**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**September 8, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**WebEx/Conference Call  
Dial-in:** **1-619-377-3319 or 1-888-742-5095, Passcode 3249482049**

Meeting link:

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

**Task Force Members Absent:** Jason Hollinday

**Others in Attendance:** Chuck Ackman, Anna Boroff, Deven Bowdry, Zach Cairns, Brent Christensen, Judy Cook, Kirk Crow Shoe, Paul Deming, Angie Dickison, Ryan Dutton, Glenn Fishbine, Patrick Haggerty, Steve Hill, Ashley Hitt, Brent Legg, Eric Lightner, Cassie Lovelle, Michelle San Cartier, Eileen Smith, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Melissa Wolf and several other unidentified participants by phone.

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions and Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2020 Meeting**

Chair Bekele went over the agenda for the meeting. Roll call was taken. The minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting were approved.

1. **Discussion of Report Writing Process, Assignment of Writers**

Chair Bekele noted that three people have been assigned to assist each of the three subgroups with drafting their sections of the report: For the Minnesota Model subgroup, Steve Fenske will be leading the drafting; for the Barriers and Technology subgroup, Cassie Lovelle will be drafting; and for the Economic Development and Digital Inclusion subgroup, Ann Treacy will assist with drafting. He also outlined the tentative plan for developing the report.

1. **Satellite Communications and Broadcasting Association (SBCA)**

Steve Hill, Executive Director of the Satellite Communications and Broadcasting Association, provided an update on the status of satellite delivered broadband service. A copy of his presentation can be found here: [Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association Presentation](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/sbca-ppt-8sept2020_tcm1045-445923.pdf) Mr. Hill also responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Minnesota Mapping Presentation**

Brent Legg and Ashley Hitt, Connected Nation, provided an overview of Minnesota’s broadband mapping process and demonstrated the Minnesota interactive map. Connected Nation is Minnesota’s vendor for preparing broadband maps and data. The presentation can be found here: [Connected Nation Presentation](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/ppt-8sept2020_tcm1045-445924.pdf) Mr. Legg and Ms. Hitt also responded to questions from the Task Force.

1. **Report out by Subgroups**

Each subgroup reported out on the status of their work and responded to questions from other Task Force members.

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

The Task Force had discussion of the role of the Task Force as a statewide resource on broadband and on use of CARES Act funding for broadband in Minnesota and other states.

There were no public comments.

Chair Bekele briefly summarized what the Task Force has accomplished this year, what remains to be done, and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.