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[Steve Peters] 15:05:25

Okay, Doug, let's get started. And I wanna welcome everybody again.

[Steve Peters] 15:05:31

Good to see you all. We have lots of things to talk about today.

[Steve Peters] 15:05:37

So just gonna jump into it. I don't know if Sandip is gonna be here today.

[Steve Peters] 15:05:48

But first of all, I wanna thank I want to welcome a couple of new people to the meeting today.

[Steve Peters] 15:05:56

Will you wanna introduce yourself real quickly?

[Will Novak] 15:06:00

Yeah. My name is Will Novak. I am the government and community Affairs manager for Google Fiber here in Arizona I met Cindy and Aaron, and probably other people that are on this call at the net inclusion Conference, and they the ones that kind of directed me come

[Will Novak] 15:06:14

here and join you guys and figure out what's going on.

[Will Novak] 15:06:18

My role is kinda twofold. One is working with the cities and towns in initially Maricopa County, but hopefully, eventually, the entire State, on working out right of way license agreements and such to get Google Fiber to come to your city.

[Will Novak] 15:06:32

And then also running our philanthropic science, our community side, you know, we view sort of our good to do in the world as suffer on digital inclusion STEM things like that.

[Will Novak] 15:06:42

So I'm just trying to kind of learn who's doing what's where, and get a hold of things and get connected and plugged in as we can.

[Steve Peters] 15:06:49

Great. Well, thanks, Will, glad glad you joined us and look forward to.

[Will Novak] 15:06:54

Oh, so someone through my linkedin on there already. Wow! Look at that!

[Mark Goldstein] 15:06:58

That was me guy I, yeah, hey?

[Will Novak] 15:07:01

My Linkedin says that I'm an expert in maritime law, and that I speak Klingon.

[Will Novak] 15:07:06

So you know, it's very official.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:07:07

Cool, do follow up and put your email in there, too, though I know it will be in the sign on document eventually.

[Will Novak] 15:07:12

Yeah.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:07:15

But some people might want that.

[Will Novak] 15:07:16

It's very easy. Yep. There you go!

[Steve Peters] 15:07:19

Okay, okay, moving on. Is there anybody else new? I don't think so.

[Steve Peters] 15:07:25

I think everybody else has been here before so, but just a reminder that, excuse me that after this meeting, for those who are interested I can stay on for keep it. Scene with colleagues, which is, you may know it's just an informal gathering we stopped the recording and anybody

[Steve Peters] 15:07:47

who has anything to share, to have any questions or comments has the opportunity to do that.

[Steve Peters] 15:07:53

Oh, moving on! Nicole is Nicole on yet did see her.

[Steve Peters] 15:08:02

Okay. Well, hopefully, she's supposed to be here today.

[Steve Peters] 15:08:07

So I'm gonna wait for her to get started so quick announcement I I got a an email today from Robert with Chicago that they have been approved for \$750,000 for the fcc affordable connectivity outreach Grant program he wasn't sure

[Steve Peters] 15:08:33

exactly what they were approved for, yet, and he couldn't be here today.

[Steve Peters] 15:08:37

So hopefully next week we can get a better briefing on exactly what what's going on.

[Steve Peters] 15:08:43

Anybody know if anybody else in the State has been approved?

[Ilana Lowery] 15:08:49

Yes, Steve! Oh, oh!

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:08:50

Who I work with Robert. No, I was gonna say, Hi!

[Steve Peters] 15:08:52

I'm sorry.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:08:54

I actually work with Robert. I'm also part of Cplc, so we are super excited that we got the A/C.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:08:59

P Grant, and are just waiting for the comments to come back to see what adjustments were made.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:09:05

So that way we can start a business plan and sorry empowering lives in the community with Acp.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:09:11

So we're super excited. And Elana was actually the one to let us know.

[Steve Peters] 15:09:16

Great and apologize. Okay, I knew that you were. You were with them, and so I should have said, but nonetheless, that's very exciting that you guys got that, Grant.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:09:18

Oh, no worries!

[Steve Peters] 15:09:27

And actually, I have several things to chat with you guys about recording that Grant. But we'll get to that later.

[Will Novak] 15:09:35

And then I know city of Phoenix. Community and economic development did as well, and sorted a group called Promise Arizona.

[Steve Peters] 15:09:42

They all 3 got gotcha cool. So we need to find out who all those folks are and get an update from them.

[Will Novak] 15:09:44

Yeah, it. Variable.

[Ilana Lowery] 15:09:45

Yes, and there was also a tribal. There was also a tribal grant given.

[Will Novak] 15:09:50

Cool.

[Steve Peters] 15:09:59

Okay, so moving on that I'm gonna just jump into our presentation today. Uhhuh.

[Steve Peters] 15:10:05

I wanna welcome Katie McGowan who's the senior manager of economic development with local first Arizona and you many of you may recall she's been attended.

[Phillip Way] 15:10:06

Oh!

[Steve Peters] 15:10:17

Our meetings in the past, and shared information about local first, but I did want to invite her today to give us another update about what the economic recovery center is what the services they provide, because it's particularly important.

[Steve Peters] 15:10:37

And I've said this before is that as we move ahead with doing our digital inclusion, planning that many organizations that were interested in getting funding are gonna have to put together a plan, they're gonna need to define who their target audience, is what areas are focusing on what kinds of services they

[Steve Peters] 15:10:59

wanna provide how much money are they gonna need? And so forth.

[Steve Peters] 15:11:03

And so the economic recovery center has resources to help with that planning.

[Steve Peters] 15:11:11

So with that, Katie, I'm gonna stop. Do you need to share?

[Katie McCown] 15:11:14

I do, if you don't mind.

[Steve Peters] 15:11:15

So I will stop sharing.

[Ilana Lowery] 15:11:18

And Steve, while Katie is sharing. I went ahead and put the public notice.

[Ilana Lowery] 15:11:24

The list of grants in the chat.

[Steve Peters] 15:11:25

Okay. Thank you.

[Katie McCown] 15:11:29

Oh, right, let's see. Can you all see the presentation?

[Steve Peters] 15:11:34

Yup!

[Katie McCown] 15:11:35

Okay, perfect. Well, first of all, thank you, Steve, for that introduction, and thank you for inviting me back.

[Katie McCown] 15:11:42

I am very excited to be back with you guys today and share with you a little bit more information about our program and what we've been up to, and and what we're doing moving forward so to start off.

