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[Steve Peters] 15:05:15 Alrighty, good. Hello everybody. Welcome. So, before we get started, I just wanna tell you, you just gotta bear with me. I think those of you have been on the calls in the past know I've been suffering from long COVID for probably a year now and, have been having all kinds of related issues with that. So, just bear with me here. Let's talk a little bit about the agenda today. First of all, thanks to our sponsors. Actually, we need to refresh our sponsors, but they are First Arizona Health Plan, Valley, the Sun, United Way, Satellite, Broadcasting Communications Association, Kajeet, Triad wireless, and Karen Ziegler, Consulting services. And we do miss Karen. Now she's had all kinds of health and family issues. So she has not been around much and we do miss her. And hopefully she will be back.

And do we have any new people? Joining us today? Chris, you've been here before, but you want to introduce yourself since the people probably don't know who you are.

[Chris Johnson] 15:06:42 I'm sure, hello everyone. It's Chris Johnson. Recently retired from the University of Arizona. Where I was the director of the last thing I was the director of years. Shoot a name, forget the name of the program I taught in. For, 11 years. I was, you're on a technology program and had some other fancier title than that. And before that I was involved in getting the integrated learning center off the ground again before that working with the College of Humanities for a number of years.

[Steve Peters] 15:07:29 Yeah, so as I was commenting earlier, Chris was an early pioneer and adopter of technology and education before most people knew what it was, so, he's been around for a long time.

[Steve Peters] 15:07:33 Okay, and we have anybody else new joining us today? If not, let's, let's move on. So I don't believe Sandip is here.

[Steve Peters] 15:07:44 Nicole, I know you're online. You want to kind of give us an update, please.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:07:49

Sure, good afternoon, everybody. You know, it's pretty hot in Phoenix here.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:07:54

I have my fan going. Are you able to hear me okay? Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:08:03

Yep. So Nicole, just introduce yourself. I know most people know who you are, but.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:08:07

Sure. Yep. Good afternoon. I'm the federal program officer with NTIA.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:08:09

And I support the bipartisan infrastructure projects on broadband and digital equity here in Arizona. I live in Phoenix.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:08:20

I, I really am passionate about this, this important responsibility to bring high speed, affordable broadband to every single household in Arizona.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:08:31

It's been an interesting journey so far. I do get to support. In my role, I support the broadband office in administering these project funds for both broadband, the broadband equity access and deployment program, and the Digital Equity Act and I support support a number of other NGA

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:08:52

Okay.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:08:52

broadband projects in the city as well. I wanted to just give an update to this group on, a little bit on.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:09:00

Some federal news and on the broadband office.

[Steve Peters] 15:09:08

And the call just FYI, Cindy is also on the call. She's gonna be.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:09:09

Excellent. Excellent. Maybe I'll switch my points around so I can hand off to, but.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:09:16

This group may have seen the FCC released a federal funding. That shows different, layers for different broadband project areas.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:09:25

Including, capital project. So I think I'll go ahead and drop that link in the chat when we're done with the updates, I'll go ahead and drop that link in the chat when we're done with the updates, but that's a fantastic resource for those of you who are looking at, what's coming down the line for your areas

[Nicole Umayam] 15:09:40

or you know you're interested in some of the future map projects and topics that we've had.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:09:48

There's also a broader guide from NTA on the internet for all sites that talks about different federal funding for both digital equity and broadband that.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:09:59

Municipalities are eligible for as well as state entities. I'll go ahead and share that next.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:10:10

I did want to remark on the broadband office. They've actually been working in pretty close step with the governor's office on a lot of their stakeholder engagements.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:10:18

So that includes the tribal consultation that was held last Friday. In partnership with the intertribal council of Arizona with the governor's office and travel relations so that was a pretty strong partnership and they'll continue to.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:10:35

You know, engage. With different municipalities, counties, and other stakeholders with the governor's office.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:10:42

So that's, that's a great thing to see. And then. Finally, I'll kind of queue this up for Cindy.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:10:49

The state is, rolling out some of their in person and virtual meetings, for stakeholder engagement.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:10:57

So we'll go ahead and But Cindy on the spot here to talk about some of those.

[Nicole Umayam] 15:11:03

Cause we got a couple coming up in just a couple of weeks.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:11:08

Yes, hello everyone. I'm go ahead.

[Steve Peters] 15:11:09

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:11:16

Go ahead, Rob. I was just gonna say in the call, anything else or any questions for Nicole before, we turn it over to Cindy.

[Steve Peters] 15:11:25

Okay, going once, going twice. So send a year up and again, would you introduce yourself, please?

