**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**May 20, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Teams**

**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Yvonne Cariveau, Steve Fenske, Steve Giorgi, Marc Johnson, Bernadine Joselyn, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz, Dave Wolf

**Task Force Members Absent:** Nolan Cauthen, Jason Hollinday

**Others in Attendance:** Carol Bossuyt, Deven Bowdry, Zachary Cairns, Jennifer Frost, Karrie Jansen, Melinda Miller, Nicole Pruden, Brian Scriber, Rohit Tandon, Diane Wells

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions and Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2022 Meeting**

Chair Bekele called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. The minutes of the April 22, 2022 meeting were approved. Chair Bekele provided an overview of the agenda.

1. **Update on the 2022 Session**

Deven Bowdry, Government Relations Coordinator for the Department of Employment and Economic Development, shared slides with the way broadband funding proposals change each day with the end of the legislative session near.

1. **Network Security – Protocols and Beyond**

Brian Scriber, Distinguished Technologist and Vice President, Security & Privacy Technologies at CableLabs, presented to the Task Force about digital security with best common practices to keep ahead of threats and adversaries on networks.

1. **Cybersecurity Perspective – State of Minnesota**

Rohit Tandon, Chief Information Security Officer for MNIT, presented to the Task Force about the State of Minnesota digital services, cybersecurity strategic plan, operating model and IIJA funding for cybersecurity infrastructure.

1. **Update from Diane Wells, Deputy Director of the Office of Broadband Development**

A new position was created for the Digital Equity Program Lead in the OBD Office. The NOFO’s for BEAD were posted last Friday, May 13. Waiting for the end of the legislative session to see what happens with B2B grant funding. We are one of 12 states waiting for Treasury to release ARP funds for FY22 & FY23. We are one of 12 states that applied. We will work with Scott Cole from Collectivity for the Task Force Annual Report again this year.

1. **Affordability and Adoption Sub-Group**

Marc Johnson and Yvonne Cariveau are the co-chairs of this subgroup. They are looking at speaker topics: affordability and price, USDA Connect, Digital Equity. There are two speakers already lined up for the July Task Force meeting.

1. **Funding, Mapping and Usage Sub-Group**

Steve Fenske will chair this subgroup. The group will meet after the legislative session wraps up.

1. **Update from Teddy Bekele, Chair of the Minnesota Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

Teddy Bekele, SVP & Chief Technology Officer at Land O’Lakes Technology, gave some Task Force updates: Scott Cole from Collectivity will join the Task Force meetings in July through December as he will be working on the Task Force Annual Report. We will try to have one in-person Task Force meeting this year.

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

Chair Bekele then asked if any members of the public wished to provide comments to the Task Force. Task Force member Micah Myers brought up the MTA & MREA asking the PUC to revoke LTD Broadband’s ETC designation which impacts the B2B grants due to the RDOF areas. He asked that the Task Force submit a comment to the PUC during the comment period ending by June 8. Steve Giorgi and Bernadine Joselyn supported this suggestion. Brian Krambeer abstained from the discussion. Teddy said they will digest this information and will follow up with a possible special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.