking that.

I think it was about 3 weeks.

We are saying end of January, January 31st, we said February 1st through 21st is what we had targeted for the public comment period.

Bonnie Maney 36:01

It's.

Neal, Barbara 36:04

My first thought, I'll throw it out. There was like 3 maybe.

Virtual.

I'll call them listening sessions or public. The opportunities for the public to comment.

I don't know. That's one idea.

Morrison, Jennifer 36:35

Yes. And I think I think we have to provide multiple venues for feedback.

Neal, Barbara 36:35

What do other?

Morrison, Jennifer 36:42

Publicizing our inbox and monitoring our inbox daily.

Maybe even posting an online form on our website where people can just click on a fillable form or something.

Neal, Barbara 36:53

Oh, OK.

That's good idea.

Along with the three virtual sessions, perhaps is 3 too many or.

Morrison, Jennifer 37:12

No, I I don't think so. But I'd love to hear what other task force members think.

I mean, we definitely want to have public sessions and we might get overrun at those and need to add more.

I don't know.

MW **Michael Wright** 37:30

I would I guess I would think you'd have to go back to the regional just like what we did previously do at that same concept of regional meetings.

You're gonna capture that.

Most of the same audience that was interested in that and maybe some others that now that we're actually coming out with meaningful data.

Might gather some more, so I don't think that was too heavy of a lift for everyone.

We all kind of broke up and did that regionally and I think that.

Worked and we have all the infrastructure and maybe we can tweak on some of the technology side of things, but that's a good start I think.

RK **Ron Kumetz** 38:12

So one of the things that I wanted to bring up is that I've been, I've been talking to some people in the fire service and it appears that, you know, part of this problem that we're going to have is.

People don't actually understand or have not like completely read the instructions.

An example of this is that I was approached by someone who went to one of the county mutual aid group meetings.

And some of the people there were upset because their agencies had not been surveyed about dispatching yet.

The dispatching and I put that in the air quotes and that kind of thing that they do is consists of sending the oldest guy in the fire department down to the station after their tones have gone out and the trucks have rolled out. And somewhere along the line.

They feel that that's dispatching and so.
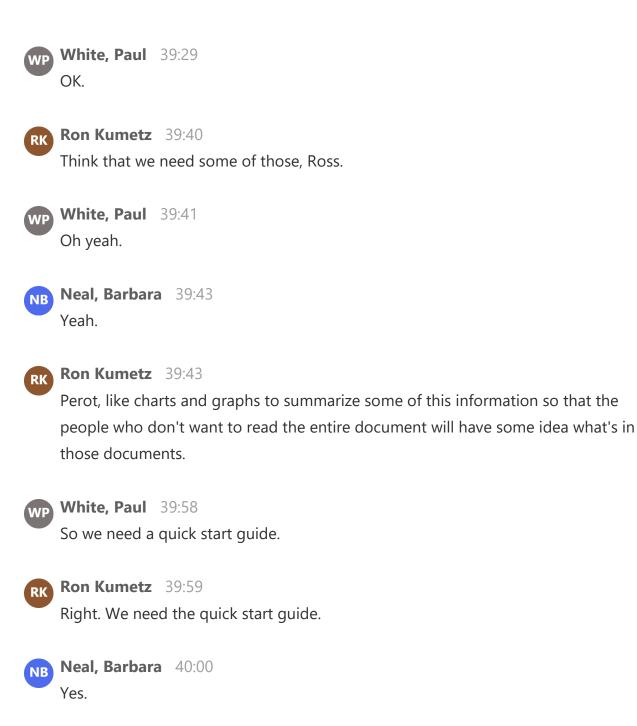
I think what we're going to get to.

Is that we have these huge documents and it, you know, it's hard enough to get anybody to open their various new appliances and read the single page.

What if you don't want to read the instruction book piece of paper?

So we're going to get people who do show up, who haven't read the whole thing, and we're going to be doing a tutorial on what this all means. And I think that I know that no one in this room is old enough to remember Ross Perot, but I.

White, Paul 39:29
OK.

Ron Kumetz 39:40
Think that we need some of those, Ross.

White, Paul 39:41
Oh yeah.

Neal, Barbara 39:43
Yeah.

Ron Kumetz 39:43
Perot, like charts and graphs to summarize some of this information so that the people who don't want to read the entire document will have some idea what's in those documents.

White, Paul 39:58
So we need a quick start guide.

Ron Kumetz 39:59
Right. We need the quick start guide.

Neal, Barbara 40:00
Yes.

White, Paul 40:02
Right.
Yeah, I mean, I said this back back, back when we were first scheduling the various town halls and listening sessions and whatever all we held, I mean I said it then and I'll say it again now.

Neal, Barbara 40:08
That's a good idea.

White, Paul 40:18

You know, with a couple of exceptions, I don't think we're going to get much in terms of participation from true members of the general public. Most of what we're going to hear from our better categorized as stakeholders.

Bonnie Maney 40:36

This is Bonnie. I think something that MCP can help with and when we get to that point is to help develop maybe someone pager those quick start guides that can speak to the you know, the current challenges that you have current challenges of the future state and the.
The benefits of of, you know, various future state models and.
You know some different one pagers to, you know, kind of speak specifically to the different potential.
Whether they be community or, you know, stakeholders as you said, Paul.
Really kind of summarize and condense the the key areas of focus that we want to present.