[Cindy Hogan] 15:11:31

Absolutely. I'm Cindy Hogan. I work with the Arizona Commerce Authority Broadband Office and the Arizona Digital Equity Program Manager managing the, Digital Equity Act and the, development of the digital equity plan for the state of Arizona.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:11:47

And let's see. So, we have been meeting and, planning and developing a listening tour throughout the state of Arizona.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:11:59

There's a lot of, really key outreach that needs to happen as part of, as part of both the BED program and the Digital Equity Act programs.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:12:09

And so we are scheduling some listening sessions. The first one is happening in Flagstaff in June on June fifth.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:12:22

We, did converse with, The digital equity institute is actually running is actually the contractor doing the digital equity plan for the state.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:12:32

They were instrumental in in pulling some this these outreach activities together sponsored by the ACA and they are.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:12:44

They're doing, they're actually collecting data as part of these community events. So they are and they have limited space in the halls and the rooms that they're that they're getting for these events.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:12:57

So we can't say they're open to all. If people have an interest in attending, they can contact myself.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:13:05

I'll put my email in the chat. And because they're very kind of, because their data collection, there's kind of a set of organizations and individuals that they're looking to speak with so they don't want to have the invitations be kind of overwhelmed.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:13:24

So we were asked to make that clear. And in what, just for information, there'll be 2 sessions each day, I believe.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:13:36

One of them will be for community members so that we can get lived experience of barriers that that individuals are experiencing.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:13:43

And then the other group will be community organizations that are working with the populations that we're trying to address in the digital equity act as an underserved population.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:13:56

So it's kind of a it's community listening, but it's also data collection and there's kind of a prescribed way to do that.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:14:02

Best practice. So that's just to explain how that's going. We're also holding monthly.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:14:11

Stakeholder. Table conversations, virtually. I believe Steve has the invitations for that and emailed them to this list.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:14:22

I will put the, I will put again put my email on the chat so that if you are interested in attending those there every third Tuesday, I believe, from 3 to 4.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:14:33

And, we're going to email in the chat so that if you are interested in attending those there every third Tuesday, I believe, from 3 to 4.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:14:44

And, we're gonna have topics that we discuss each month and, we're going to put our heads together this week and kind of look at a way to get those, topics out established and out to you I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the tribal consult on Friday.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:14:54

It was a really good experience. I was really glad to see so many people there and hear the things that are going on on tribal, on tribal lands.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:15:04

They're doing some really innovative things that we wouldn't know about if we didn't have this outreach and engagement.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:15:12

So it's really, really critical. I just did just a note I heard a gentleman speak from the action tribal community.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:15:23

They have their own tribal refurbishing effort going on. Where they're where they're taking in older you know equipment that's that's aged out and they're refurbishing it and selling it back to tribal members for \$50 ready to go.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:15:38

It's really exciting to hear. How communities are addressing their own needs and to get ideas and how communities are addressing their own needs and to get ideas and to kind of spread their own needs and to get ideas and to get ideas and to get ideas and, to kind of spread that enthusiasm around to make us all know that we can all be part of this

[Cindy Hogan] 15:15:56

thing

[Steve Peters] 15:15:58

Cool.

[Steve Peters] 15:16:01

Exciting stuff.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:16:02

Hey Cindy. Cindy for the February or February. Where am I? I'm for the June fifth for the June fifth.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:16:03

Very much. Yes, Srika.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:16:09

Yeah.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:16:11

Can we send you organizations that we know of or how do you want That.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:16:23

That would be fine. Yeah, that would be fine. If you want, if you have an interest in attending or if you think of an organization that you know close by that that you think should be included.

[Cindy Hogan] 15:16:29

And certainly you can certainly contact me. Okay.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:16:42

Yeah, cause I'll be up there doing a STEM event with their community center that services the South Flagstaff community.

[Shereka Jackson] 15:16:42

So I

[Cindy Hogan] 15:16:43

No kidding, great. Excellent.

[Steve Peters] 15:16:46

Okay, any questions for Cindy?

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:16:50

Good.

[Steve Peters] 15:16:54

Okay, Malla, did you have something? Like, looks like you were.

[Steve Peters] 15:16:58

Okay. I'm sorry.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:16:59

Okay, yeah, no. No, I just said that I was just going to add that yes, the tribal consult although I couldn't attend it.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:17:07

I know, there is a lot going on. Not we are you've been trying to get A meeting together where we would talk about the tribal.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:17:20

Updates so let's plan on doing that maybe another week from now not the coming Monday but the week after that, maybe another week from now, not the coming Monday, but the week after that, if you'd like, then we can put some updates together both from Cindy and from others.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:17:35

Who were on that call. And that would help us stay on top of what is happening in the travel world.

[Steve Peters] 15:17:57

Yeah, good, Mala. Probably not that following week. I've got Craig Settles, scheduled for that

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:17:58

Yes, okay. Yes, I remember.

[Steve Peters] 15:17:59

Okay, but let's talk some more and I'll talk with, with Cindy and, and Nicole about how we can best to do that.

[Steve Peters] 15:18:11

I mean, it's not gonna be the big round table they just did, but, but we can get a better view of what's going on.

[Steve Peters] 15:18:20

Okay, so before we move on the agenda. I just want to remind you if you haven't seen the notice that the agenda for today, instead of a presentation every once in a while, you know, we kind of do a round table sharing.

[Steve Peters] 15:18:34

And I know most of you kind of know each other at this point, but every but we do have some new folks and and so forth.

[Steve Peters] 15:18:43

And so it's an opportunity for people to just tell people who they are. What they do and how if they're looking for relationships, partnerships or whatever, that that's an opportunity to do that.