[Katie McCown] 15:11:57

I wanted to talk to you a little bit about why the center became what it is and the purpose behind it.

[Katie McCown] 15:12:05

So those of you on the call may be familiar with local first Arizona.

[Katie McCown] 15:12:12

That is the organization that I work for, and the department that I am in charge of is called the Economic Recovery Center.

[Katie McCown] 15:12:19

And while local first has been around for 20 years, the recovery center is just finishing up our second year in operation, and I tell you all of this to share with you a little bit of information about why we are doing what it is that we're doing so back in May of 2021 when we

[Katie McCown] 15:12:41

were all still in the height of Covid, and everything was coming down the pike in terms of Ppp loans, and idle loans, and all of those types of things for for profit businesses.

[Katie McCown] 15:12:53

We weren't seeing a lot of additional assistance with Grants.

[Katie McCown] 15:12:58

And so our wonderful leader Kimberl Laning, went out and pitched the idea for the recovery Center to several statewide organizations to get their buy-in and get some funding to run the center and what we did in the very beginning was we went out and talked to people all over

[Katie McCown] 15:13:15

the state, and just ask them, you know what are your challenges?

[Katie McCown] 15:13:18

What is it that is preventing you from getting access to the grant funding that you would like to get?

[Katie McCown] 15:13:23

And these were the top 3 things that came back. People were overextended, which I'm sure comes as no surprise to all of you.

[Katie McCown] 15:13:33

A lot of times with very small nonprofits.

[Katie McCown] 15:13:36

People are being asked to do more and more, and wear more and more hats with fewer and fewer staff, going right along with that or budget constraints every year.

[Katie McCown] 15:13:44

We're being asked to do more and more, with less and less money.

[Katie McCown] 15:13:48

And then while it's been so wonderful that a lot of grant opportunities have come down from the Federal Government with more grant opportunities, comes more competition.

[Katie McCown] 15:13:59

And so organizations we're finding it very difficult to figure out where they fit in with all of those funding opportunities.

[Katie McCown] 15:14:07

And what was best for them. So, after going out and having these conversations, we took that information back and tried to figure out, Okay, what can we do?

[Katie McCown] 15:14:17

How can we best fill these gaps and provide our organizations?

[Katie McCown] 15:14:23

And Arizona with a leg up. On all of this grant, funding.

[Katie McCown] 15:14:27

So the first thing that we did was we set up our website, which is right here in the light blue.

[Katie McCown] 15:14:33

It's economic recovery, az calm. And we started out with a new flash.

[Katie McCown] 15:14:38

We still do this Newsletter, in addition to all of our other services.

[Katie McCown] 15:14:42

But what we did was we started on a weekly basis, going in and seeing what all of the new Grant funding opportunities are that would apply to our organizations in Arizona.

[Katie McCown] 15:14:54

We take all of those opportunities on a federal state, local and foundation level, and we pile them into a newsletter, and we send that out every month.

[Katie McCown] 15:15:05

We also have all of those listed on our website as well.

[Katie McCown] 15:15:09

So the first way that you can get access to our services would be to sign up for this newsletter.

[Katie McCown] 15:15:16

So that you can see all of the funding that you are interested in.

[Katie McCown] 15:15:20

Organized by category specifically for you. And then after that, we developed some additional services that I will go through in the next few slides.

[Katie McCown] 15:15:31

But the most important thing I want to mention first is that all of these services are provided at no charge. So nothing that we're going to talk or everything that we're going to talk about today will not cost an organization anything.

[Katie McCown] 15:15:45

So what does that look like? So we have our support areas, as we call them, organiz into pre and post grant application.

[Katie McCown] 15:15:57

So the first way that we can help is by making sure that an organization is grant-ready.

[Katie McCown] 15:16:04

Sometimes we have people come to us who know that they need funding but they aren't sure exactly how to go about it.

[Katie McCown] 15:16:09

If that is the case, we can help make sure that people are signed up on Sam.

[Katie McCown] 15:16:14

Have done, numbers all of those things that they might need to have in place before they are able to submit a grant application.

[Katie McCown] 15:16:22

The second way that we can jump in and help is with Grant research.

[Katie McCown] 15:16:27

And this is what we spend a lot of our time doing when an organization comes to us with a need, we talk through their history with Grant, funding.

[Katie McCown] 15:16:35

Have they ever applied for anything before? Have they won anything in the past?

[Katie McCown] 15:16:39

And what is it that they need that funding for specifically?

[Katie McCown] 15:16:42

Once we do that my team and I will take that information back.

[Katie McCown] 15:16:47

And we conduct research. We look at federal, State, local and foundation grant opportunities, and we pull together a curated list of everything that that organization would qualify for, whether or not it's even open at this time we have a master list that we've created of all of the grants that we typically see which most as you

[Katie McCown] 15:17:06

probably know, are on an annual cycle. So even if you come to us in March, and the perfect grant for you doesn't open until July will still send that over to you, so that you have a full picture of everything that you qualify for after that, we can bring in a grant writer to assist you

[Katie McCown] 15:17:24

with the Grant application. We have 30 different Grant writers on our roster.

[Katie McCown] 15:17:30

They all have different areas of expertise when it comes to the types of grants they like to write, and the types of content that they like to write about.

[Katie McCown] 15:17:37

So depending on whatever the opportunity is, we will pick the person who has the most appropriate experience make that introduction, and then they help you and hold your hand through the whole process of getting everything written and submitted.

[Katie McCown] 15:17:52

After the grant application has been submitted, and a decision has come down which hopefully is a winning decision.

[Katie McCown] 15:18:01

But even if it isn't, we can still provide some additional services as well.

[Katie McCown] 15:18:06

So, for example, a lot of times we will help maybe a very small nonprofit when their first Federal grant and they're so excited.

[Katie McCown] 15:18:16

But then a month in they call me, and they're like Katie.

[Katie McCown] 15:18:18

We't know what we're doing. We don't know how to execute on this.

[Katie McCown] 15:18:21

And so in cases like that, we have another list of contractors that we can deploy to assist with all the kind of ancillary things that an organization from grant management to grant reporting specifically the financial reporting because that tends to be the most complicated, stressful part we also have

[Katie McCown] 15:18:44

facilitators who can help convene a group together.

[Katie McCown] 15:18:47

If, for example, a group of nonprofits has come together to apply for a grant, they've won it.

