THE STATE OF UTAH
BROADBAND PROJECT

Utah Broadband Advisory Council

Thursday, June 9, 2011
8:00-10:00 a.m.
Utah State Capitol, Capitol Board Room

Attendees:

Spencer Eccles, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Sophia DiCaro, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Tara Thue, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Kelleigh Cole, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Michael Sullivan, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Greg Slater, Governor's Office of Economic Development
Patrick Lee, Governor's Office of Economic Development
John Harvey, Public Service Commission
Carol Revelt, Public Service Commission
Spencer Jenkins, Automated Geographic Reference Center
Bert Granberg, Automated Geographic Reference Center
Jessie Pechmann, Automated Geographic Reference Center
Christy Heaton, Automated Geographic Reference Center
Juliette Tennert, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Rep. Ryan Wilcox, Utah State Legislature
Senator Curt Bramble, Utah State Legislature
Ken Peterson, Department of Technology Services

Stephanie Weiss, Department of Technology Services
Lynn Yocom, Utah Department of Transportation
Donna Jones Morris, Utah State Library
Craig Nielson, Utah State Library
Deb LaMarche, Utah Telehealth
Mike Peterson, Utah Education Network
Jeff Egly, Utah Education Network
Ryan Yonk, Utah State University
Dean Cox, Washington County
Bill Harry, Valley Emergency Communications Center
Tammy White, Ute Tribe
Blake Buxbaum, Ute Tribe
Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Stephen Mecham, Utah Rural Telecom Association
Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties
Sharon Bertelsen, Ballard Spahr

Summary:

The Utah Broadband Advisory Council held its inaugural meeting to discuss broadband adoption and deployment in the State of Utah and will provide the Governor and Legislature with recommendations and policy guidance. Bert Granberg presented on the Utah Geographic Reference Center's (AGRC) new population data map that may be used to identify unserved areas of the state. Sharon Bertelsen gave an update on federal regulatory and legislative issues. Issues addressed by members of the Council that may be discussed in further detail are:

- Possible update to S.B. 29 "Sales and Use Exemption – Telecommunications"
- Strategies to improve coordination between cities and counties
- Incentives/subsidies and methods of securing sustainable funding
- Defining a statewide goal for broadband speeds in Utah
- Developing recommendations to improve interoperability for 9-1-1 services
- Developing strategies to encourage providers to improve redundancy
- Developing strategies to support Universal Service Fund (USF) reform that will help deploy broadband in Utah