[Steve Peters] 15:18:54

So we're gonna in just a little while, I'm gonna open that up and, you know, we're come for, I'm not looking for a big dog and pony show or anything else.

[Steve Peters] 15:19:04

And so you'll get a chance to either volunteer or volunteer you. To share some information.

[Steve Peters] 15:19:12

So just giving you a heads up. Okay, moving on, I don't believe Aaron's on the call today.

[Steve Peters] 15:19:21

Aaron, I'm gonna have to reach out to her about participating in these meetings. So moving on, Erin, can you give us a little update, on what's happening with the, Medicaid and ACP, campaigns.

[Steve Peters] 15:19:39

And I know you've been doing a lot of work related to that and I believe you have a workshop coming up for your to the librarians.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:19:47

Yes, that's correct. So, I'll first of all do the, ACP bit because, how much has changed?

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:19:55

Yeah.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:19:58

Libraries should be starting to receive print material directly from the to receive print material directly from the FCC with local contact information.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:20:02

Yeah.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:20:02

Starting to receive print material directly from the FCC with local contact information directly from the FCC with local contact information that was, an exciting addition to the FCC with local contact information that was, an exciting addition to the materials that they printed.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:20:07

That they can distribute directly in their spaces and the local contact information will point people to the Connect Arizona digital navigators, as well as to the digital equity institutes.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:20:08

Thank you.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:20:19

Yeah.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:20:22

ACP NAFTA first. For help with that. And then back to the the change in Medicaid, of course, was, at the beginning of, April, the continuous enrollment process.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:20:26

Okay.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:20:31

Hey.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:20:38

Yeah.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:20:40

That was in place during the pandemic. Was, no longer happening. And so, basically what we're hoping to do.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:20:50

Next week we have, We have the thirtieth next week Tuesday. We have a webinar.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:20:53

Okay.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:21:00

We're hosting Allen, Josivik from the Children's Action Alliance to kind of go over some of the changes, to kind of go over some of the changes and some resources for, library staff, to kind of go over some of the changes and some resources for, library staff.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:21:14

And so I can drop this information. And some resources for, library staff. And so I can drop this information if anyone is interested and able to share. And so I can drop this information if anyone is interested and able to share it with their networks.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:21:24

We would greatly appreciate it. And so it would be accessible for, folks who are, at, you know, that high level information.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:21:46

Fantastic.

[Steve Peters] 15:21:49

Erin, I, I did include the information about that in the notes of this meeting and will again, this week.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:21:56

Fantastic. Thank you so much for that. I do appreciate it. You know, it's been shared through our newsletter as well.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:21:58

And I know, you know, it's hard to think, past a holiday. So, you never know.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:22:05

Folks might just join us. But I joke, but, you know, there's so much going on and so many things.

[Steve Peters] 15:22:06

Yeah.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:22:10

So it is difficult. But we do have a few folks registered already. So that's fantastic. So it is difficult. But we do have a few folks registered already. So that's fantastic.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:22:17

And, of course it is difficult, but we do have a few folks registered already. So that's fantastic.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:22:20

And, of course, our webinars are recorded and put, up on the, state libraries YouTube channel as well.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:22:22

So it'll be accessible after the fact as well. So if anyone has any questions. I am happy to answer them.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:22:32

But I think that's all I've got right now.

[Steve Peters] 15:22:38

Okay. Yeah.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:22:39

Oh, Steve, you may have watched your recording.

[Steve Peters] 15:22:44

Yeah, so I saw that Mark. Unfortunately, I've been saving it to my hard drive, which is out of space.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:22:49

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:22:49

And so I have to do some work on my computer.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:22:54

No problem, just making sure you knew.

[Steve Peters] 15:22:57

Yes, I did know that unfortunately. I've delayed. Expanding my. My hard drive.

[Steve Peters] 15:23:05

So anyway.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:23:05

Well, you always say your memories a little short. I guess you mean your hard drive too.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:23:08

Huh.

[Steve Peters] 15:23:10

Yes, indeed. Yes, indeed. Okay, so. Moving on, I don't think John Kelly is on the call.

[Steve Peters] 15:23:18

Mark, do you want to do anything about the legislative update?

[Mark Goldstein] 15:23:23

We've talked about the governor's funding success and just to recap, there was an approved 23.6 million of an initially requested by the governor 50 million for a brand new funded commerce that can be used by communities or other potential bead applicants as part of their matching.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:23:49

Remember for B, 25% matching will be required in a minimum. So, the state will have some matching funds to play with through commerce and the other element was, e-rate leverage.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:24:04

I believe that was 5 million Mollock and correct it if that's wrong, but like several years ago when we had 11 million, there's interesting ways in cooperation with the FCC to leverage it.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:24:08

Okay.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:24:15

The one I don't know about is what happened to the, there was a railroad crossing bill, but there was also a more general.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:24:26

Right of way in municipal bill and Heather if she's on might know that John certainly would, but that was, then probably the major telecom bill and I'm not sure of the status of that.

[Steve Peters] 15:24:43

Hey. Oh, John, you're here.

