Arizona Telehealth Broadband Action Team (BAT)
Monthly Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2020, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Attendees:

- Dale Alverson, Strategic Telehealth Consultant, UNM Center for Telehealth, Albuquerque, NM *(guest)*
- John Badal, President, Sacred Wind Communications, Inc., Albuquerque, NM *(guest)*
- Patti Beauchamp, Grant Writer, MHA Foundation, Payson
- Jack Beveridge, President, Arizona Rural Health Association, Parker
- Travis Boren, Director, Telehealth Program, Northern Arizona Healthcare, Flagstaff
- Nicole Bullard, RN, BSN, Telehealth Site Coordinator, Northern Arizona Healthcare, Flagstaff
- Daniel Derksen, MD, Director, University of Arizona Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health Center for Rural Health
- Jennifer DonGilli, OR Nurse Executive/Interim Co-CNO, Tsehootsooi Medical Center, Fort Defiance
- Ellen Dudzik, BAT Coordinator, Arizona Telemedicine Program, Tucson
- Anthony Dunnigan, CMIO, Valleywise Health, Phoenix
- Derek Ferguson, Lenovo Public Sector, Lenovo, Scottsdale
- Josey Foo, Attorney/Website/Program Administrator, Navajo Family Voices, Farmington, NM *(guest)*
- Mark Goldstein, Chairman, Arizona Telecommunications & Information Council, Phoenix
- Michael Holcomb, Associate Director, Technology, Arizona Telemedicine Program, Tucson
- Dustin Hoyman, Director of Marketing, Nod Specialists, Scottsdale
- Cammy Johnson, Program Manager / Arizona and Nevada, Dignity Health Telemedicine Network, Phoenix
- Marcus Johnson, Director of State Health Policy & Advocacy, Vitalyst Health Foundation, Phoenix
- Bob Larkin, Healthcare Technology Equipment Coordinator, North Country Healthcare, Flagstaff
- Eric Lee, CEO, Solectek Corporation, San Diego, CA *(guest)*
- Sanja Long, CEO, MHA Foundation, Payson
- Janet Major, Associate Director, Education & Facilities, Arizona Telemedicine Program, Tucson
- Stephen Neal, PA, Chief of Staff, Family Practice, Informatics, Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility, Chinle
- Mauricio Orozco, Community Connections Engagement Manager, WellCare, a Centene Corporation, Phoenix
- Son Yong Pak, Director, Member Advocacy, Care1st Health Plan Arizona, Inc., Phoenix
- Cassandra Pena, Social Work Intern, Indian Health Services, Phoenix
- Steve Peters, Coordinator, Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network, Tucson
- Jennifer Pierce, Telemedicine Manager, Health Choice Arizona, Flagstaff
- Tara Plese, Chief External Affairs Officer, Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers, Phoenix
- DeAndre Robinson, Solectek Corporation, San Diego, CA *(guest)*
- Nancy Rowe, Associate Director, Public Policy & Outreach, Arizona Telemedicine Program, Flagstaff
- Harold Skow, Director of Information Technology, Navajo Nation, Albuquerque, NM *(guest)*
- Jeff Sobotka, VP and State Broadband Director, Arizona Commerce Authority, Phoenix

Meeting Leaders:

- Jeff Sobotka, VP and State Broadband Director, Arizona Commerce Authority, BAT Leader – JeffS@azcommerce.com, 602-432-0004 (cell)
- Nancy Rowe, Associate Director for Public Policy & Outreach, Arizona Telemedicine Program, BAT Facilitator – nrowe@telemedicine.arizona.edu, 928-266-1164

Meeting Notes:

Introductions (All)
- Attendees introduced themselves.
- Several were guests from New Mexico and California concerned with Navajo Nation and cross-state broadband issues and collaboration.

Mission of the Arizona Telehealth Broadband Action Team (Jeff Sobotka)
- Jeff has set up several Broadband Action Teams (BATs) in communities across Arizona.
- The telehealth BAT is statewide & focused on needs of telehealth providers & patients.
- Goal: collaboration & potential ideas on how to improve broadband access for telehealth in the state.

Group discussion regarding Navajo Nation broadband infrastructure challenges, issues, & funding followed.

Update: Federal Broadband Grant Program (Jeff Sobotka)
- Jeff reviewed available federal & state broadband grant opportunities, including the FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program, the USDA DLT & RUS grants, the NIH, Economicic Development Administration, Arzona Rural Broadband Development Grants, and potential additional federal stimulus funding.
- Many application deadlines have past; others are coming up soon.
- See details in Jeff's slides *(attached).*

Group discussion on funding & social determinants of health, including lack of broadband access, followed. It was suggested to bring funding for social determinants into this picture.

Discussion: Using the Slack Platform to Share Information (Nancy Rowe)
- Nancy brought up the possibility of using the Slack information-sharing platform to share grant information, broadband concerns, announcements, articles, ideas, etc., in real time and in focused discussion threads.
- More info on the platform: https://slack.com/
- There was not time for group discussion of whether this would be useful.

Update: Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network's COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force – Steve Peters, AZBSN Coordinator
- Steve provided updates on the activities & recommendations of the COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Teams: Education & Libraries, Technology, and Funding & Resources. They hope to have a Communities Team online soon.
- Details at: https://www.arizonatele.org/covid19-about.html

Resources Shared in the Chat:
- Mark Goldstein presented a Next-Generation Wireless Overview & Outlook deep dive covering the next generation wireless landscape with its underlying emerging technologies, markets, and trends. https://www.slideshare.net/markgirc/nextgeneration-wireless-overview-outlook-7720
- Steve Peters, Coordinator, Arizona COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force 520-321-1309 aticarizona@gmail.com www.arizonatele.org
- Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network COVID-19 Resources: https://www.arizonatele.org/covid-resources.html

The meeting was adjourned until the first Tuesday of August.