

Valcour Gov Board
8/10/2022

Attendees: Mark Anderson, Betty Wheeler, Eric Shepard, Jen Beane, Craig Gardner, Michelle Hunt, Steve Laroche, Kaitlin Quinn (Dept Health), Michael Manley, Kim Prior, Justin Stedman, Benjamin Webster, Robin Joy (CRG), Nathan Harvey, Larry Eastman

Missing: Adam Cohen, Lori Mallory, Matt Sullivan, Vegar Boe, Tammy Lacourse, Ryan Brady, Darwin Thompson

Call to Order
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Approve Minutes from April
Michelle – motion to approve
Eric – seconded
Approved unanimously

Health Department data request – Vegar

Dept of Health had requested three data exports in April, the first and third were previously approved and the second one is on the agenda this time. Mallory who is taking a leave of absence until May and Kaitlin will be filling in until that time. Kaitlin will be following up. Nothing new discussed at this point.

CRG – Flat File request

Previous had an agreement with CRG, both Valcour and VIBRS. Robin Joy is the director of crime research for CRG. Started back in 2015 were trying to rebuild the NIBRS statistics and help agencies write annual reports for those who don't have resources for their own analysis or time to run Valcour's report template. Access to historical closed case data allows better overall research for the state. Excluded ongoing investigations and any active cases. ADS is currently working with Crosswind for CRG to access a data lake to receive sanitized data, funded by a grant and working diligently to get it up and running. Design that is being used by multiple projects to fund with a variety of ways. What is the viability? Partially tied to needs of new racial equity so there is some urgency to make it happen. Any data integration would be great for CRG but until that is up and running can CRG get that data exported. CRG also asking for county data, which is currently an active developmental request to Crosswind.

Motion to approve CRG's request for the flat file fields? Will schedule another meeting to vote about this at later time so everyone has time to read all documentation, contemplate impacts, and gather opinions of agencies they represent.

VGB Makeup – Charter discussion

Developed an interim charter when boards merged. One important portion that still needs to be discussed is the organization of the VGB. After the initial membership period, a new group of 11 members is needed as of 07/01/2023, so we need to create a fair board representation. Proposals – Eric: Balance between north/south, small large, mix of municipals/state control/sheriff. Concern was that State is paying and don't want everything to fall under one voice of the State, concern of any one agency monopolizing the board.

Mark – also the consideration that because it is the agencies that are using it might want to be part of determining who makes up the board. Also agencies that have never been part of the board may want to be part of the board, like Fire/EMS, E911 with the regional dispatch coming together, etc. Look to distinguish between voting and non-voting members.

Current Board:

Chair

- Mark Anderson, Windham County Sheriffs

Vice-Chair

- Eric Shepard, Williston PD

Secretary

- Jen Beane, Burlington PD

Members

- Justin Stedman, VT Fish & Wildlife
- Craig Gardner, VSP Headquarters
- Stephen Laroche, Milton PD
- Michelle Hunt, VSP Emergency Communications
- Larry Eastman, Barre City PD
- Adam Cohen, Colchester PD
- Matthew Sullivan, Swanton PD
- Vegar Boe, Middlebury PD
- Tammy Lacourse, Orleans County Sheriffs
- Michael Manley, VSP Headquarters
- Ryan Brady, Rutland City PD

Non-Member Participants

- Betty Wheeler, ADS-DPS
- Kim Prior, ADS
- Ben Webster, VCIC Auditor
- Nathan Harvey, ADS-DPS

Alerts/Bulletins – Eric

Suggest that we consider a pairing policy for bulletins as we develop the alert policy. Lots of stale bulletins and many don't have enough identifying information to be beneficial. Do we set a time limit of bulletins that makes them automatically expire? Maybe easiest thing is to combine alerts and bulletins to identify criteria and expectations. There are some developmental questions but also some policy things. Crosswind is currently working on bulletins by county as a functionality request from the Valcour Program Managers. Thought process is that bulletins default to regional but you can override – Eric, Michael, and Michelle take the alert policy and add in the bulletins. Discuss further at next meeting.

Vacancy

Started with the policy of missing three consecutive meetings, Lori Mallory has not been attending and emails been bouncing back, so no longer member of VGB.

Don't fill any of the current vacancies.

Jen – suggested once determine what the board makeup will be, start slowing bringing them on so it's not an overnight change.

Current make up – 3 VSP, 8 municipals

More discussion needed.

Request from Hartford PD to have view only access to Valcour for dispatching

No one came to represent. They put in a request via Betty for read only access for the dispatch positions. Would they be supported under another agency or use their own ORI? Operationally they would be their own ORI, they have checked all the boxes to be on Valcour and approved by VCIC. Motion by Betty by Approve Hartford dispatch read only access (not including the squad room computer, and only the dispatch)

Whom do they dispatch for? Norwich, Windsor, Royalton, unknown about EMS/Fire/Constables
Betty – would still like to consider the motion for officer safety at this time and reevaluate at later time.
Hartford dispatch wants real-time information to know why and where everyone is responding.

Many voiced – Hartford PD wants all this access, but why won't they just come onto Valcour.

Michelle – we have never had access to their Spillman.

Michael – sharing needs to be mutual, this would be one sided sharing.

How much of this is critical?

Eric – Think if it was so critical that they would have brought representation to discuss? Betty – She did provide meeting info and thought someone was coming.

Eric – Table until Hartford can send representation.

Mark – Concern about actual control for data management. There's no way to keep access to just dispatch so need some clarity.

Tabling until next meeting.

Other Business

Kim – Informational announcement – SA's new RFP looking for better way to interface data sharing and Kristy Lynch from Crosswind part of that discussion.

Mark working with meeting SA's to onboard the SA's onto Valcour. Interim working on all agencies to submit through Valcour.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Betty

Seconded by Justin

Passed unanimously @ 1103