[John Kelly] 15:24:43

Hey, I'm here, Mark, and Steve. That bill passed away. As a result of negotiations relating to the constitutionality of the state legislature.

[John Kelly] 15:24:56

Defining a price for right away.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:02

John, do you want to add anything more to what Mark was talking about? Of what has passed.

[John Kelly] 15:25:07

I never wanna add to anything Mark talked about.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:08

No.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:25:12

But you always somehow do.

[John Kelly] 15:25:14

Bye. No, I think we're very excited about the fact that those budget items got through. I'm particularly excited about the, matching grant for special construction for schools and libraries.

[John Kelly] 15:25:25

I think that'll. Unlock some additional infrastructure and development that'll be beneficial not only to those anchor institutions but to their surrounding communities.

[John Kelly] 15:25:34

Directly and indirectly. So I think that's a really good news.

[Steve Peters] 15:25:40

Awesome. Okay, anything for.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:25:41

Only other thing, John, perhaps you're aware at the federal level, there was congressional potential action to fragment the bead allocations with the back part of the money relating to.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:25:56

Yet another generation or progression of the map. Do you know if that is getting any traction or is that in your

[John Kelly] 15:26:05

I haven't heard about that Mark. I just every time I hear the, the potential congressional action.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:26:10

Okay.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:26:13

Gives you a headache. Right. Thanks.

[John Kelly] 15:26:14

I set it aside. So, for those of you who are watching the rest of the Arizona legislature there are.

[John Kelly] 15:26:22

They took a break until June twelfth. They're gonna come back. There are several items that may be considered as last minute items on the web such as agenda still being negotiated.

[John Kelly] 15:26:34

One of those is American County Transportation Tax. There's some other bills out there so but meanwhile they're just taking a little break So it's kinda weird, they're not adjourning, they're not going away, but they're not.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:27:04

And then John, you may not have reported on it in this venue if you have, I'm sorry, but there was like a state

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:27:06

Yeah.

[John Kelly] 15:27:13

Well, there was a bill, that was being run by a representative Matt Grass, the Governor Deuces former budget director to only state devices as well as contractors to the state.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:27:16

Oh, okay.

[John Kelly] 15:27:18

There were some. You're gonna minute work that took place. The bill, the amendments were added.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:27:19

Right. Okay.

[John Kelly] 15:27:25

The bill didn't go up last Monday. And the governor vetoed it. Last week.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:27:31

Thank you. Right, it was at a contract or a KPMG or an Accenture would have to similarly ban TikTok in their organizations.

[John Kelly] 15:27:50

You've had overly broad language, which got, scaled back significantly the universities had at a role in some of those amendments as well, but the governor did sign an executive order banning TikTok or what applications.

[John Kelly] 15:27:58

From state. Use and that is the policies and procedures being put in place for that as we speak.

[John Kelly] 15:28:05

We are not Montana, which did pass the bill, the band to talk for everybody. So.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:13

Okay, any other questions for Don or Mark? Before we move on.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:26

Okay, I don't think we have any of the grant recipients, the outreach, the FCC, the ACP outreach.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:31

Grant recipients on the call.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:38

Okay, so let's go on with a few other updates. Yes. Oh, there you are.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:28:41

Hey, Steve. Sorry, Steve.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:28:46

Sorry, oh, I should probably move my camera here. Well, everybody on our end, there's not that many, big updates, but.

[Steve Peters] 15:28:50

Okay.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:28:54

Our goal like I mentioned before is having it fully implemented this summer so We're gonna hit the ground running very soon and so, that's kinda most of the updates we have on our end and.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:29:06

Robert may be joining a little bit later, but he's, currently doing some items, but it was his birthday this weekend.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:29:15

So we did have a small little celebration for him today. And so he turned. 50 but don't tell me I told you 50 he looks more like 25 years old.

[Steve Peters] 15:29:26

Yeah. Do we have to send him happy birthday?

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:29:33

You know, we did see a happy birthday. It was funny because we had a we hit the event and put it with something else.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:29:37

So he was inviting people to his own birthday party. He's like, oh yeah, come join for this and this.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:29:42

I was like, yeah, you should tell them. And he walked in and For Robert, all right, he was all got shy and red and so we think happy birthday he actually sat down.

[Steve Peters] 15:29:44

Yeah.

[Steve Peters] 15:29:51

Huh.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:29:51

So, is this great thing? We celebrated him here with some cake.

[Steve Peters] 15:29:59

Cool. So before we move on, I have a question. We change not to you, okay? This is not, this is for everybody.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:30:01

Yes.

[Steve Peters] 15:30:06

So we changed, the time of this meeting. To 30'clock in the afternoon from our early morning meetings.

[Lupe Valenzuela] 15:30:07

Sorry.

[Steve Peters] 15:30:18

And I'm wondering, is this still a good time for people? Is there a better day, a better time that would be more desirable.

[Steve Peters] 15:30:24

Maybe I need to do a survey from folks, but any comments or thoughts that people have?

[Mark Goldstein] 15:30:34

Fine for me, Mark. And I can usually schedule around it. So it's been fine and I don't never do I'm not a morning person so it was never great for me to have.

