



FloridaNet Executive Committee Meeting

6/13/14

The FloridaNet Executive Committee had a conference call on June 13, 2014. The following members and guests participated:

Name	Affiliation
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
Terry Rhodes, Chair	FL Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
Mark Perez, Homeland Security Advisor	FL Department of Law Enforcement
Bobby Brown, Tribal Representative	Seminole Tribe of Florida
David Brand	Florida Sheriffs Association
Mike McHargue	FL Department of Health
Greg Holcomb, Technical Committee Chair	Lake County Public Safety
Sherri Martin	FL Department of Economic Opportunity
Mike Sole, Private Sector	Florida Power & Light
Colin Denney, Private Sector	Verizon Wireless
Kevin Herndon	Florida Fire Chiefs Association
Ed Peters	FL Department of Management Services
OTHERS	
Donna Uzzell	FL Department of Law Enforcement
Brett Boston	FloridaNet
Larry Gowen, FloridaNet Program Manager	FL Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
Lee Ann Payne, Deputy Director	Florida Sheriffs Association
Dean Fox	FL Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
Henry?	Nicely, NY

Called to order at 9:30am.

The following topics were discussed:

1. EMS Representative

Greg Rubin nominated as the EMS representative.

Discussion: Greg Holcomb commented they definitely need that on the technical side and made a motion to approve. Kevin Herndon seconded. Thanks to the Fire Chiefs for the nomination.

Executive Committee roll call vote: Unanimous vote to approve motion.

Mike McHargue discussed increasing representatives from medical and health community that were selected based on their leadership/visibility and ability to communicate with folks across Florida. The



following four were selected (copy of list sent to Kathy Cruce via email) and were more than willing to serve in whatever capacity the Executive Board decides:

Dr. Joe Nelson – Florida EMS Advisor

John Wilgis – Preparedness Coordinator, Florida Hospital Association

Robin Blyer – Executive Director, Florida Health Care Association

(As an alibi to Robin) April Henkel – Preparedness Project Manager, Florida Health Care Association

Dr. Peter Pappas –Trauma surgeon, Holmes Regional Medical Center, SparrowNet (telemedicine project)

Motion was made that these representatives be invited to participate in the discussion but will not vote. They will be represented by Mike McHargue, as the one Medical and Health community vote. They will have ex officio membership status and will be able to tap into the communities and help communicate FloridaNet’s status. They will be able to scour community and find necessary technical help.

Mike Sole seconded to go to discussion. How many members will be added as ex officio? Four representing four associations and one major initiative (SparrowNet). Mike McHargue’s responsibility to coordinate with them. Mike Sole wondering if the Board had any concern that having these representatives would turn a political issue, particularly with Telemedicine and Dr. Pappas.

Mike McHargue commented that Dr. Pappas is trauma surgeon and enthusiastic first responder and is not political, as far as he knows, but we can revisit this issue later, if necessary.

Greg Holcomb commented that he has seen presentations done by Dr. Pappas and in his opinion he is the right person with the right mind set to share data, further pointing out that with most things, everything becomes political.

Mike Sole concerned over FloridaNet becoming political and wanted to voice word of caution. Mike McHargue will call it out if there’s even a hint of FloridaNet becoming too political.

Brett Boston said, for the record, there was a motion and a discussion that this is about long term connectivity and not venturing into Telemedicine. All agree that this should be in the minutes.

Executive Committee roll call vote: Unanimous vote to approve motion.

2. Consultation update

Larry Gowen gave overview of the consultation process. NTIA and FirstNet are still evolving. It was originally thought that this was going to be a singular event, but was informed that this would be an ongoing process. NTIA and FirstNet will determine when we have met the requirements and can move into Phase 2.



Included in the package is the list of required items. **Governance** is provided and a list of proposed **Attendees** for the consultation meeting. This list includes the Executive Committee members. It is recommended that the members bring one technical or subject matter expert of their choosing to the consultation.

Scheduling is provided with an aggressive timeline. We are anxious to move forward with scheduling of the FirstNet consultation meeting. FirstNet is accepting packages through June 30, 2014, and will have meetings set up from July through November. FirstNet has informed us that there will only be 25 meetings scheduled for the rest of the year, so we would like to be a part of that and up in front. Other states also trying to be a part of this year's schedule are Washington, Oregon, and Maryland and have already submitted their packages.