Morrison, Jennifer 41:24

I'm curious what the group thinks about.
Wash, rinse and repeat of the first round the four regional.
Town halls intended for stakeholders who work within the system.
And then virtual public meetings where anyone can chime in.
And then augment that with maybe repeatedly publicized ability to either e-mail us in our inbox or go to our website and fill out a form apdf fillable form.

White, Paul 41:56

If we have the time to squeeze all that in, I like it.

Ron Kumetz 42:00

Yep, yeah, I I mean, I I think I think we certainly need to give the states, the stakeholders, a safe space to have this discussion without them.
You know, subjected to the ire of the, you know, the various disgruntled taxpayers who just got their bill for, you know, the school taxes and and now want to take it out on the fire department and the EMS people and whoever else they can.

You know we we need to build a system that works for them and we need to figure out how to fund it. And and the two at some point are.

You know, you at some point you need to decide which dishwasher you want.

And then you figure out where to get the money from. We we need to.

We need to make sure that people can tell us what works and what doesn't work without feeling that by simply saying no, that doesn't work. It's going to cost more to do that, that they're not going to be in in the sites.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 43:14

OK.

So I'm hearing.

MC PS gonna help us develop or they are going to develop for us.

Might be a better way to say it. The quick start guides.

I like the idea of the four regional stakeholders meetings. The town halls essentially like we had before.

I think Paul and Jen agreed with that too.

What do other task force members think? That's a good idea.

But actually Michael brought that up first.

OK.

And to to like virtual public.

Listening sessions, if you will.

And then the open e-mail and the and the website.

Form or what have you to get information back.

Is that what we should run with to get?

To get planned.

DA **Dominick Arcuri** 44:12

Sounds like a pretty comprehensive approach.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 44:18

Don, make all that happen, no.

Wait.

Well, we can talk about that in our offline meetings that the nitty gritty details of that.

DA **Dominick Arcuri** 44:23

I'm on it.

Yeah.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 44:29

OK.

OK, it looks like Jen had to drop off.

So we will.

Run with this.

Does anybody task force have anything else to add on the stakeholder feedback?

And public feedback strategy.

DM **Doenges, Mike** 44:50

I just want to, you know, echo what Ron said. I think the idea that those those working in the system have a safe space to have that conversation is so critical because we saw how well that worked and some of these other meetings. And they're the ones who.

Are gonna you know, they see the nitty gritty of how this this flows, where the public's got a slightly different perspective and I think they need to be heard individually.

So Dominic, however you structure that, I think that.

That's really key that we give them that space.

NB **Neal, Barbara** 45:24

OK.

Sounds good.

Anything else on this topic?

OK. The other new business item I had is I believe we have a report due to the legislature on the 15th is what Act 78 States and I forget specifically what we're reporting back on, if it's the inventory report or something more than that.

So does it.

Does anyone know offhand what was due on the 15th?

White, Paul 46:07

Not off the top of my head.

Neal, Barbara 46:08

OK.

Well, why don't we leave it at this?

I will double check what was due on the 15th and.

If we have it, we'll deliver it.

If we don't, we can have conversations with the the chairs of the committees that we were reported were to report to and or send them some type of memo that gives them an update of where things are and when they can expect whatever it was that was due.

Does that make sense?

Dominick Arcuri 46:38

Yeah, certainly. If there's something specific we can, we can create that.

Obviously we have the monthly stakeholder updates that we've been putting together.

We'll work on one for January.

I don't know if that I I need to check as you do, Barb. As to what specifically they're asking for, but maybe those types of things will will cover.

Neal, Barbara 46:59

Yeah. OK.

OK, good.

Well, we can work on that. Then between now and next week.

Dominick Arcuri 47:10

Yes.

Neal, Barbara 47:11

OK. Is there does, is there anything else for new business?

Right. The next step on the agenda is to confirm the next meeting date, which is on the schedule for next Wednesday, January 15th, which will get us back on our

regular.

Two week cadence.

So we will revisit all of this.

With with appropriate updates again next week, and if there's nothing else, I would look for a motion to adjourn.

White, Paul 47:49
I move for adjourn.

Michael Wright 47:50
Don't move. I will second that.

Neal, Barbara 47:51
Thanks Paul.

James Mack 47:52
I go to.

Neal, Barbara 47:53
Thanks Ron.
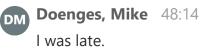All right, all in favor of adjourning raise your hand.
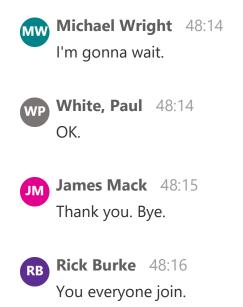
James Mack 47:55
Hmm.

Neal, Barbara 47:59
Or signify by saying aye, aye, and or hear all task force members are in agreement.
So we are adjourned.
Thank you very much, everybody. And we'll talk to you all next week.
Thank you. Bye.

Doenges, Mike 48:14
I was late.

Michael Wright 48:14

I'm gonna wait.

White, Paul 48:14

OK.

James Mack 48:15

Thank you. Bye.

Rick Burke 48:16

You everyone join.

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