[Mark Goldstein] 15:30:46

A Monday morning meeting at the hour we did so that's just me.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:03

Would it be better to have a morning meeting and another day of the week? Not necessarily at 7 30 in the morning.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:03

Any thoughts anybody

[Heather Floyd] 15:31:05

Yeah, I think you're gonna have to do a survey because if you're asking the people on the call, obviously we made this work.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:12

Yeah.

[Heather Floyd] 15:31:12

But the people you're missing are some of the people we need on the call and we need to know when they're available.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:20

Okay. I will do that. Okay, moving on. So, Let's see.

[Steve Peters] 15:31:31

So, do you have anything else that you want to report?

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:31:36

Yes. This week we had some rate funding again and it's about 25 million.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:31:42

Off the 86 million discounted amount that we applied for. So we are one third or almost more than that of the way in.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:31:52

To what we had. Asked for what schools and libraries that ask for. Also, there is.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:32:02

Serious discussion at the congressional level about the USF funding. That's the basis for e-rate funding.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:32:10

Last week you send a Senate committee on farmer science and transportation, subcommittees had a meeting, and they on, universal service funding and, increasing the base.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:32:25

Of the funding we have spoken about that several times in previous calls. Because of the growing Need for expanding that funding.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:32:36

To use it, not just for schools and libraries as anchor institutions, but also health anchor institutions and and to use the universal service fund to connect homes.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:32:50

And adding another category to, not just for schools and libraries, not category one and 2 as they currently have for internet and internal connections, but to also add a category 3 to include the surrounding.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:33:04

Homes. In that area. So let's see where it goes. You know, it's still hotly debated and it will probably be hotly debated for a while.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:33:16

The, other,

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:33:21

News as far as. You, you, CCF is set to sunset June thirtieth, 2024.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:33:30

It does not look. Like it is going to. Be extended. They have

[Henry Goldberg] 15:33:38

What was that on the ECF? That was. Oops.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:33:42

ECF funding was funding that was given to schools and to libraries. For hotspots and devices that they could loan out to their students as well as to the patrons.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:33:52

And that was again a pandemic response. And it was said to, it is now set to sunset June thirtieth, 2024.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:34:02

They did have service delivery. Deadline was extended that was the service delivery Deadline was December 30 first December.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:34:14

Yeah December 2023 but they've extended it to June thirtieth of 2024 that as well because of delays in receiving.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:34:23

Goods that had been ordered. But having said that, that is the demand is still there. There's a high demand, higher demand, especially with school kids.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:34:35

You know those who are graduating out of the program some of them are returning their equipment others are not there's a lot of equipment coming back that is damaged and needs to be replaced.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:34:47

And of course, there are a new batch of students always that need, these devices and hotspots even if it is only abandoned until we ultimately get.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:34:59

Their homes connected. But it doesn't look as if this is going to this is a bargaining chip.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:35:06

For the death ceiling bargains that are going on. And this, has been one among the many pandemic responses that is.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:35:21

I hate to say it, but likely to be, to be a sacrifice. In order to, you know, get the debt ceiling passed.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:35:30

So this is this is one of those. Bargaining chips. Hopefully, there will be, an expansion of the USF funding base so that, There will be more funding available to expand e-rate.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:35:50

Which can then serve as that substitute. For devices as well as. Category 3 serving the community.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:36:00

Let's see what happens waiting to hear. How that goes.

[Henry Goldberg] 15:36:06

Which, which committee did you say was considering? Oh.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:36:15

Oh, okay. I'll give you the name, the exact name of the. Committee. Just like I'll drop it in the chat.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:36:20

As soon as I finished talking. I had that right up here and I don't have it anymore.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:36:29

I'll drop it in the chat. Acp, we've been You know, with all the promotion and outreach that's happening last.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:36:42

10 days. We have actually got 411,000 households that have signed up.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:36:50

You know it was up by a thousand almost a thousand since the last time Oh, the last average I want to say.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:37:00

We've been averaging about 4,000. Every week Last week it has been 5,000.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:37:05

So there has been. I don't know whether it is because of the push that's happening that there are more households getting signed up.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:37:16

Or they're hearing about the ECF going away and hence they would like to. Sign up for ACP.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:37:25

Just in case they don't get, it doesn't get renewed and they don't get, their funding for easier.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:37:33

And also it's the vacation. So people, children have had to give back. Their devices and they're hotspots.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:37:42

So there is no other way that they can access internet at home unless they sign up for ACP.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:37:51

So.

[Steve Peters] 15:38:01

Do we have any information about how many those people have signed up either through schools or from libraries?

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:38:06

The numbers that signed up, I don't think we have. A good, number that I can share.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:38:10

It's also very hard to count these things because someone borrows it's just like borrowing a library book.

[Mala Muralidharan] 15:38:20

They borrow it for a small period of time, let's say 2 or 3 weeks, maybe a month, and that borrowing time is varying as well and then they return it and someone else borrows it unless We are really looking in looking at those statistics granually it's very difficult to say.

[Steve Peters] 15:38:44

Any other questions from all?

