

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

July 12, 2016 2:00PM

Members on the Audio Bridge

Allan Weese	Charlie Udriet	Joell Kight	Nicki Tidey
Melissa Foster	Jolena Young	Terry Hall	Tony Castillo
John Powers	CW Thomas	Carol Adams	Jason Malloy
Jeff Shupe	Carl Levandoski	Steve McMurrer	

1) Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Regional Advisory Council was called to order by Mr. Terry Hall at 2:00PM. Ms. Dorothy Spears-Dean performed a roll-call of Council members on the audio bridge.

2) Approval of the June 21st Minutes

Ms. Spears-Dean called for the approval of the minutes from the June 21st meeting. Mr. John Powers made the motion, and Mr. Allan Weese seconded it. The motion passed.

3) Recalculation of the Wireless Funding Distribution Percentages

Ms. Spears Dean began the discussion on the recalculation of the wireless funding distribution percentages. The current distribution percentages are set to change on or before July 1st, 2017. Now is the time to be thinking about how to address the issues related to the recalculation. Ms. Nicki Tidey asked about how the funding is impacted when a PSAP consolidates. Chincoteague's consolidation with Eastern Shore was discussed. Mr. Hall stated that he would like to see texting call volumes clearly broken out as part of the True-Up. Emerging technologies should be part of new legislation.

Ms. Spears-Dean asked if there were any questions on the True-Up data.

27 PSAPs would have their funding reduced to below \$40,000. In past years, there was a funding floor of \$40,000 but in future years that built-in minimum will go away. Ms. Spears-Dean again asked if there were any questions from the Council. Mr. John Powers asked how the data was validated, and pointed out an issue with Covington. Ms. Spears-Dean explained the True-Up required documentation and the Staff review process. Mr. Marzolf and Mr. Cassada confirmed that as presented in the forecast, there was an issue with Covington's FY2015 numbers, but the 2015 Board approved True-Up numbers had been correct. Staff will send a revised forecast that corrects Covington's FY2015 numbers.

Mr. Jason Malloy asked if the funding methodology was being looked at by another workgroup. Ms. Jolena Young stated they would be studying it. It is a milestone in their plan. Mr. Tony Castillo asked when the first payment under the new funding formula would be received. Mr. Marzolf stated that it would probably be around August 10th, 2017 for the first July 2017 payment, if the Code did not change between now and then. Ms. Tidey asked what would happen if there is a significant event with a PSAP (consolidation/merger) what would happen to the funding. Ms. Carol Adams commented on comparing call volumes of PSAPs with their personnel costs, and how Staff could analyze the variances. Mr. Marzolf explained that variances could be due to Compensation board funding, and how a PSAP sets up their call accounting reports. Other factors that could explain the variances but are not part of the data captured as part of the True Up process. Mr. Marzolf stressed that no matter what is changed with the formula, the pot does not get bigger. There was Council and Staff discussion.

Ms. Spears-Dean reviewed the options available to the Council. One option would be to do nothing, Staff does not recommend this. If change is recommended, different cost and call load data elements could be used. Counsel would need to review to see if a legislative change would be needed. Another option would be to focus on specific outcomes (setting a

\$40,000 minimum). A fourth option would be to come up with a new funding strategy. That option would be difficult since NG9-1-1 cost information won't be available until this fall, and three other workgroups are looking at different elements that impact 9-1-1 funding. A final option would be to recommend delaying the recalculation and freezing the percentages. This would give an opportunity to accurately develop cost estimates, and be in a better position to find a final long-term funding solution. PSAPs would continue to have stable funding. Staff would recommend freezing the percentages for an additional 2 years, until FY2020 (July 1st, 2019). There was council discussion.

Mr. Hall discussed forming a new subcommittee to look at the issue. Ms. Spears-Dean stated that this would create a group that would be duplicating existing workgroup efforts, and that a subcommittee would likely miss the window of opportunity for proposing new legislation to the General Assembly. Ms. Spears-Dean suggested PSAP work sessions or webinars to educate PSAPs on the funding formula changes. There was council discussion. Mr. Terry Hall made a motion that the Regional Advisory Council recommend to the 9-1-1 Board delaying the recalculation, and ask Carol Adams to lead a subgroup of the Council that will be tasked with educating the PSAPs and seeking their input on funding changes. There was discussion. Ms. Spears-Dean said that staff would work with Ms. Carol Adams to develop a position paper outlining the recommendation to delay the recalculation. The motion passed with all Regions agreeing to it.

4) **Best Practices**

Ms. Stefanie McGuffin updated the RAC on the progress of Best Practices. There were minor changes to the template, the template is in its final form. For the Best Practice Process Flow, a step was added to research if a best practice on a topic already exists, and to add that to Virginia's best practice. Review or prioritization can take place at any time. Ms. McGuffin also clarified the changes to Phase 2 of the Best Practice Process Flow document. There was Council discussion. Ms. McGuffin reviewed the

development of the Best Practice Topic list. Topics should strengthen the path to NG9-1-1. The next steps for the topic list were discussed.

5) **DCJS Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training**

Ms. Nicky Tidey discussed the proposed rules changes for DCJS training. RAC members were asked to forward the messages throughout their regions.

6) **Wrap-Up**

The next call will be July 26th at 2:00 PM. A recalculation paper will be presented on the 26th. Ms. McGuffin will provide another update on Best Practices.

7) **Public Comments**

Ms. Spears –Dean asked for public comments. There were none. The meeting of the Regional Advisory Council ended at 3:40PM.