[Katie McCown] 15:18:53

But now they need a little bit help getting organized and figuring out who's gonna do what and how they're gonna execute on everything we have people who can assist with that like I said facilitators strategic planners, project managers all of the above we are here really to

[Katie McCown] 15:19:10

assist an organization from the very beginning to the very end of not only the grant application process, but executing on all of the deliverables, that they might need to do the reason.

[Katie McCown] 15:19:23

Behind. This is we really, from the very beginning of the recovery center, are working to work ourselves out of a job. We're working to build the capacity of these organizations so that they can continue to apply for larger grants and execute on larger grants and they no longer need our help anymore.

[Katie McCown] 15:19:43

So these are the people who qualify for our services. These are the types of organizations that we work with.

[Katie McCown] 15:19:49

We work with nonprofits, municipalities, or county governments, and tribal organizations.

[Katie McCown] 15:19:56

They have to be located either in rural Arizona or in an underserved part of a more metropolitan city, like Phoenix or Tucson.

[Katie McCown] 15:20:07

For example, if an organization falls into one of those buckets and they do not have a Grant writer on staff, they do not have a development team on staff, then they qualify to work with us and everything that we provide is at no cost.

[Katie McCown] 15:20:22

If an organization is unsure, whether or not they qualify, we still say, come to us, we'll figure it out, and we will help you as much as we can.

[Katie McCown] 15:20:30

If an organization ends up having a Grant writer, and we can't provide all of our support, we can still help them find the the right grants that would fit their organizations, or, if you know, they're located in Phoenix or something like that, for example, we can still

[Katie McCown] 15:20:48

connect them with a Grant writer. They would just have to pay for those services out of their budget.

[Katie McCown] 15:20:52

So, no matter what is going on, we tell people come to us, and we'll figure out how we can help.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:00

I kind of went through all of these things already, but as I mentioned, you qualified, you don't have a Grant writer on staff, and you are in rural or an underserved part of the State.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:13

This is a sheet that has a lot of information on it.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:17

But basically breaks down everything we've put to accomplish so far.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:21

So since May of 2021, we have worked with just under 600 organizations.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:27

We have 114 grants, which totals just over 31 million dollars.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:33

One of our major goals for 2022 was to make sure that we helped win at least one grant in every county, and we were able to do that, and we will continue to focus on that moving into 2023 or the rest of 2,023.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:49

I should say, as well, and so it gives you a little bit more of a breakdown by county in terms of the number of organizations we've assisted, and grants that have been won.

[Katie McCown] 15:21:59

In addition to the total dollar amount that we've been able to secure for organizations in those counties, and one thing I want to make sure, that I mentioned because this question comes up a lot is that all of the funding goes directly to the organization.

[Katie McCown] 15:22:14

We do not take any cut of it whatsoever. We exist to help organizations further, what it is that they are already doing.

[Katie McCown] 15:22:24

These are the sponsors that I mentioned at the very beginning of the presentation.

[Katie McCown] 15:22:30

These are the groups that provide the funding to the requirement center, so that we are able to operate the way that we do and provide our services at no cost.

[Katie McCown] 15:22:40

So we want to make sure that we acknowledge them here and say thank you to them for all of their wonderful support.

[Katie McCown] 15:22:50

Here again is the link to our website. And out on this website you can find a place where you can register for the newsletter.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:01

You can find a place where you can set up an appointment to meet with myself and my team, to discuss your organization's specific grant funding needs.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:10

And then we also have all of our grants that we have compiled onto the website organized by category organized by type.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:21

So you're able to go in and see a bunch of Grant information.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:24

There, as well.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:27

And then here is my contact information, and I can pop it into the chat as well.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:32

And I can also send Steve this presentation to share out.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:37

But you've got my email there and my phone number.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:42

And I know that was a lot of information to kind of throw at everybody. So I can go ahead and stop sharing and answer any questions that anyone might have.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:23:57

Hi katie! It's Shurika. No camera on, but it's been a while.

[Katie McCown] 15:23:58

Hi, Erica!

[Katie McCown] 15:24:02

I'm good. How are you?

[Shereka Jackson] 15:24:02

How are you? So we? I'm good. So it's been a minute since we talked, so should I.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:24:06

Schedule, a re- evaluation, or reconstruction with you.

[Katie McCown] 15:24:11

Yes, I would say, you can either do that, or you can shoot me an email since we've talked before, and just say, Hey, you know, here are the areas that I'm looking for additional funding in either way, I'd be more than happy to do some some more research, for you to see what we

[Shereka Jackson] 15:24:12

Okay.

[Katie McCown] 15:24:27

can find.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:24:28

Okay. Thank you.

[Katie McCown] 15:24:30

And that brings up something else that I should mention that the way that our budget is for 2023 is that we are able to support up to 4 applications per organization.

[Katie McCown] 15:24:45

This calendar year. So our services are not one and done, but they are also not unlimited either.

[Katie McCown] 15:24:52

And so we just want to make sure that we mentioned that.

[Katie McCown] 15:24:55

So that people keep that in mind, and yes, I will post my information here very quickly.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:05

Okay. Other questions or comments for Katie.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:15

So couple of quick things. Last week I talked to Nicole, and I have not been able to reach Sandip yet, but we discussed being able to do perhaps some workshops, webinars, or something, with Katie and with others to pick up with more detail about what this digital inclusion

[Steve Peters] 15:25:38

planning look like for an organization? How would they go about it?

[Steve Peters] 15:25:41

What kinds of support is available, such as the resources that that Katie discussed.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:47

So we'll be looking further into that opportunity and see what.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:52

But that's why I invited Katie today.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:56

Because we are going to be rapidly moving towards, hopefully, rapidly moving towards our digital inclusion planning. And our organizations really need to be prepared to submit their request.

[Steve Peters] 15:26:13

Okay. Any other questions or comments for Katie. I'm going to Katie.

[Steve Peters] 15:26:20

I'm gonna promote you and every one of our newsletters for the next few months, anyway, about the center and resources and link to your web page and all that kind of good stuff, because it's a pretty critical time right now.

[Katie McCown] 15:26:25

Uhhuh.

[Katie McCown] 15:26:34

Awesome. Thank you very much. And I did post my info in the chat.

[Katie McCown] 15:26:39

So anybody thinks of anything later today or at any point in time.

[Katie McCown] 15:26:43

Please don't hesitate to reach out, and we would be more than happy to talk with you and see how we can help.

[Steve Peters] 15:26:49

Great thanks again for being here again, enjoy. And, by the way, congratulations, Katie just got married not too long ago, so congratulations!