[Steve Peters] 15:38:48

Erin, do you have anything else that you want to add about libraries?

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:38:52

So no, Mala got a lot of things out that's fantastic. Thank you. I will just say.

[Steve Peters] 15:38:59

Okay.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:39:02

And in a couple of weeks, the state library is putting on its summer library institute and this is a week long professional development opportunity geared towards non-degree holding library staff and so this is often you know smaller rural locations and we're gonna have an entire section on all of the planning that's happening, all of the funding

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:39:26

that's happening, all of the work that's being done really break down, how libraries can get involved.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:39:34

And I'm excited because this is, you know, again, like a different section of the of the group, you know, in libraries that, that we can talk to and share this information and get people excited.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:39:48

So I'm really looking forward to that and I've, you know, we've been spending a lot of time putting together presentations for it. So it's on top of mind putting together presentations for it.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:39:56

So it's on top of mind, but, yeah, I'll be sharing a lot of what we've discussed today, you know, in the process that, the state is going through there.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:40:06

And, so that's, a big one for me right now. But thank you, Mala for the updates on ACP and all of that. It's so good to hear how well we're doing.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:40:14

So I am not paying attention to the chat. Is that for me? No, it's not.

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:40:15

Okay. Never mind. All right. That's all I've got.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:19

Okay, thanks. And I don't believe Holly is on the call. Today. So I wanna circle back for a second.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:28

Mauricio, I saw you were on the call now. I didn't see you where we are.

[Steve Peters] 15:40:30

Did you wanna add anything more about what's happening with the, Medicaid sign ups?

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:40:37

No, all I have to say is that, you know, we keep getting the word out. You know, obviously a lot of people on this call have heard about the unwinding now it's not just on wine it's just focusing on redetermination the libraries have been a great partner and just sharing information.

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:40:54

This is gonna be ongoing until the end of the year. And just getting the word out. Raising awareness.

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:41:02

That's basically what we have been focusing on, as far as. Red determination and, making sure that people keep their, you know, insurance, their medical benefits.

[Steve Peters] 15:41:23

Oh, Mauricio, could you clarify for me? Maybe I'm the only one that's confused here, but there was 2 and then there's another one coming up.

[Steve Peters] 15:41:27

And so I'm a little confused about what those 2 different deadlines were.

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:41:38

Well, there's the federal deadline, announcing the end of the public health emergency.

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:41:38

That was the eleventh of May. But, in Arizona and in other states, our state, Medicaid administrator access. They started.

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:41:49

Cutting people off of benefits starting April first.

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:41:55

So the deadline for, Arizona as far as,

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:42:01

You know, the people that receive access here in Arizona that started April first, but as far as the.

[Mauricio Orozco] 15:42:07

Federal announcement or the federal end of the public health emergency. That was May eleventh.

[Steve Peters] 15:42:13

Okay, thank you.

[Steve Peters] 15:42:17

Any questions for Aaron or Mauricio?

[Steve Peters] 15:42:21

And I don't believe Janet is here today. So moving on, Department of Education, Philip, Carina, you guys wanna give us, an update on what's happening.

[Steve Peters] 15:42:39

Hello, are you there?

[Phillip Seng] 15:42:39

Yeah, I was on mute, sorry. That's so we're still kind of collecting information from you know local school districts for the capacity assessment that's closing in the end of June.

[Phillip Seng] 15:42:48

We do have interactive learning technology. Another information session is coming up. Those of you who are here in previous meetings, that was for applications for robotics, Minecraft for education.

[Phillip Seng] 15:43:02

And there was a third one. I'm sorry. It's not on top of my head.

[Phillip Seng] 15:43:06

So those are 2 things that are still kind of ongoing. We're just using that information and kind of lead into next full year.

[Phillip Seng] 15:43:11

So we're trying to get as much as we can. So I believe Karina is here too.

[Steve Peters] 15:43:20

Yeah, so Karina, do you wanna add anything?

[Karina Jones] 15:43:21

That's it. You know, Philippa has communicated a lot of the programs we are doing and I appreciate you guys.

[Karina Jones] 15:43:30

Sharing information about this, capacity assessment. It's a great tool for IT directors is more than gathering data is, is giving IT directors and, ethic leaders in Arizona, the opportunity to, assess their capacity and they get scores right away.

[Karina Jones] 15:43:50

They get tools, resources, links to material. That we have put together for them that includes even policies and procedures like templates that they can just copy and paste and procedures like templates that they can just copy and paste and utilize for, the development of their own.

[Karina Jones] 15:44:08

Policies and procedures. It includes, disaster recovery planning and assessment of the readiness for, for DRP preparation plus some resources to get started.

[Karina Jones] 15:44:19

A lot of cool stuff. But, yeah, if, there's any questions, feel free to, reach out.

[Steve Peters] 15:44:38

So it would certainly be interesting once you get the results is to kind of hear where people are. Karina, if you could share some

[Karina Jones] 15:44:45

Right and the idea our vision has always been that this is something that we can do in on a repeatable basis year after year so that we can see how progress is.

