**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**April 5, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Webex/Conference Call Virtual Meeting via Teams**

**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Nolan Cauthen, Dale Cook, Steve Fenske, Steve Giorgi, Jason Hollinday, Yvonne Cariveau, Marc Johnson, Bernadine Joselyn, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz, and Dave Wolf.

**Task Force Members Absent:** None

**Others in Attendance:** Dana Bailey, Anna Boroff, Sonya Borgeson-Bethke, Deven Bowdry, Joe Buttweiler, William Check, Rep. Angie Craig, Cristina Diaz, Angie Dickison, Amanda Duerr, Justin Forde, Brian Frederick, Jen Frost, Corey Hauer, Elizabeth Karels, Janet Keough, Gary Larson, Cassie Lovelle, Lisa Schoenthaler, Haley Tollefson, Matt Tooley, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Melissa Wolf and Nathan Zacharias and a few unidentified callers.

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions and Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2021 Meeting**

Chair Bekele went over the agenda for the meeting. Roll call was taken. Members of the public attending the virtual meeting were able to introduce themselves. The minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved.

1. **Update on 2021 State Legislation**

Deven Bowdry, DEED’s Government Relations Coordinator, provided an update on broadband legislation pending in the 2021 state legislative session.

1. **Update and conversation with U.S. Rep. Angie Craig**

U.S. Rep. Angie Craig provided an update to the Task Force on her work that is focused on broadband. Rep. Craig responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **LTD Broadband – RDOF Introduction**

Corey Hauer, CEO, and Hannah Tollefson, Marketing Director, attended the meeting to provide an overview of LTD Broadband’s plans as a winning bidder in the FCC Auction 904. Mr. Hauer provided comments and responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **2020 Network Performance -The Shift to Home and the Impact to Networks**

William Check, SVP, Science & Technology and CTO, and Matt Tooley, VP of Broadband Technology, both with NCTA, discussed cable network performance during the pandemic and the future: <https://mn.gov/deed/assets/ncta-presentation_tcm1045-475352.pdf> They responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Subgroup Reports**

Each subgroup did a brief report out on their work to date.

1. **Public Comment, Other Business, May Meeting Plans, Wrap-up**

There were no public comments. The Task Force briefly discuss items they would like the State Demographer to address at the May meeting. There was no additional business. Chair Bekele wrapped up the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.