Since the package is large and too big to send electronically, it is on the FloridaNet.gov website. Under the References tab, scroll down to Documents, and it will be listed as *FirstNet Consultation Package – DRAFT* dated 6/11/2014.

The **Wireless Contract Vehicles** section was a surprise since they are not moving forward with data collection until Phase 2 of the SLIGP. **Education and Outreach** provided. There are no **Barriers** that are known, but this should be something that FirstNet should identify moving forward.

Greg Holcomb questioned if there was any way of requesting/reviewing other state submittal packages. Larry Gowen was unaware but would look into contacting other states and FirstNet, as well as provide our consultation package online for others to view.

Brett Boston mentioned that in talks with Region IV, all states agreed that they would share their consultation packages when they were available.

Opened up for discussions/questions:

Attendees

Greg Holcomb asked if they were restricted to bringing just one technical/subject matter person per Executive Committee member. Most agreed that “the more the merrier” approach was best. Greg said there were seven (7) regional chairs that represent various technical areas and it would benefit the team if they could attend. It was agreed that they will be added to the list.

Larry said if anyone else thinks there should be more representatives, please let him know. Intent is to have consultation meeting in Tallahassee, FL. Travel arrangements can be made for Executive Committee and members to attend as part of the SLIGP.

Scheduling

As for scheduling, the four dates that are being turned in are flexible, but it was necessary to give FirstNet something to work with. No one is sure if any of these dates will work, but had to make an



effort. Understandably, not everyone might be able to attend. Questioned members if there were any concerns or any other suggested dates. There will be a Conference Bridge and WebEx set up for those who cannot attend.

Ed Peters and Mark Perez both said that there would be conflicts on the July 22-23 suggested date.

Members are asked to send over possible dates that would work for the consultation after the meeting.

In order to prepare for the Consultation meeting, included in the SPOC consultation package, there is a list of suggested topics of discussion (page 4-5). Members are asked to review.

3. RFI Status Update

Larry Gowen says it's an evolving process to work with NTIA and FirstNet. We told them we are doing the RFI in an attempt to make the states smarter, but was told we cannot use SLIGP funds to review RFI.

Four major universities in Florida have been contacted, UF, UCF, USF, and FT to see if they would be interested in reviewing the RFIs, that was originally going to be done by GTRI, but none have responded.

Concern expressed over appropriations. Who's going to pay for it if it's not in the grant? If we can't pay for it, then are we at a stopping point?

Brett Boston said that it's always been on the table but at the last moment, NTIA has said we could not use the grant money to review the RFI. But there may be some confusion, so it needs to be cleared up and it's not off the table just yet. If it turns out that this is final that we cannot use grant money, then we will have a Public-Private meeting to assess where we go from there.

4. Education and Outreach

Larry Gowen mentioned the website and that it is constantly being updated by Amy Serles, with the latest relevant and meaningful news concerning FirstNet.

We are in the process of producing a YouTube video educating the public safety community about FirstNet and FloridaNet. Amy Serles will be reaching out to stakeholders throughout the state to participate in the video so it can be relatable.

Brochures are also being produced for distribution. Kevin Herndon has an upcoming conference in August that brochures will be provided. Members asked to please let us know of any other upcoming so we can provide them with brochures as well.

Donna Uzzell asked if the FloridaNet team would be willing to come down to the upcoming CJIS symposium in St. Petersburg in July (2nd week) and set up a booth to pass along information about FloridaNet. Larry said we would and said to go to the website and click on 'Contact Us' after the meeting to give more information about the symposium.



Terry Rhodes asked David Brand if he would want any brochures for upcoming conferences and he said he would hand carry them down. Also, need to contact Amy Mercer to pass along brochures.

5. Open Discussion

PSCR Conference in Colorado Review

Rob Fortner did a summary of the event and it's posted on FloridaNet.gov under Documents for review.

Larry Gowen gave two big takeaways from the conference:

1. Feds working with very bright people to work on the technology
2. We've got to figure out our coverage mapping tool and local control. The last event at the conference was the most involved/engaged event and concerned local control. Question to Executive Committee: What does local control mean to us?

Members encouraged to contact us through the website if there's any need for further questions or follow up.

Meeting adjourned 10:22am.