[Karina Jones] 15:44:50

You know, happening. And then so the same, the assessment has been built on foundational KPIs in a way that next year we can ask the same information maybe tweaking it a little bit, the assessment has been built on, foundational KPIs in a way that next year we can ask the same information, maybe tweaking it

[Karina Jones] 15:45:13

a little bit to make it fun, like we are doing this time, but in a way that we can actually see year after year progress.

[Karina Jones] 15:45:14

So, And yes, for sure we we will share with you all.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:35

So, Karina, what's the latest status with the cybersecurity and relationship you have with Arizona, Homeland Security

[Karina Jones] 15:45:35

Yeah, so. Great question, by the way, I don't wanna overstep on Philipp if he already shared the.

[Karina Jones] 15:45:42

Philip did you already share the the cyber command. Recent.

[Phillip Seng] 15:45:48

No, I was waiting until. You gave me the green light. Sorry.

[Steve Peters] 15:45:49

Not today.

[Karina Jones] 15:45:54

Okay. Okay.

[Phillip Seng] 15:45:55

That I wanted the flyer to be able to present that so we haven't had all that information ready to go yet.

[Phillip Seng] 15:46:01

So I don't want to just tell people and then anything that direct people to. So.

[Karina Jones] 15:46:10

Okay, so maybe, yeah, maybe we will, I will follow your strategy and we will wait on that one.

[Karina Jones] 15:46:10

But, But regarding your question, Steve. Yes, so there is this, program that, is confirmed to go through.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:15

Yeah.

[Karina Jones] 15:46:22

This additional this current fiscal year and still to be determined if it is supported for following years.

[Karina Jones] 15:46:31

So we are still on a Hold. For confirmation from. The governor's office but but I'm confident that you know support for cybersecurity will continue in one shape or another.

[Steve Peters] 15:46:47

So we're districts taking advantage of that program.

[Karina Jones] 15:46:53

Yeah, right now it was over 120 something, Philip. That enrolled and, but we have hold, we have put on hold, featuring, for now.

[Steve Peters] 15:47:05

Okay, and John, you have a comment.

[John Kelly] 15:47:14

Yeah, thank you, Karina and Phillip. I was on the call, a call last week with the folks at Just UN unified was a victim of a very significant ransomware attack.

[John Kelly] 15:47:18

That had substantial impacts on their operations for a period of time. I wanted to convey to the group that both the, the Department of Homeland Security, and the school trust, which is insurance coverage and, ODTL provided enormous amounts of support.

[John Kelly] 15:47:37

To Tucson Unified. There are a lot of really tremendous lessons learned from that experience. A lot of things the district should have done in advance that they didn't do.

[John Kelly] 15:47:47

A lot of things they have done that prevented it from being much, worse, but there was some significant practical issues related to where some secure data had been stored on personal hard drives where it shouldn't have been.

[John Kelly] 15:48:01

So there's a lot to learn from this, but I just want to convey to this group that there was some a lot more, I think, resource available to, Tucson Unified.

[John Kelly] 15:48:11

As a result of some of the work that's been taking place over the last couple of years than there would have been 2 years ago it never feels as if we're making progress.

[John Kelly] 15:48:21

I just wanted to recognize it. I think there are still some questions about. How that grant program is gonna work because it does fund tools for a period of time.

[Karina Jones] 15:48:22

Yeah.

[John Kelly] 15:48:29

Some school districts are prepared to utilize those tools. Some are already paying for tools and not utilizing what they're already paying for.

[John Kelly] 15:48:35

There are some system things that have to be improved, but overall I just think they're Carina and Ryan Murray and Philip and others need some credit for the work that they're going.

[John Kelly] 15:48:47

So thank you.

[Karina Jones] 15:48:49

Yeah. Thank you, John. And just to your comment, I just want to go back to that.

[Steve Peters] 15:48:50

Thanks, John.

[Karina Jones] 15:48:55

Capacity assessment that we were talking on like there is, there is a lot of resources there to get local education agencies to prepare for, you know, for 2 disaster preparation and prepare for any incident that they may have.

[Karina Jones] 15:49:13

And again, the role of the Department of Education on this is just to create that awareness to educate to give them access to resources.

[Karina Jones] 15:49:22

We do not have that the authority to mandate the implementation of these programs and we do not have the authority to.

[Karina Jones] 15:49:33

Monitor. For local education agency sexual. Implementation of. Solutions, let alone what solution to implement.

[Karina Jones] 15:49:44

But if we can give them the resources to do their own assessments and evaluations, that is, that is what this, capacity assessment is packed with, disaster recovery, disaster preparation.

[Karina Jones] 15:49:58

Planning. And yeah, so if you can keep spreading the word and have people fill out that assessment that will help them and will help us all.

[Karina Jones] 15:50:08

With the data to continue to help them.

[Steve Peters] 15:50:18

Hey, anything else, Philip or Karina? Any questions for Philip Carina or John?

[Steve Peters] 15:50:25

Okay, well I think I think we're done with updates for today. I don't think Rory is on the call.

[Steve Peters] 15:50:31

Philip, I don't know if you have any, Philip or Karima any more updates on the latest with, the, final mile project and where that is.