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:26:50

Hi!

[Katie McCown] 15:26:56

Thank you. Thank you very much.

[Steve Peters] 15:26:58

On your marriage.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:27:00

I support Katie and local person. Arizona.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:27:04

One thing about those grants. They could be from the Federal Government, and be in the millions of dollars or they could be a few \$1,000 for a local community project.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:27:15

So it covers together. That's off there.

[Katie McCown] 15:27:18

Yes, thank you, Andy. Yes, and what I should have mentioned is those 4 applications we can assist with can be any combination that can be for Federal, for foundation.

[Katie McCown] 15:27:31

They can all be for 20 million dollars each, or for \$5 each. That does not matter to us.

[Katie McCown] 15:27:36

So, whatever makes the most sense for your organization, we are happy to support that.

[Steve Peters] 15:27:42

Right. And by the way, while Andy was commenting that Andy is become a big supporter of Katie's and actually it was thanks to him that reminded me to reconnect with Katie so Andy Andy Sense announcements.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:00

that he thinks are important, and try to include those on our newsletter.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:05

So, Andy, appreciate your help with that also.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:28:08

One more quick question.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:28:08

Perfectly. Katie and I have a relationship.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:28:12

One more quick question. When you guys ask that question and made me think about this is, does it have to be program based? Grants?

[Shereka Jackson] 15:28:21

Or can it be unrestricted or capacity building grant writing as well?

[Katie McCown] 15:28:26

Yes, it can. All of the above.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:28:27

Nope, okay. Thanks.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:30

So, Katie, if I can impose upon you for just another minute, can you just talk briefly about when you present it to Andy?

[Katie McCown] 15:28:34

Sure!

[Steve Peters] 15:28:41

Well, I think there was somebody else who also presented about the collaboration that you've been supporting up in in the North. There.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:51

Can you talk a little bit about that?

[Katie McCown] 15:28:54

I will do my best. That is a different team at local first.

[Katie McCown] 15:28:57

So I'm not actually direct involved in that work. But I will tell you everything.

[Katie McCown] 15:29:02

I know local. First, Arizona has won a grant to work on a project called the Northern Arizona.

[Katie McCown] 15:29:11

Good jobs network and what that is. A 4 year grant where our workforce development team is going into these areas and building out some teams and processes and improving the the workflow and job access in our northern Arizona counties it Kate Stewart is

[Katie McCown] 15:29:39

our staff member, who is in charge of that, and I can put her information here in the chat as well.

[Katie McCown] 15:29:46

I unfortunately don't have much more information on it than that, but I can direct you to the person who does have all the information.

[Steve Peters] 15:29:53

That's a pretty impressive presentation she did about that.

[Steve Peters] 15:29:58

About that effort.

[Joy Whiting] 15:30:01

Hi! This is Joy Whiting. I was wondering if you could tell me what northern Arizona County that is is, that in Coconino County.

[Katie McCown] 15:30:09

I believe it is Coconino up. It's a patchy.

[Katie McCown] 15:30:16

I don't wanna misspeak it, but it is a few of the counties in Northern Arizona.

[Joy Whiting] 15:30:20

Okay, thank you. I'll reach out to.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:30:23

Northern tier counties. Apache, Navajo.

[Katie McCown] 15:30:29

Yes.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:30:29

Oh, I'm going West. Don't try to think of the county more. Hobby.

[Katie McCown] 15:30:36

Yes.

[Joy Whiting] 15:30:36

Thank you. Thank you, Andy, that's a big deal.

[Joy Whiting] 15:30:39

Thank you so much.

[Steve Peters] 15:30:41

Oh, joy! That falls right into your!

[Joy Whiting] 15:30:45

Yes, it does. Thank you so much. That's why I love connecting with everybody on this meeting.

[Joy Whiting] 15:30:49

I appreciate it.

[Steve Peters] 15:30:50

Sure!

[Steve Peters] 15:30:52

Okay? Anything else for Katie? Thank you again, Katie.

[Steve Peters] 15:30:59

Really appreciate it.

[Katie McCown] 15:31:00

Yeah, thank, you.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:04

So I'm gonna go back to sharing my screen for a minute.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:31:06

Steve, before you move on. Really quick. Just wanna say I met with Mister Bryan Carter. Dr.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:07

Yeah, yeah, Shereka.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:31:14

Bryan Carter, and I am going down there on the 20 fourth to see the lab, so I know we were all chatting about it last week on.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:31:20

This is going to Ua to see the lab I've already scheduled my appointment.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:31:24

If anybody else wants to tap on to that the 20 fourth Friday I'm taking off work, and I'm going down there.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:31

Hi might have to take off and meet you there. I haven't been over to his lab, so you know, I think that would be a cool thing to do.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:42

Okay.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:31:44

Yup, yup, thanks.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:46

Alrighty. So, going back to sharing my screen.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:54

Okay. So as you all know that the last couple of meetings we've talked about easy.

[Steve Peters] 15:32:05

Bsm. Collaborating with with access that, thanks to excuse me, thanks for meetings with Marcus, and like that, we have begun a discussion on how we can collaborate with access that it has to do a campaign to reassign up people who have been on

[Steve Peters] 15:32:33

access, and have not had to do that for the last couple of years.

[Steve Peters] 15:32:36

And so we are in the process of having that discussion, and to follow up on that next week.

[Steve Peters] 15:32:45

We have 3 people who are going to be presenting that book can be very important to this co-operation.

[Steve Peters] 15:32:55

The first is Don Jones, and I don't know.

[Steve Peters] 15:32:57

Don Jones is with the division of benefits and eligibility at the Us.

[Steve Peters] 15:33:02

And they are working on an Acp initiative and have put together an Acp presentation that they want to share with us. Next week.

[Steve Peters] 15:33:12

So Don is primarily going to be the prescript for that, for what the Es is doing.

[Steve Peters] 15:33:20

In addition to that, although I don't know April, if you're on on the call today.

[Steve Peters] 15:33:24

But April, Jones is a Ds community engagement liaison.

[Steve Peters] 15:33:30

Has been participating in this task force pretty regularly, and she was actually the one who recommended that we connect with with Don, and that we pursue how we can best collaborate with the Acp initiative that they're gonna be launching in addition to that, thanks to

[Steve Peters] 15:33:52

Mauricio. I contacted all and.

[jocelyn beard] 15:33:54

Huh! Yes. Oh, Thursday, okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:34:00

And Jocelyn. Is that correct?

