

## BCN Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 12/16/2010

Attendees: Larry Baden, Marge Jeffers, Bob Bocher, Tom Taibl, Jennifer Smith, Tim Schell, Jamie Poindexter. Attending on the conference bridge: Bill Schultz (WAICU), Tara Baxter, Greg Barniskis, Curt Kiefer (DPI)

### **Welcome / Introductions**

### **BCN Contract Status Update**

### **DOA BCN Grant Status Update**

- DOA has been working with WBAA to get response to the NTIA on issues raised by the NTIA.
- A one year BCN contract extension has been formalized and signed. It did not include any rate changes, which will constrain the amount of bandwidth available to TEACH stakeholders.
- The number one priority for DET in their transition document is the BCN Grant and contract extension
- Next year Nan Linde will be covering TEACH with Tara's Departure. We are very grateful for Tara's work over the years.
  
- The NTIA has sent a letter to the state asking for commitments and action. WBAA / AT&T provided some information last week, and DOA has responded to the NTIA this week. A copy of that letter was distributed at the meeting at the Pyle center.
- There seems to be more urgency at the NTIA
  
- On Interconnection and Non-discrimination, the FCC has backed off on some things, which may affect the NTIA response. On Tuesday of next week the FCC will be meeting regarding the "net neutrality" rules, which might also affect interconnection constraints.
- On Security Interest and Non-Transferability, there has been considerable discussion. The NTIA is looking for a 20 year commitment which is longer than what BCN and DOA are in a position to commit to. Once the response comes from the NTIA then further discussions may be needed, engaging other supportive resources in the process.
- Hopefully this material will serve to narrow the discussion on the key issues.
- The BCN Advisory Council appreciates the efforts by DOA and WBAA to try and get this resolved.
  
- The BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee will remain in contact with DOA.
- Good communication is important so that people can plan their activities.

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### **UW Extension CAN ARRA Grant Status**

- Jennifer Smith provided a handout on BCCB (Building Community Capacity through Broadband)
- There are two grants: the CCI infrastructure grant and the second is the Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) grant.
- There was an all-state meeting in October to get things started.
- Staff has been hired, and key contacts are available.
- Regarding the CCI (Infrastructure) grant, a firm to do the environmental assessments has been acquired, and three of the four assessments have been completed. Baseline documents have been submitted, and installations are expected beginning in April 2011.
- Regarding the SBA grant, a communication plan is under development to communicate the ways that broadband can be leveraged. Websites are being developed, and two community outreach coordinators have been hired. Surveys are also underway to measure how broadband is being used, and whether or not they are subscribers, with follow-ups to occur every two years.
- Communications between DOA and NTIA have been posted at <http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/arrabbfunding.html>

### **Transition Document Discussion**

- We had gathered some information on how BCN was important to its constituencies. Where are we with that?
  - Mike Mietz has been working on something.
  - Generally any such document would be short.
  - TODO: Tim Schell will follow up with Mike Mietz.
  - We could end up with a paper and an appendix.
  - The materials that were submitted are available on the SharePoint.
- Should we try to get onto the agenda on the transition team?

Educational groups are understood to be meeting with the transition team today on a number of issues, which will likely include some mention of TEACH and BCN.

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## **BCN Advisory Council Executive Committee Elections**

- Two positions are up for election in the Executive Committee
  - Secretary: Incumbent: Jay Jaeger
  - At Large: Incumbent: Bob Bocher
- Nominations
  - Secretary:
    - Nominations: Marge Jeffers, by Tim Schell.
    - One concern is that WADEN pays for the time, so Marge would need to confirm that the time spent would be acceptable to WADEN.
    - There were no other nominations.
    - Election carried unanimously
  - At Large
    - Nominations: Bob Bocher, by Jay Jaeger, seconded by Marge Jeffers
    - There were no other nominations
    - Election carried unanimously

## **Meeting Schedule for 2001**

- In the past, we have met the third Thursday in March, June, September and December.
- The BCN Executive Committee conducts phone conferences in between.
- Tentatively dates set for the third Tuesday in March, June, September and December:
  - Third Tuesday: 3/15, 6/21, 9/20, 12/20 (with a possible change to 12/13)
  - 3PM