UTAH BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Governor's Office of Economic Development

Attendees:

Kelleigh Cole, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Amie Parker, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Heather Webster, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Bert Granberg, Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center
Brian Carver, Bear River Association of Governments
John Harvey, Utah Public Service Commission
Donna Jones Morris, Utah State Library
Jim Stewart, Utah Education and Telehealth Network
Dennis Sampson, Utah Education and Telehealth Network
Sabrina Scott, Utah Education and Telehealth Network
Melinda Brereton, Utah Education and Telehealth Network
Levi Robert, Five County Association of Governments (call-in)
Gary Zabriskie, Five County Association of Governments (call-in)
Michael Merrill, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
Justin Jones, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
Shirlee Silversmith, Utah Division of Indian Affairs
Steve Taylor, All West Communications (call-in)
Shauna Derbyshire, Bureau of Land Management
David Ream, U.S. Forest Service
Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Gavin Cox, Manti Telephone Company
Ryan Phelps, Manti Telephone Company
Lynne Yocom, Utah Department of Transportation

Tara Thue, AT&T
Jacob Barlow, CenturyLink (call-in)
Jim Farr, CenturyLink
Glenn Ricart, US Ignite
Jeff Goodrich, Strata Networks
Dave Ryan, Strata Networks
Bruce Todd, Strata Networks (call-in)
Roger Timmerman, Vivint Wireless
Steve Bos, Vivint Wireless
Chari Chambers, Zayo
Michael Lane, Sprint
Angie Welling, Google
Alex Martinez, Verizon
Jared Anderson, Emery Telecom
Douglas Meredith, John Staurulakis, Inc.
Sarah Nunn, Digis
Angie Ramsey, Americom
Denise Villa, Level 3 Communications
Alisa Faatz, CentraCom
Lynn Beecher, Skywire Fiber
Lindsay Clark, EDCUtah
Gary Ricks, Department of Technology Services

Kelleigh Cole, Manager of the Utah Broadband Project, announced changes to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) E-Rate program. Sabrina Scott, E-Rate Coordinator for the Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) gave follow-up information explaining that the most significant change to E-Rate is that the FCC will funnel more federal funding for Wi-Fi components and services. The funding cap will stay at the current $2.4 billion and $2 billion will be taken from reserves.

Douglas Meredith, John Staurulakis, Inc., gave an update on the FCC's Order for the Rural Broadband Experiments. The Order announced that only price-cap carriers in areas that are in census blocks identified by the Connect America Fund model are eligible for consideration. The FCC list of eligible census blocks can be found here: http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/connect-america-cost-model-illustrative-results. Funding for the Rural Broadband Experiments is $100 million, with $75 million for

projects serving 25 Mbps download /5 Mbps upload, $15 million for high cost areas serving 10 Mbps download/1 Mbps upload and $10 million for extremely high cost areas serving 10 Mbps download/1 upload.

Kelleigh Cole, Manager of the Utah Broadband Project, presented the Utah Broadband Plan to the Broadband Advisory Council. Council members were asked to give feedback and input on any changes or corrections before presenting the final draft. The plan provides an overview of the Utah Broadband Project incorporating all the milestones that the program has made. It also incorporates recommendations to improve broadband adoption and deployment in Utah.

The Utah Broadband Plan consists of:

- Welcome Letter from Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Executive Summary
- Table of Contents
- Introduction
- Program Accomplishments: Interactive Map, Advisory Council, Regional Broadband Planning effort, Utah Broadband Tech Summit and Increased Research of Statewide Adoption Trends
- Broadband Matters to State Leadership: How Broadband can Strengthen Utah's Economy
- Key Initiative: Convene Partners to Increase Deployment
- Key Initiative: Market Utah's Cutting-Edge Infrastructure
- Key Initiative: Advocate for Utah on the National Stage
- Key Initiative: Help Communities Increase Speeds
- Key Initiative: Identify Funding and Partnership Models
- Key Initiative: Connect Schools and Libraries
- Key Initiative: Connect Healthcare Sites and First Responders
- Key Initiative: Link Rural Utah to a Global Marketplace
- Conclusion

Shirlee Silversmith, Utah Division of Indian Affairs, suggested including a key initiative about Utah's Native American Tribes, to help increase broadband access to tribal areas. Glenn Ricart, U.S. Ignite, suggested including what the funding needs are for continuing the program, while Tara Thue, AT&T, asked for a clear understanding of funding so that the providers would be better suited to support the plan. Douglas Meredith, John Staurulakis, Inc. suggested adding more quantifiable milestones to the plan. Bert Granberg, Utah Automated Geographical Reference Center (AGRC), suggested giving more attention to forming relationships between the providers and public entities, such as the Bureau of Land Management and the Utah Department of Transportation. Sarah Nunn, Digis, suggested the need to unify broadband deployment laws across the state and that this initiative could be included in the plan. Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) commented on the development of a new committee through the ULCT to focus on compatibility of laws across the state. A suggestion was also made to develop and encourage a "best practice" guide for cities and communities to use when deploying broadband.

Brian Carver, Bear River Association of Governments, gave an update regarding the statewide summary broadband plan based on all the regional broadband plans from each of Utah's Associations of Governments (AOG). The summary plan focuses on locally identified key broadband issues that the AOGs identified in developing their plans. Many of the key issues are currently included in the Utah

Broadband Plan, such as economic development, online presences for businesses, reducing regulation, improving access to services, increasing public access and reducing public land issues.