[Jocelyn beard] 15:34:02

Yes.

[Steve Peters] 15:34:04

And so and Jocelyn is also here with D. E.

[Steve Peters] 15:34:08

S. And so he is a consultant with the children's Action Alliance, correct me if I'm wrong, Jocelyn, and he is working on their outreach, and initiative, unwinding access continuous coverage and enrollment regarding the access continuous

[Steve Peters] 15:34:27

enrollment, ending on April the first, and so he is very.

[Steve Peters] 15:34:30

I've got a great conversation with him. He's very connected with a lot of different organizations here in the state health care organizations, youth organizations, and so forth.

[Steve Peters] 15:34:43

So the 3 of them are going to present to us next week.

[Steve Peters] 15:34:48

About what their plans are, what they're doing, and for us to continue to explore how we can best collaborate with all these healthcare and access organizations.

[Steve Peters] 15:35:01

So it's pretty exciting, because this collaboration could dramatically increase here and needs to happen fairly quickly with enrollment ending April the first.

[Steve Peters] 15:35:15

So then follow up to that I mentioned before that I have talked with Mauricio and Aaron.

[Steve Peters] 15:35:24

With Mauricio and Aaron, and they are going to help facilitate this collaboration.

[Steve Peters] 15:35:32

So excuse me, so I don't know, Eric I know, Aaron, you're already jumping on that.

[Steve Peters] 15:35:39

I'm Rico. Are you on the call today?

[Steve Peters] 15:35:42

I thought I saw you earlier.

[Ilana Lowery] 15:35:47

He had to jump.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:35:47

He had to leave.

[Steve Peters] 15:35:49

Okay, so so Aaron and Marissa and I are, gonna get together and talk more about how this could happen.

[Steve Peters] 15:35:56

But this could be a great partnership with children's action alliance with other community organizations.

[Steve Peters] 15:36:04

With d, E. S. And and the Fcc. And part of the discussion is that in addition, when Lyle participated with us, he was saying that he was interested in doing not just one event, but doing multiple events.

[Steve Peters] 15:36:20

And so this fits very well with what his interests are, and in addition to that, that as I was talking with Allen and the course, others may have a comment about this, but they were actually navigators, and many of the communities out there, so we were talking about can we use those

[Steve Peters] 15:36:43

navigators, and use Lyle to train the navigators in those communities to do exactly what we've been interested in all along.

[Steve Peters] 15:36:53

So this provides us a great opportunity, or outreach and Janet, I know you're online, or you were.

[Steve Peters] 15:37:00

And I know you've got a lot of connections out in those communities. And of course, the libraries. Erin, do you want to say anything about a lot of the work that you've already started with this?

[Erin Lorandos] 15:37:09

Sure, just really recap. So we started by reaching out to all the libraries in the State and getting their specific needs around languages for the Acp Promo materials that well was so kind to offer to print and mail directly to the libraries for us so that part has happened and we

[Erin Lorandos] 15:37:30

are now working on. Whether or not the materials that while can print can be edited to include local navigator contact information so that would be the connect Arizona navigators through the State Library.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:37:44

And it's poteNTIAlly also other navigators who are still deciding whether or not they're able to be listed in that way. So that part is a little Tbd.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:37:54

Yet the next step in the process will be for us to to be listed in that way. So that part is a little Tbd.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:37:59

Yet the next step in the process will be for us to provide the list of addresses to Ly so that he can get the material sent out.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:38:04

I'm waiting to figure out a little workaround for some of our locations that were only have po boxes for their mailing.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:38:11

As the stuff is gonna come through. You know, shipping services.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:38:16

They need to have physical apps as opposed to peel boxes.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:38:20

And so what I'm thinking about doing for those locations that just can't necessarily be there to accept a delivery because they're not open every day of the week or what not, we'll figure out another way to get those materials to them directly still, hoping to get all of that information back to

[Erin Lorandos] 15:38:37

Lyle with the information that he's giving us about whether or not he can change the printing before it happens to include that contact information by the end of this month so we'll still be on on target to to do the the education piece through the libraries by spring is is the loose

[Erin Lorandos] 15:38:57

timeline that we had kind of talked about. So that's where we are right now, just waiting for a couple of those little bits to fall into place, and then we'll move on to the next steps.

[Steve Peters] 15:39:04

Great thanks, Erin, as always the library does. It's great stuff any questions for Erin.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:39:06

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:39:12

Going, once, going twice, so I will turn to get together with Maurizio and Aaron, and talk.

[Steve Peters] 15:39:21

Map out the next steps. We wanna have another meeting with Lyle and and then we'll continue the discussion with the Es Andy.

[Steve Peters] 15:39:32

Do you want to say anything about the yes? This point.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:39:37

Not that I could pick up. I know shorthand.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:39:41

The director's office at the meeting are working to get information regarding, and I've got an information.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:39:46

Out to all of our community action agencies, and I know they're posting that information in their newsletters and with the clients that they may still be seeing in person.

[Andy Sinclair DES] 15:39:58

So we are still trying to get the word out.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:00

Great thanks. Andy. Okay, so moving on, I'd say, I don't know.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:08

Has Nicole joined us or not?

[Steve Peters] 15:40:12

Okay, so moving on, you may know that we've been talking for a while about the importance of cyber security and needing to address that.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:21

That issue. So Molly and I chatted today and I have started working on a draft.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:30

And I want to make them emphasize this, and I'll share it with you.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:34

A draft webpage on what this might look like.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:37

But, thanks to mama's help, that one of the things we came up with Amala, I even had it a bullet point for you was supporting that.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:40:44

Yeah.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:48

We think the the team will focus on several areas.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:54

One is supporting the e-rate cybersecurity for schools and libraries, and while we're well, let me come back to that Maila, and you can talk some more about that in a second.

[Steve Peters] 15:41:03

Secondly, is that we want to focus on securing networks.

[Steve Peters] 15:41:07

Third is securing devices worth of securing people, and last of all is to provide input into the beat and digital inclusion, planning.

