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Proceedings:

The KWIEC meeting was called to order on April 21st, 2016 at 9:40 p.m. by Terry Stephens, Executive Director of the Office of Information Services. He acted as Chair for Jim Barnhart's absence.

Roll was called and a quorum was present so Terry opened the meeting.

There were many new members assigned to the KWIEC so Terry Stephens asked Chuck Miller to explain what the KWIEC is about and what it does. Chuck explained the statutes (KRS 42.734, 42.736, 42.738) pertaining to the KWIEC and summarized their responsibilities (at the State level the KWIEC is responsible for reviewing and approving any public safety communications projects to ensure they comply with interoperability guidance. At the local level the KWIEC reviews public safety communications projects and makes recommendations to local agencies. Primarily the KWIEC acts an advisory body to the state CIO, granting authorities, and others for all for matters concerning Public Safety Communications interoperability.

Opening Remarks:

Terry noted that there were no minutes to approve from the last meeting due to a malfunction with the recording device. A Letter from Jim Barnhart (KWIEC Chair) was posted on the KWIEC Website stating as much.

Chairperson's Report

Annual Public Safety Report:

Every year the Chair of the KWIEC reports on the progress and activity by agencies of the Commonwealth to comply with standards to achieve public safety communications interoperability. Chuck asked all state level Public Safety entities/agencies to provide their input by July 31, 2016 for the report.

Wireless Project Reviews:

Last year 83 communications projects were reviewed; all projects were processed in accordance with KWIEC decisions, OEC directives and SCIP compliance/alignment.

State Communications Interoperability Plan

The KWIEC reviewed and approved the SCIP revisions in July 2014. The PSWG completed their review and returned their recommended updates in early 2016. Prior to presenting it to the KWIEC the OEC announced that they were revising their requirements. The SCIP is on hold until we get those revised requirements back.

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KWIEC Tasking's

- Conduct vote on accepting recommendations for PSWG reviews of projects. – COMPLETE
- Update KWIEC website - COMPLETE
- Kentucky Wired briefing requested – POSTPONED
- Active Shooter Discussion – POSTPONED
- Create a guidance document for KOHS – PSWG has completed this task.

Public Safety Working Group Report

PSWG Members

David stated that he was trying to fill the PSWG to ten members and assign specific responsibilities to each. He has two new members and two empty slots and is searching for candidates.

PSWG Efforts/Tasks

- Interoperability Exercises - the training exercise has grown to three weeks this year; a handout was given to show details.
- Training and Outreach – efforts are underway to provide training and assist agencies in programming their radios with interoperability freqs.
- SCIP – review and update completed but on hold pending the new template from OEC. Once received our information will be merged into that template and presented to the KWIEC for approval.
- Funding Prioritization Recommendation - The PSWG completed this tasking from the KWIEC. The recommendations were nearly identical to last year's recommendations and the proposed letter was handed out to the KWIEC. David asked the KWIEC Members to review the recommendation and vote on it so that it could be provided to granting agencies prior to the grant cycle starting.
- Frequency Reviews - The PSWG reviewed approximately 25 requests from Tennessee to mitigate possible interference issues.
- Technical Assistance - Received TA approval from Feds. We will be updating the 700/800 MHz plan revision (scheduled for May 12th).

<VOTE> Terry called for a vote of the KWIEC members to adopt the PSWG Grants prioritization recommendations. It passed with a single dissenting vote. The adopted recommendations will be sent to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

- KWIEC Website - Jeremy briefed the KWIEC about the new website that went live on December 30th 2015. It moved from CMS to SharePoint and has a cleaner look with more information that provides more tools for. He is still looking into a few more things that he wants to do.

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- Jeremy noted that a voting platform would take OAD 100 hours to create at \$85 per hour and would require special access (log-ins) for those not on the state network and VPN access. This was a task from the KWIEC to look into creating a voting site that allowed increased transparency. Dave reminded everyone that there was no funding to support this task. Terry Stephens will be looking into this further.

State Wireless Interoperability Coordinator

FirstNet

A FirstNet overview was provided for the new members. (It was established in 2012 by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Create Act and has been tasked to build out national public safety broadband network to serve first responders). The KWIEC is responsible for making recommendations to the Governor for opting-in or opting-out of the FirstNet plan.

SWIC Recommendations for 2016

1. Secure Funding for Interoperability Program Support- Conduct Training, Workshops and Assist in Development of Regional Interoperability Plans (TICPs)
2. Maximize Communications State and Federal Funds - Prioritize Planning, Training, Outreach and Exercises
3. Develop Framework for the Development of Statewide Radio System (Technical, Financial Business Model, Legislative and Local Leadership)

New Business and Open Discussion

- House Bill 540 – the bill was submitted to the house earlier in the year. It recommended several changes to the KWIEC including transferring the Chair to the KOHS. The bill also called for the creation of a State public safety radio system. It is still in Committee at this time pending further action and as we receive information it will be sent out to the KWIEC members.
- Upcoming New Grant cycle will be starting up again. The same rules will be used to review the projects that was previously approved by the KWIEC.
- Drew commented that we need to continue to make efforts to be transparent. The framework for the website is there but we need to get the project assessments visible which is not possible now without asking for it directly which he thought was not good for KWIEC members. He went on to say he is not sure of the validity of using email as an on-line voting system for the KWIEC. Lastly he mentioned that the Franklin County project which was not concurred with by the KWIEC was later overturned. He asked why the vote was even being taken if it meant nothing.
- Terry mentioned that many others were also concerned that the KWIECs decision had been overridden.

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- Drew commented that the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions needed to be brought in to tell us how the Committee was supposed to be run. He went on to say that the committee had been limping along for years since there was not funding to do what it was there for and that if they wanted us to do it we needed to do it the right way.

Upcoming events were discussed briefly (Thunder/Derby/ComEx). The next KWEIC meeting is tentatively planned for July.

Adjournment:

Terry called for any further discussion and with there being no further business, Terry adjourned the meeting.