



Meeting Minutes

101 East River Drive
Conference Room 1002, East Hartford, CT
March 10, -2014
2:30-4:30

Attendee: Bill Vallee, Nick Caruso, Tom Dillon, John Vittner, Scott Taylor, Scott Shanley, Abe Krisst, Jim Watson (on behalf of Catherine Smith), John Elsesser, Kathy Giotsas, Lisa Pellegrini, Scott Zak

Not present: Bart Stanco, Judy Greiman, Kendall Wiggin, Rich Mavrogeanes, Robert Labanara, Russell Feinmark, Michael Mundrane

Other attendees: Wendy Rego, Jim Mindek, Craig Mollison, David Skycholas, Joe Campbell, Dawn Lavalle, Craig Wilson, Michael Clancy, Jennifer March-Wackers, CRCOG

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Mark Raymond starts the meeting @ 2:37pm, introduces himself and welcomes the returning members and introduces new member Tom Dillon, Partner, Flagship Networks.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2013 - a motion from Scott Shanley to accept the minutes; John Vittner seconds the motion. Motion passes.

CEN Status Report - Scott Taylor - There haven't been a lot of technical changes since the last meeting. We've seen a significant increase in traffic since December; we're now doing about 25-27G. 100G connection agreement with Internet2 in Hartford is now being reviewed by the State Attorney General's office and we hope to have that signed soon.

Municipal Project update - Wendy Rego - 22 towns have made contact with CEN but have decide to hold for a year; 80 towns are going through the grant process 53 will connect through CEN, 28 will connect through PSDN; 8 towns are currently connected and 58 haven't responded back. Bethel & Newington should be connected by next meeting. We've met with OPM about the grant process which is \$2.5 est. and any questions that they may have on a site by site basis and we'll be meeting soon concerning the COG request. We currently have seven Network Access Services Agreement (NASA) signed and are working with several other towns in anticipation of the Grant. There is a Municipalities project link on the CEN home page www.ct.gov/cen

Executive Director (ED) Position - Mark Raymond - CET members are looking to reestablish the ED position and a small group of CET members met and drafted out job description for all CET members to review and discuss at this meeting.

- An informal discussion about what should be included in the job description:

- Description to be more inclusive of the diversity education piece;
- Align with MORE commission expectations.
- CEN should be in the job description;
- Develop a new strategic vision for the CET
- How the ED can leverage educational technologies to make quantum leaps?
- How the ED is going to involve the municipalities?
- How will the ED leverage network & content to include education of all natures, Libraries & municipalities?
- How do we help municipalities to see possibilities of the network if they do not appreciate the technology available to them?
- How will the ED get that plan across in layman's terms?
- Can a coalition or collaboration with other states help to bring content in?
- How can the ED enable advisor councils/sub committees?
- CET Priorities are to: 1.) Hire a new ED. 2.) Build a new set of strategic priorities. 3.) Organize a set of subgroups to focus on back office operations.
- How does the CET convince those in a position to properly fund and fill the ED position?

Presentation of Draft Rates for FY 2015

- Unfortunately we're still working through projections and costs and so the draft rates for FY 2015 are not yet ready.
 - FY 13 - \$22.97 (full rate) per megabit; \$12.63 (discounted rate)
 - FY 14 - \$19.24 (full rate) per megabit; 7.17 (discounted rate)
 - FY 15 - \$12.53 (estimated full rate) per megabit; < \$7 (estimated discounted rate). The k-12 bandwidth is growing faster than the rest of the network, with a projected usage 16 g per second.

Other business - Abe Krisst - SDE is getting ready to do our assessment online with 90% of the districts participating. Smarter Balance Field testing has a 3 week window within the March 18 - June 6 window and districts get to pick their week. About 50% districts have started their testing. For those who are not aware, this is a learning year for us with only aggregate results to the districts.

Public Comment - None

Nick Caruso makes a motion to adjourn; Bill Vallee seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 4:04.