STATE 911 COMMITTEE

Legislative Action Subcommittee

April 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Jordyn Sellek at 1 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Voting Members Present: Representing:

Ms. Jordyn Sellek (Chair) Conference of Western Wayne

Ms. Patricia Coates Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information Systems

Mr. Steven Berenbaum AT&T Mr. Scott Temple INdigital

Ms. Jennifer Greenburg Telecommunications Association of Michigan

F/Lt. Jay Poupard Michigan State Police

Mr. Jeff Troyer Appointee, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Ms. April Heinze Appointee, Speaker of the Senate
Ms. Lisa Hall Midland County Central Dispatch

Ms. Cherie Bartram South East Regional Emergency Services Authority

<u>Voting Members Absent:</u> <u>Representing:</u>

Mr. Bryce Tracy Mackinac County 911
Mr. Dale Berry Huron Valley Ambulance

Non-Voting Members Present: Representing:

Inspector James Wolf
Ms. Joni Harvey
State 911 Office
Ms. Lyndsay Stephens
State 911 Office
Ms. Stacie Hansel
State 911 Office

B. Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Patricia Coates, with support by Mr. Jeff Troyer, to approve the minutes of February 24 and March 9, 2020, as presented. With no discussion the **MOTION** carried.

C. Old Business

HB4818

Ms. Sellek stated there has been no movement on this. At the March meeting, the SNC approved sending a letter of opposition to the bill sponsors.

D. New Business

1. COVID-19

The public safety community, including MCDA, signed on to a letter to Governor Whitmer reiterating three things they have been asking for:

- Priority testing for first responders.
- Addressing necessary PPE.
- Revising the Executive Order regarding workers' compensation to ensure coverage for first responders.

There has not been any response. Ms. Sellek wanted everyone to be aware those groups are in correspondence with the Governor's office.

The Hero Fund has a lot of consideration to be taken in. Representative Huizenga's bill is to free up essential workers from paying income tax during this time.

Ms. Heinze stated the NENA representative had a meeting scheduled with Representative Huizenga's office; however, that meeting was cancelled. The new meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, April 14. The first thing NENA wanted to find out was if it was just an oversight on their part or if there was an opposition to include 911 professionals. NENA would then be willing to do a grass roots effort with people in Michigan. After the meeting, Ms. Heinze will give Ms. Sellek an update and see what next steps are. Ms. Sellek stated it is important to follow national partners on this instead of trying to lead the charge.

Ms. Heinze stated the Department of Homeland Security has designated 911 employees, not only as essential workers, but classifying them under public safety in much of their documentation. She believes that classification will help on other items in the legislature after COVID.

2. Removal of inactive members

There are currently two inactive members who have not attended a subcommittee meeting since 2019. In the subcommittee rules, it states two unexcused meetings in a row allow for removal. It was asked if anyone has reached out to the inactive members. A discussion with Mr. Clark was held last year, and he was going to remove himself as he was no longer in the 911 community. Ms. Coates stated she has a relationship with Mr. Berry and could reach out to him if needed. Ms. Sellek planned on waiting to add members until LAS could have face-to-face meeting, hopefully at the June meeting. The LAS could table taking any action on inactive members until then to have time to reach out to those individuals.

Mr. Troyer stated it does not require action by the LAS to remove members not meeting the attendance requirement. The State 911 Office, at the request of the chair, would send a letter to the individuals to let them know they have been removed from the subcommittee due to non-attendance.

Mr. Temple suggested a meeting with staff, chair of SNC, and chairs of subcommittees as this is an issue at each subcommittee, and there should be uniform policies in place across the board. Mr. Troyer stated there is a template letter previously used on the SNC to address this issue.

Letters of interest were received by three interested parties regarding open positions on the LAS, and those will be reviewed at the June meeting.

E. Public Comment

None.

F. Next Meeting

June 1, 2020, at 10 a.m. MSP HQ Centennial Room

G. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by F/Lt. Jay Poupard, with support by Ms. April Heinze, to adjourn. With no discussion, the **MOTION** carried, and the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.