

STATE 911 COMMITTEE
Legislative Action Subcommittee

March 30, 2016
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Shawn Sible and roll call was taken. Mr. Sible added Smart 911 as an agenda item under Old Business.

Voting Members Present:

Mr. Shawn Sible (Chair)
Ms. Patricia Coates
Ms. Yvette Collins
Mr. Bob Currier
Ms. Jennifer Greenburg
Mr. James Loeper
Mr. Tim Smith
Mr. Robert Bradley
Mr. Jon Campbell
Mr. Jeff Troyer
Ms. Lisa Hall
Ms. Cherie Bartram

Representing:

Michigan State Police
Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information Systems
AT&T
Public Member
Telecommunications Association of Michigan
Gogebic 911
Michigan Communications Directors Association
Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet
Michigan Association of Counties
Appointee, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Midland County Central Dispatch
South East Regional Emergency Services Authority

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown
Ms. Stacie Hansel

Representing:

Michigan State Police
Michigan State Police

Voting Members Absent:

Mr. Dale Berry
Sheriff Dale Gribler
Lt. Mike Johnson
Ms. April Heinze
Ms. Jordyn Sellek

Representing:

Huron Valley Ambulance
Van Buren County Sheriff's Department
Michigan State Police
Eaton County Central Dispatch
Conf. of Western Wayne

B. Meeting Minutes Approval – February 4, 2016

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Loeper, with support by Ms. Hall, to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2016, as presented. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried.

C. Old Business

Negotiations are ongoing with Smart 911 on the Statement of Work for the extension of the original appropriation. House Fiscal asked what the cost would be for the entire state to go to Smart 911, which would be \$2.2 million. After that, with no notice, \$1.15 million was included by the legislature in a draft bill in MSP's budget to support Smart 911; however, no guidance came with it. As not everyone had the bill in front of them, Mr. Sible read the related sections:

Section 903 (1) – "Funding provided in part one for the Smart 911 pilot shall be used as matching funds to be paid to local units of government to match up to one-half the cost for the implementation of Smart 911."

Section 903 (2) – "If additional state funds become available for the Smart 911 pilot, the total amount to be paid to local units of government shall increase proportionally to provide matching funds equal to the proportional change of the funding increase."

There will need to be clarification of the language moving forward. At this point the budget is recommendation only; there will be an opportunity to make changes.

D. New Business

There have been many attempts over the past few years to move forward with the CLEAR Next Gen 911 (NG911) model. The Governor assigned the CLEAR group to draft highlights for potential legislation, which has seen no movement. Across the state people are moving forward with NG911 solutions. There should be state-centralized standards with local level control. With no published standards, there is a concern there will be disparate systems that do not work together or tie back into anything centralized. If legislation does not move forward, discussions need to take place on what the interim solution is.

Mr. Sible turned the meeting into an informal discussion for subcommittee members to decide what the interim solution should be. Highlights included:

- Not wanting different groups to go in different directions with each creating their own version of a solution. The CLEAR NG911 group drafted a document, the LAS wants to draft something, and TAM, APCO, NENA, and MCDA met recently to begin discussions also. All the groups should come together and work with the things already drafted. The LAS would like CLEAR to allow them to use pieces of their draft legislation to have a starting place.
 - Mr. Sible and Ms. Miller-Brown will make contact with the chair of CLEAR to see what could be made available.
 - Request letter should be copied to the Governor, as CLEAR is his committee.
 - Would like a formal answer in return.
- TAM has come up with some brainstorming options for a stable funding source for 911. They would prefer to not start with the CLEAR document as TAM believes funding sources are not addressed. Use the CLEAR document for structure or standards. Brainstorming ideas include:
 - 911 is a function of government and should be funded by government, coming from an appropriation through the state.
 - The Governor has utilized the Metro Authority, which is used to distribute funds to cities for business tax issues. Something similar could be done using an authority similar to distribute money to locals so it would still be local control.
- Take the good pieces of the CLEAR document and revise others. It has been several years since it was created, and even if good at the time, it would need revision now.
- Issues include governance, funding, makeup of the subcommittees, and language. The majority of the group agrees the number one issue is funding.
- There is a possibility of following the current path of making recommendations to the Public Service Commission and have them enforce the recommendations.
- The current SNC has authority to set the allowable/disallowable costs if able to get an increase in the state surcharge.
- Create a new fund, not part of the quarterly distribution to the counties, similar to the Dispatcher Training Fund that has its own allowable/disallowable list, approval process, etc.
- Two separate things - finding stable funding mechanism for long term, set up similar mechanism to training fund for short term interim while still working on long term necessities.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Hall, with support by Ms. Coates, to draft official correspondence from the Legislative Action Subcommittee to the chair of the CLEAR committee asking them to release any information they can to show what research has been done and what language has been drafted to support Next Gen 911. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried.

Mr. Sible suggested having a separate meeting to discuss the funding mechanism and how it is collected because the majority of the subcommittee believes there should be a separate fund set up just for that. During discussion, there were three issues identified that need to be addressed:

1. Options for a new funding stream.
2. Some process to establish standards and hold systems accountable to technical standards.
3. The industry's issue with the current method of collecting the funding and are open to ways of changing the method.

There was discussion of reinstating the stable funding workgroup model from the past, to discuss a long term system. Notice will go out to all members of the LAS asking if they would like to participate in the workgroup or if they would like to assign designees. This group would be a subgroup of the LAS. A membership list of the last workgroup will be sent to LAS members to review who participated in the past for recommendations of new membership. Notice will also go out to members of the SNC to ask for participation in the workgroup.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Coates, with support by Mr. Currier, to reinstate the stable funding workgroup. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried.

It was suggested the stable funding workgroup be standing, face-to-face meetings. A list of meeting dates for 2016 will be sent to everyone before asking for membership.

Asking what to do about the interim solution, it was suggested to create a smaller core group, not drafting language, just bullet pointing items of what specific things should be included in new legislation. This core group would work on language and bring it back to the full subcommittee.

If setting up similar to the dispatcher training funds, the standards were set after the legislative piece. The interim solution needs to include the authority to establish technical standards.

After discussion, it was agreed the stable funding workgroup could address both issues for the long term. A full day workgroup meeting will be scheduled to discuss short term solutions.

E. Public Comment

Mr. Greg Clark was part of a group that met with TAM and discussed much of what was discussed today, sharing many of the same concerns. After his meeting, a letter was written to be sent to NENA, APCO, and MCDA and he will forward a copy of that letter to Mr. Sible and Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown.

F. Next Meeting

TBD

G. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.