[Steve Peters] 15:41:17

So I'm gonna share with you, Molly. You wanna take just a minute and talk about the e-rate for schools and libraries.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:41:26

Yes, sure. The Hi. CC. Had put out a note for us to comment on, and that the common first commentary ended February thirteenth, and we have a reply.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:41:43

Comments period that's ending march thirtieth, and there have been a lot of comments that they have received mainly on the importance of including those in the eligible services list, so that it rate can support the payment of for those

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:42:06

firewalls, and for cybersecurity in general, mainly network security.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:42:12

It's not securing the devices it's securing.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:42:15

The networks that people are accessing the school network and the library network to get the information that they need.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:42:23

Okay, we. The comments were requested on whether you need extra gram to money, extra money for it, not grant money extra e-rate funding for it, or what kind of firewalls should we covered, etc.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:42:39

And ffl, that is the funds for learning.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:42:42

Did a survey last year where they actually came up with a kind of rough estimate that they would need about 60 million dollars per year, added to the current category.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:42:57

2 category, 2 budgets are budgets to help improve the cybersec.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:43:05

Help network equipment within the library or schools. We won't go into further details, but we'll take it up with the Cyber Security group, because I know time is of essence and want Steve to talk about all the other bullet points as well.

[Steve Peters] 15:43:23

Okay, any questions from Allah before we move on so I'm gonna share this draft page with you.

[Steve Peters] 15:43:30

Hopefully.

[Steve Peters] 15:43:33

And again, this is a very still, very much of in the works, so don't so just keep that in mind so what I tried to do was to just outline that we're gonna be developing and Ma and I had discussion about should be should we include digital inclusion should it be just broadband

[Steve Peters] 15:43:53

and so we're gonna be working through that that issue.

[Steve Peters] 15:43:57

So for now call on a broadband. Digital inclusion, cybersecurity, alliance and spread strategy team that's up for discussion.

[Steve Peters] 15:44:04

I wanna get into it today, like, that's what we're kind of looking at as a possibility.

[Steve Peters] 15:44:10

So I put that together. I started put together this page as I mentioned that we talked about these issues, the E rate, the security network securing devices securing people and providing input, into beat digital inclusion planning put a little bit of information about cyber security and about broadband and digital inclusion security

[Steve Peters] 15:44:34

issues, and that our strategy may include things like increasing digital literacy, cyber security programs providing access to cyber security tools and resources and developing policies and regulations to protect against cyber threats, charge groups might be new affordable connectivity program signups, low income

[Steve Peters] 15:45:02

disadvantage and marginalized people are people that have little or no experience with technology, school districts, library, small businesses.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:10

And isps who should participate educational institutions.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:17

K 12 universities, community colleges, libraries, state and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, cyber security organizations, small business organizations, community action organizations and health care organizations.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:34

And I'm sure there's a lot more that we would want to include.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:40

And then this was, I'm not gonna go over this because it's been updated.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:44

But this was an outline from a number of years ago I created a cybersecurity alliance, and this list is from there.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:55

Some of it's relevant. Some of it's not.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:56

So I'm gonna be updating that. But anyway, that's kind of where we are, what we're working on Mo.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:04

And I've talked about possibilities of couple of folks who might be able to lead this effort in anybody who wants to participate is welcome to be engaged in this process.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:14

So that's what we're thinking at this point.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:16

Any questions or comments.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:24

No, awfully. You're not there.

[Henry Goldberg] 15:46:28

Are you gonna send that out to the task force, Steve, about what the summary of all this?

[Steve Peters] 15:46:34

Yes, Henry, I have. I update that, and Ma and I are.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:39

Gonna have a couple of conversations before I do that.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:42

But yes, it will come out to the task force.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:46

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:49

Okay, so couple of quick things coming up before we get into our updates on the fourteenth consumer affairs and outreach Division, a monthly call will be on, and Elena, who was a regular participant with us, this task force is going to do an overview of

[Steve Peters] 15:47:11

the Acp pilot and Awareness and Enrollment Initiative. Elena, do you want to say anything about that?

[Ilana Lowery] 15:47:21

Yeah. So the Fcc has a a monthly call and obviously they're very focused on Acp right now.

[Ilana Lowery] 15:47:27

So since we we had done the pilot and got really good results we learned a lot of things, and they're interested in some of those lessons learned which I did a blog about.

[Ilana Lowery] 15:47:43

And we talked about it. Net, inclusion, I'm one of the panels a little bit.

[Ilana Lowery] 15:47:48

But yeah, so they asked if I could do the community call tomorrow?

[Ilana Lowery] 15:47:52

So I said I would be happy to.

[Steve Peters] 15:47:56

Sorry, you're welcome to join that call, and also, I believe, if my memory couldn't serve me correctly, that I also did put a link in the last email announcement about this meeting about her presentation, if you're interested so next thing moving on on March the sixteenth actually

[Steve Peters] 15:48:20

Michelle? Are you still online?

[Steve Peters] 15:48:26

Probably not so this Thursday. There will be a Pima County workforce Summit.

[Steve Peters] 15:48:34

Be a number of organizations. I think they're expecting like 3 or 400 people, to participate.

[Steve Peters] 15:48:40

And if it's it's focused on county and looking at workforce resources and strategies.

[Steve Peters] 15:48:51

Excuse me for the county as a part of that that there is going to be a panel talking about the digital divide and I know Michelle was on that panel.

[Steve Peters] 15:49:02

So any other comments about that event. You're all welcome to attend I've put the link, I believe, on how to be able to attend.

[Steve Peters] 15:49:12

It is free, actually, and you're welcome to attend it's a long day event from 8 30, I believe, until 5, and then after that there is on a technology council is having a mixer.

[Steve Peters] 15:49:25

And this will all be at the University of Arizona. Science and Tech Park.

[Steve Peters] 15:49:30

So again. You're all invited and encouraged to attend that event.

[Steve Peters] 15:49:35

And then, Shereka, you wanna just do a reminder quickly about your STEM.

[Steve Peters] 15:49:39

Fair.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:49:41

Yes, yes, just please share to use to get them registered.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:49:47

We are probably at about 80. Something register right now. I know we're still almost a month out.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:49:53

So it's gonna be a while. But just if you hear anybody that's gonna be in town on April 20 s in the Phoenix metropolitan area, and they wanna have fun and listen to some music.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:50:03

And it's a barbecue, and learn about Stam.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:50:05

Send them my way, or anybody that's like going to sponsor events or taking sponsors to.

[Steve Peters] 15:50:06

Great thanks, hey? As you all know. Should we go this great stuff?

[Steve Peters] 15:50:17

And certainly it'd be great to support her. Okay, so let's go on to our updates.

[Steve Peters] 15:50:23

Molly, do you have anything else regarding the libraries that you wanna report? Let me ready.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:50:31

Really nothing much this week. I'm still working on getting all of our applications in our deadline for getting edit applications.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:50:40

This this year's applications is March 20, eighth.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:50:44

So working hard to make sure that all our libraries apply on time.

