

BCN Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Attendees:

In Person: Tim Schell, Nan Linde, Matt Yeakey, Connie Bandt, Larry Baeder

Phone Bridge: None

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Tim Schell.

Update on planning for the next BCN procurement-Connie Bandt from DOA reported that a project manager has been assigned to the procurement project. For the first phase, a preliminary option paper will be developed for DOA management for later this fall. A customer focus group will be convened later.

TEACH Update-Nan introduced the new TEACH administrator, Matt Yeakey. Matt started this month and his background includes expensive agency and private sector experience. New requests have tapered off, but it has been a significant year for orders, with more fulfilled in the first nine months than the previous year. More than 1,100 orders have been fulfilled, including 50 HD site conversions. There are a few unique situations still pending due to infrastructure construction, but overall this volume of work has been completed successfully. Although not a TEACH funded customer group, agency BCN orders are also up. The TEACH office is also engaged in Wisconsin USF and federal e-Rate audits, as well as working with the e-Rate PIA process on the current application.

UW Extension CAN ARRA grant status-None.

December Meeting-The next meeting is December 18. December will be an important meeting with officer elections and bylaw voting. There have been many retirements and transitions, so Tim will be working to make sure that customer groups have active representation.

Elections will be needed for Vice-Chair (1 year term completion, vacant due to Ed Meachen retirement), Secretary (2 year term, vacant due to Bob Bocher retirement), At-Large (2 year term, Joan Wade incumbent), At-Large (1 year term completion, vacant due to Matt Rains retirement),

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.