**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**July 10, 2018**

**State Capitol, Room 316**

**75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard**

**St. Paul, MN 55155**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Task Force Members present:** Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Hannah Buckland, Denise Dittrich, Kevin Hansen, Shannon Heim, Maureen Ideker, Bernadine Joselyn, Mike Nguyen, Don Niles, Andy Schriner, Dick Sjoberg and Paul Weirtz

**Task Force Members Absent:** Neela Mollgaard, Jody Reisch and Dan Richter

**Others in attendance:** Cathy Clucas, Bill Coleman, John Dukich, Ryan Dutton, Judy Erickson, Brad Finstad, Alejandra Henriquez, Nancy Hoffman, Danna MacKenzie, Ann Treacy, Tonya Walters, Diane Wells, and Laura Ziegler

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

Shannon Heim served as chair for the meeting. Members of the Task Force and members of the public attending the meeting introduced themselves. The minutes of the June 7, 2018 Task Force meeting were approved. There were no public comments.

1. **Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition**

Nancy Hoffman, chair of the Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition, provided comments on the activities of the coalition. Her presentation is available at [Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/coalition-7-10-18_tcm1045-345900.pdf). Ms. Hoffman also responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **USDA Rural Development**

Brad Finstad, State Director for USDA Rural Development, provided a summary of the work his office is doing in Minnesota with a focus on broadband. He responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Update from the Office of Broadband Development (OBD)**

Danna MacKenzie provided an update on the activities of the OBD and introduced the new grants administrator, Cathy Clucas. Ms. Clucas provided information on her background. Representatives of the OBD responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Two Studies: Economic Impact of Broadband and Two Rural CAF II Exchanges**

Bill Coleman from Community Technology Advisors reviewed a study he prepared on the results of two CAF II broadband build outs. A copy of his presentation is available at [Impact of CAF II-funded Networks](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/caf-ii-study_tcm1045-345902.pdf). Ann Treacy from Treacy Information Services, provided an overview of a study she worked on of the economic impact of broadband on five communities. A copy of her presentation is available at [Measuring Impact of Broadband on the Community](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/case-study_tcm1045-345901.pdf) Task Force members had no questions for either presenter.

1. **Review Draft of Annual Report**

Task Force members reviewed the draft annual report and discussed the schedule for completing work assignments for the next review at the September meeting.

1. **Wrap-up/September Meeting Plans**

There will be no August meeting. The next meeting is September 6, 2018 in Room 2308 of the Senate Office Building. The Task Force will be reviewing the final draft of the report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.