[Steve Peters] 15:50:52

Okay, is that it? Okay? So, Janet, Major, you were.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:50:54

Thank you.

[Steve Peters] 15:50:57

If you're still on you, and Mala, do you have anything else?

[Steve Peters] 15:51:01

You wanna report on the telehealth and libraries project?

[Cindy Hogan] 15:51:07

And it is stepped off.

[Steve Peters] 15:51:08

Okay.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:51:09

Hey? Hmm, okay, I will mention about all new project, new pilot project that I'm working on with Janet and with any U and Ua.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:51:20

We are planning to do. And again, it's very much in its entency.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:51:25

We have enabled Lsda Grant, as well as an Nih.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:51:28

Grant to work with the Navajo nation as well as with the Thehone Odom tribes.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:51:34

Yeah, on detecting, scanning livers to detect liver cancer.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:51:44

And there has been a study done that shows that these 2 tribes have a preponderance of Uhver cancer.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:51:52

Then only detection has helped save lives. So this is what we're trying to do through the libraries, making sure that we have our connectivity of broadband connections up in those libraries that are going to participate.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:52:11

Cocino County is leading the the project with with the 2 Bus city being the first site where we are going to do this, the deliver scans.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:52:21

It's going to be done early summer, and right through summer we will have events in the Naboon nation as well as in targeting Donhona or them right in and around Pima County.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:52:37

So more details I will share as we go along. But this, this is a pilot project with Nih and N au and Ub.

[Mala AZ State Library] 15:52:51

Back to you, Steve.

[Steve Peters] 15:52:52

Okay, thanks, Marla Aaron. Do you have anything else that you wanna talk about?

[Erin Lorandos] 15:52:58

Not at this time. Thank you.

[Steve Peters] 15:53:01

Okay, and I don't believe Holly is online. And Janet Major has dropped off and I can see Philip saying, today, Philip, are you here?

[Steve Peters] 15:53:11

Department of Ed.

[Steve Peters] 15:53:15

Hey? It's not Cindy. Do you have anything that you wanna report?

[Cindy Hogan] 15:53:20

Yeah, I'll just say that NTIA has invited Mike Edmonds and myself to help them coordinate to community conversations about digital equity.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:53:33

Here in Tucson. So we're working on that.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:53:35

It's going to be marked 20, fourth, open to the community.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:53:41

One is gonna be at 2 Sun House, and one's gonna be at.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:53:45

We care the computer refurbishing operation here in Tucson.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:53:52

So those would be good. I went to a job fair on a summer youth job fair on Saturday and signed up one person for the Acp.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:54:03

Good.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:05

Felt really good. They're very. It's a very difficult process.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:10

So I was really grateful that I had an opportunity to be there.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:16

Let's see the Arizona Digital Inclusion network is working on getting our comments ready to give input to the digital equity and the planning processes.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:29

We're just pulling our thoughts together, and the work that we've been doing over the last year to compile kind of digital inclusion.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:39

Best practices from the people that have been doing the work in the field.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:42

So that we're working on that. And trying to make a connection with the Governor's office and the 8 and the Aca.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:51

The State broadband on, and our effort down in Pmex County, which is called Connect Pima.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:54:59

We're working on same kind of thing trying to collect the information that we've gathered from meeting over the last year to figure out what we want to tell the State about what Pima county needs down here in terms of the Federal money that's coming in for the digital equity and bead

[Cindy Hogan] 15:55:17

program? Where yup stand? Real busy.

[Steve Peters] 15:55:21

Hey? Thanks, Cindy!

[Steve Peters] 15:55:24

So I wanted to circle back for a minute. Unfortunately, Nicole is not here to share this information, but NTIA has published a request for comment.

[Steve Peters] 15:55:36

They're looking for input on how NTIA should structure.

[Steve Peters] 15:55:40

I'm reading this for you. The 1.4 4 billion state to do equity capacity.

[Steve Peters] 15:55:46

Grant and the 1.2 5 billion Digital Equity Company competitive group program.

[Steve Peters] 15:55:52

And they're looking for input from people. You can submit a request you can have provided the link in my email.

[Steve Peters] 15:56:03

And on the page here, and you can, and I'll help actually put it in the chat also.

[Steve Peters] 15:56:08

But you can submit it. You comments. And then, when Nicole is available, we can also look at.

[Steve Peters] 15:56:16

Are there some comments and input? We would like to provide as a task force.

[Steve Peters] 15:56:20

So comments are due, may first at 50'clock Eastern time.

[Steve Peters] 15:56:27

So just keep that in mind and really encourage you all to provide your input.

[Steve Peters] 15:56:35

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:56:37

Yeah, mark.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:56:37

Steve mark here I'm looking forward. I'm gonna post an article in the Benton institutions site that details all the NTIA's different questions.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:56:54

Like 25, or 30 questions in coherent groups, so it's a good summary of that.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:57:00

If you don't have the patience for the core documents.

[Steve Peters] 15:57:02

Good. Thank you, Mark. Okay, excuse me.

[Steve Peters] 15:57:11

Oh, allergy! Here Derek is not here!

[Steve Peters] 15:57:15

Rory is not here, and my one's not here, so I think we're pretty much done for the day.

[Steve Peters] 15:57:21

Anybody have anything that they want to announce, to report.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:57:28

I have one little just fun thing. I suppose I could have given this as an update.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:57:34

But so this last weekend, the Cytech Institute, booth at the Arizona Renaissance Festival, and brought together a bunch of folks in the the STEM World and the State Library, as well as the Apache Junction Public Library, Co Booth there and we made

[Erin Lorandos] 15:57:54

a little sign that asked people to shout Huzzah! For library.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:57:57

If they love libraries, and I had over 360 huzzahs by the end of the day.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:58:03

So that was kind of a fun way to spend my Saturday, and the other folks that were there included the Ap chemistry students for bash high School that were just like 30 of them, and they were all excited, and they were doing science in front of the Renaissance Festival and

[Steve Peters] 15:58:04

Yeah.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:58:21

then the the Natural History Museum, and Mesa was there, as well as the Arizona Science Center.

[Erin Lorandos] 15:58:30

So it was a really fun day, and you know, putting libraries out there and putting the the work that that we're all doing was a kind of a fun way to spend the day.

[Steve Peters] 15:58:39

How fun! Cool!

