**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**July 19, 2017**

**Essentia Health Sandstone-Pine Medical Center**

**705 Lundorff Drive, Classrooms A & B**

**Sandstone, MN 55072**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Task Force Members present:** Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Hannah Buckland, Denise Dittrich, Shannon Heim, Maureen Ideker, Bernadine Joselyn, Steve Lewsader, Neela Mollgaard, Jody Reisch, Dick Sjoberg and Paul Weirtz

**Task Force Members Absent:** Kevin Hansen, Don Niles, Dan Richter and Andy Schriner

**Others in attendance:** Jen Bowser, Dr. Sandra Hanson, Michael Hedrix, Nancy Hoffman,Doyle Jelsing, Mary Beth Kester, Fran Levings, Becky Lourey, Sen. Tony Lourey, Lachelle Ludwig, Danna MacKenzie, Bree Maki, Dr. Erika Miles, Robert Musgrove, Myrna Nelson, Heather O’Brien, Rebecca Sienko, David Thao, Ann Treacy, and Diane Wells

1. **Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Public Comments**

Members of the Task Force and members of the public attending the meeting introduced themselves. The minutes of the June 28, 2017 Task Force meeting were approved. Sen. Tony Lourey provided comments. Michael Hedrix, Medical Center Director, welcomed the Task Force to the facility. There were no public comments.

1. **Allina Tele-Stroke Program to Essentia Health’s Sandstone ER**

Dr. Sandra Hanson, with Allina, discussed how telehealth assists with stroke treatment. A copy of her presentation is available via this link: [Success of Telestroke](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/telestroke_tcm1045-304150.pdf) Dr. Hanson also responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Pine Medical Center’s Telehealth – ER, Toxicology & Wound**

Dr. Erika Miles, ER MD; Jen Bowser, RN; Lachelle Ludwig, RN, Nurse Manager; and Mary Beth Kester, Radiology Manager; provided an overview of how ER, toxicology and wound treatment are facilitated by telehealth. They also responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Tour of Pine Medical Hospital**

Michael Hedrix and Mary Beth Kester provided a tour of the hospital and answered questions from Task Force members.

1. **Essentia Health’s Use of Broadband**

Dennis Smith, System IT Director; and Steve Altendorf, Manager Networks, joined the Task Force via videoconference to discuss how Essentia uses broadband in the delivery of its services. A copy of their presentation [The Value of Broadband at Essentia Health](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/broadband-essentia_tcm1045-304154.pdf) is available online. They also responded to questions from the Task Force.

1. **Nurse Care Line**

Rebecca Sienko, Manager of the Nurse Care Line for Essentia, described the services delivered and the use of broadband. Her presentation is available at [Telecare Services](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/telecare-services_tcm1045-304149.pdf). She also responded to questions from the Task Force.

1. **Telehealth Update**

Maureen Ideker, Task Force member, RN and System Director of Telehealth for Essentia, provided an update on telehealth. A copy of her presentation is available at [Essentia Health Telehealth Update](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/essentia-update_tcm1045-304152.pdf). She also answered questions from the Task Force.

1. **Broadband in East Central Minnesota: An economic development imperative**

Nancy Hoffman, Chisago County HRA/EDA; Robert Musgrove, Pine County Economic Development; and Doyle Jelsing, Kanabec EDA; provided comments on the need for broadband in their region. A copy of their presentation is available at [Promoting Economic Development in East Central Minnesota](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/econ-dev-east-central_tcm1045-304151.pdf). They also responded to questions from the Task Force.

1. **Update on Fond du Lac Broadband Project**

Fred Underwood, former Task Force member and with the Fond du Lac band, provided an update on the RUS/USDA Community Connect project being built on the reservation and responded to questions from the Task Force.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.