

STATE 911 COMMITTEE
Legislative Action Subcommittee

February 4, 2019

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shawn Sible.

Roll Call was taken.

Voting Members Present:

Mr. Shawn Sible (Chair)
Ms. Patricia Coates
Ms. Lisa Hall
Ms. Jordyn Sellek
Ms. Cherie Bartram
Ms. April Heinze
Ms. Jennifer Greenburg
Mr. Jeff Troyer
Mr. Greg Clark

Representing:

Michigan State Police
Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information Systems
Midland County Central Dispatch
Conference of Western Wayne
South East Regional Emergency Services Authority
Appointee, Speaker of the Senate
Telecommunications Association of Michigan
Appointee, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Public Member

Voting Members Absent:

Mr. Dale Berry
Mr. Tim Smith

Representing:

Huron Valley Ambulance
Ottawa County 911

Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown
Ms. Kristine Bond
Mr. Joel King

Representing:

State 911 Office
State 911 Office
Office of the Attorney General

B. Meeting Minutes Approval – September 4, 2018

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Patricia Coates, with support by Ms. April Heinze, to approve the meeting minutes of September 4, 2018, as presented. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried.

The governor issued a new directive within the last week that applies to meetings. The directive will be reviewed and the findings will be shared with the subcommittee.

C. Old Business

1. Update on Senate Bill 930

Senate Bill 930 was intended to divert 911 funding for road signage. The bill was never given a hearing and died in committee.

2. Added to the Agenda – 911 Funding – Treasury Waiver

The issue of diverting 911 funding as a concern in SB930, brought up the recent issue of a Public Safety Answering Point's (PSAP) Dispatcher Training Fund distribution that was taken by Treasury's automatic system to offset/pay a past due debt to Michigan by the parent municipality (not the PSAP). Since it is a diversion of 911 funding, a waiver is being sent to Treasury to seek a reversal of the offset so the distribution can occur.

3. Update on Senate Bill 314

The Senate Bill 314 to do away with multiline 911 requirements died in committee, but based on the recent communications, there may be a new Multi-Line Telephone System (MLTS) bill introduced. The recent federal legislation including the Ray Baum Act of 2018 and Kari's Law of 2018 may assist with reinforcing the current MLTS requirements. While costs of MLTS may be initially expensive, it will help keep citizens safe.

4. Moved forward on Agenda - House Bill 5751

House Bill 5751 was vetoed by the Governor. In Europe, the infant safety boxes are being installed and used at emergency buildings (i.e. police, fire, EMS, and hospitals). The safety box generates an alarm when used. The bill did not include specific details on how the 911 call would work. The subcommittee had several concerns of care and safety from several different positions, including the location of the boxes since many emergency buildings are not open 24/7.

5. Legislative Action Subcommittee (LAS) Membership Guidelines

The proposed membership guidelines do not address the removal of a subcommittee member when he/she is no longer working in 911 related employment. State 911 Committee policy does not address membership specifically since each subcommittee is different. Questions arose to ask whether active participation in 911 related organizations constitutes being active in 911 or does there need to be a return to employment within a specified time as required by the Dispatcher Training Subcommittee? Some members suggested membership was based on their current employment, and therefore should require members to reapply if there is a change in employment. It's not considered a loss of expertise, but a new approval should be sought. Ms. Greenburg restated her position that the membership should not be denied. Mr. Clark's input was requested, and he did not add anything further.

D. New Business

1. LAS Membership Applicants

The subcommittee members had received the membership applications in advance. Applicants, Mr. Steven Berenbaum and Mr. Bryce Tracy were available to present to their qualifications to the subcommittee. F/Lt. Jay Poupard was available for the original meeting date in December, but had another commitment and was unable to be present for this meeting.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Jennifer Greenburg, with support by Mr. Greg Clark, to approve all three applicants, Mr. Steven Berenbaum, Mr. Bryce Tracy, and F/Lt. Jay Poupard, as presented. With no discussion, the MOTION carried.

E. Public Comment

New members, Mr. Steven Berenbaum and Mr. Bryce Tracy, thanked the Legislative Action Subcommittee.

F. Next Meeting

If new 911 legislation is not introduced, the February 25, 2019, meeting date will be cancelled due to it being so close to the makeup meeting date of February 4. Therefore, unless a meeting is otherwise called due to legislation, the next meeting will be June 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Centennial Room at the Michigan State Police Headquarters.

G. Adjourn

A MOTION was made by Ms. April Heinze, with support by Ms. Cheri Bartram, to adjourn the meeting. With no discussion, the MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.