[Erin Lorandos] 15:58:39

So you can see pictures on the Arizona Library's Facebook page.

[Steve Peters] 15:58:50

Okay. Oh, Hi! Holly didn't see you earlier. Is there anything you wanna add?

[Holly Henley] 15:58:57

No, I think Erin and ma, I have covered. But thank you.

[Steve Peters] 15:59:01

They do a great job.

[Holly Henley] 15:59:03

They do?

[Steve Peters] 15:59:05

Michelle, are you still on line?

[MICHELLE SIMON] 15:59:09

Yup, I'm still here.

[Steve Peters] 15:59:12

Do you wanna say anything more about the workforce event coming up on Thursday?

[MICHELLE SIMON] 15:59:19

I'm pretty excited about the event overall. I mean, they're talking about a lot of great stuff, and I will be participating in the panel discussion at the end of the event.

[MICHELLE SIMON] 15:59:31

Carla to participate in that and really help to kind of align digital inclusion with workforce development.

[MICHELLE SIMON] 15:59:43

And why? That's important workforce and economic development. And why?

[MICHELLE SIMON] 15:59:46

That's important. So I'm really excited about that.

[MICHELLE SIMON] 15:59:49

If if anybody can go, please do, because there is even Atlunch time going to be a provider resource fair, where you know all of the community members providing that kind of support organizations providing that kind of support will be handing out information.

[MICHELLE SIMON] 16:00:11

You know we'll be handing out information, not just from the library, but about Connect P.

[MICHELLE SIMON] 16:00:16

Men as well. So I look forward to that.

[Steve Peters] 16:00:17

Great. Okay. Anybody have anything else.

[Steve Peters] 16:00:24

Okay. Well, I'm gonna stop recording. And then if anybody wants to stay in kippets, we can do that for a while, and if not, we'll end the meeting.

[Steve Peters] 16:00:43

Anybody have anything? Say, Paul, you're too too quiet, you know.

[Steve Peters] 16:00:48

I'm gonna pick on you if you don't say everything.

[Paul Ross] 16:00:52

Spring break. It's spring break, and I'm still taking and I'm still taking meetings left, right and center.

[Steve Peters] 16:00:54

Oh, well, there you go!

[Paul Ross] 16:00:59

So seems to be the way I go now, actually, I'm pretty happy.

[Steve Peters] 16:01:03

Hmm!

[Paul Ross] 16:01:04

I right? 70 pages on a dissertation in the last couple of weeks.

[Paul Ross] 16:01:08

So I'm billing pretty. I was just gonna say that there's some interesting research.

[Paul Ross] 16:01:15

I'm coming across. I might share some articles in the near future with some of the you really research that I've seen coming out of Europe, but also other places that I don't think necessarily has been exposed very much.

[Paul Ross] 16:01:32

But there's a lot of new papers that have been released in the last year.

[Paul Ross] 16:01:37

That have been written as a result of covid experiences and due to the pandemic and digital divide but I'll be reading through some new information coming out of Europe as well in terms of what they're doing and how they're interpreting the digital divide and

[Paul Ross] 16:01:58

what their measures have been in terms of bandwidth, megabits, and predictions, and where they're heading as well.

[Paul Ross] 16:02:08

So I'm not in a position to share it at the moment, but I think in the future I will, because I think that's good to look beyond the US.

[Paul Ross] 16:02:19

Context, I think we get a little insular, and we need to look beyond and see what other people are doing.

[Paul Ross] 16:02:27

There's a lot of interesting policy aspects that are coming out of Australia.

[Paul Ross] 16:02:32

I've seen, but there's some good stories here in the US, too, about some of the problems with outreach and getting people on board the programs and you know how much work it does take.

[Paul Ross] 16:02:47

And how often you can spend a lot of time. But the adoption rates are pretty low, and I read a paper just recently about an experience.

[Paul Ross] 16:02:59

I think it was in San Diego, where there was a absolutely ton of resources spent, but the adoption rate was extremely low.

[Paul Ross] 16:03:07

So anyway, I'll highlight some of these as I bring them together and bring them to fruition to share them with the group, because I think there's something to be said about looking at what other people have done.

[Steve Peters] 16:03:22

Great thanks, Paul, enjoy your holiday. You take actually taking time off, besides writing for your dissertation.

[Paul Ross] 16:03:30

I you know you knock off one dissertation milestone, or tasks, and there's always another one.

[Paul Ross] 16:03:38

So until you're done, you just keep going task after task.

[Paul Ross] 16:03:42

So I was very happy to submit 70 pages last week.

[Paul Ross] 16:03:46

I'm going. Okay. I think that chapter is done. But now, until I need to do the edits, sorry. I'll just keep keep moving along.

[Steve Peters] 16:03:56

Cool, so, Paul, when are you gonna be ready to give us an overview of your project?

[Paul Ross] 16:04:05

In a little while. In a little while, Steve, the Community College Board has to accept the the grant first, so they have.

[Mark Goldstein] 16:04:07

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 16:04:08

That huh!

[Paul Ross] 16:04:16

It's on their agenda for the next Board meeting.

[Paul Ross] 16:04:19

There's a process you gotta go through. But there was a Cmc.

[Paul Ross] 16:04:23

Orientation today. And if anyone has gone through and worked with some of the Federal grants, there's a handbook.

[Paul Ross] 16:04:32

And there's the timelines and the reporting requirements that you have to do for these grants.

[Paul Ross] 16:04:38

Not insignificant. These grants come with an incredible amount of reporting that goes with them.

[Paul Ross] 16:04:48

So those are the things that? Yeah, I'm looking at least 5 different types of reports on a very regular basis.

[Paul Ross] 16:04:56

So, but the Cmc they did update their website with all the different grant awardees on their new on their map.

[Paul Ross] 16:05:07

So you can see them all across the country now, and seems to be very easy to navigate through and look at that.

[Paul Ross] 16:05:15

But look at a lot of resources on their website. Now.

[Steve Peters] 16:05:20

Hey? Anything else? Anybody else has anything they wanna say, if not, I believe that we are done for today.

[Steve Peters] 16:05:33

Thank you all.

[Erin Lorandos] 16:05:35

Bye, have a good week.

[Paul Ross] 16:05:36

Alright cheers everyone, remember, check out your local library.

[Erin Lorandos] 16:05:41

Oh!

[Paul Ross] 16:05:43

Bye, cheers!

[Erin Lorandos] 16:05:43

How's that? Bye?