[Phillip Seng] 15:50:42

Still pretty gone going. We just went through the permitting process for Yuka. Ash fork, civic queue is still going through their processes for being tribal and and Grand Canyon because it involves 4 services will take a lot longer for permitting to be approved.

[Phillip Seng] 15:50:59

So those are the 4 of the final mile phase 4 schools. That should be completed on September 2023 and grand canon in September 2024.

[Steve Peters] 15:51:12

And that was funding from the department of that, is that correct? How much was that? Do you call off?

[Phillip Seng] 15:51:14

Correct.

[Phillip Seng] 15:51:17

I don't. I know it's close to a million. I don't think it really passed a million for the 4 sites.

[Phillip Seng] 15:51:25

Our communities.

[Steve Peters] 15:51:26

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:51:29

Hey.

[Karina Jones] 15:51:29

Yeah, I think it's 500 K. Yep.

[Steve Peters] 15:51:36

Alrighty, any other questions?

[Steve Peters] 15:51:39

If not, I wanna go to the fun part of the meeting today. And I wanna just do, like I mentioned earlier, is just to do some route, some route table, with folks who might want to introduce themselves and tell people a little more about who they are and what they do.

[Steve Peters] 15:51:58

And I know again, a lot of you folks have, been here and done that before, but, I'd like to do that with some people.

[Steve Peters] 15:52:04

So Chris, well Chris, you already kind of introduced yourself earlier.

[Chris Johnson] 15:52:13

Thanks.

[Steve Peters] 15:52:14

And, I know you've introduced yourself a number of times, but you wanna again tell people a little more about what you do.

[Dan Stormont] 15:52:23

Okay, yes. Yeah, I'm here. Glad to do it, Steve. I just turned my camera on.

[Steve Peters] 15:52:24

And you still there? Okay. Okay.

[Dan Stormont] 15:52:28

So yeah, I'm. I'm Dan Stormont. I'm with the Microsoft Anthony's Teal's program.

[Dan Stormont] 15:52:33

I used to be the regional manager here in Arizona. Actually, there's a new one now Reggie Cario is up in the Phoenix area and he's been focusing on expanding the Teal's impact in mostly Phoenix, although we still do have a number of schools down here in Tucson as

[Dan Stormont] 15:52:49

well. But he's been focusing a lot on the West Valley. Right now we've already gone through our school recruiting season, so we pretty much have locked down the schools that we're going to be working with for the coming school year, 2324, but there are still opportunities for volunteers.

[Dan Stormont] 15:53:03

So if you know anyone who would like to help work with high school teachers to teach. Computer science, please have them go to Microsoft.

[Dan Stormont] 15:53:13

Dot com slash TELS and sign up and Reggie would be more than happy to talk to them I'm sure.

[Steve Peters] 15:53:26

Hey, you guys been around for a long time and you're mostly, you're almost all funded by, Microsoft and my.

[Dan Stormont] 15:53:26

We are part of Microsoft Philanthropies. So yeah, we are officially a part of the philanthropic arm, which is not the same as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

[Dan Stormont] 15:53:36

People get those confused, but yeah, we are we are part of Microsoft Corporation in the philanthropies.

[Steve Peters] 15:53:37

Huh.

[Dan Stormont] 15:53:41

Every

[Steve Peters] 15:53:45

Alrighty. I'm sorry, Chris, go ahead.

[Chris Johnson] 15:53:47

You I just wanna jump in the one thing I didn't tell everyone because I'm also a member of the Arizona technology and education association.

[Chris Johnson] 15:53:56

As he works with K 12 schools on all aspects of technology. And so that's kind of how I got started with this group.

[Chris Johnson] 15:54:04

And I just want to let folks know that I'm still with them.

[Steve Peters] 15:54:12

Right, thank you, Chris. Yeah, you've been there. You're one of the founders of that group, weren't Yeah, you're busy busy busy.

[Chris Johnson] 15:54:13

I was.

[Steve Peters] 15:54:17

But by the way, Aaron. So I've been telling people you're kind of like the energizer, Just keep going and going and going, getting stuff done.

[Steve Peters] 15:54:28

Oh, thank you. Hmm. We haven't seen you in a while. You wanna give us a quick update on what's happened?

[Erin Lorandos | AZ State Library (she/her)] 15:54:37

I've been told I have too much energy, so I appreciate it. Okay.

[Steve Peters] 15:54:41

So Carva, are you there?

[Karla Morales] 15:54:47

I am here. How are you all? Good afternoon.

[Steve Peters] 15:54:48

Good. A while. You want to give us any updates on what's happening with Tech Council?

[Karla Morales] 15:54:54

Absolutely. As you said, I haven't been here in a while because it's incredibly busy and while I haven't been here in a while and you asked the question whether this was a good time.

[Karla Morales] 15:55:03

It actually is a it's a better time than the morning for me but I think the survey would be a great idea to kind of get a few days.

[Karla Morales] 15:55:09

Because it is when, when you're in the tech council and we have about a hundred 50 events throughout the year.

[Karla Morales] 15:55:15

The little challenging to find that one day or one time that works best but I'd be happy to provide some input during, When you send out that survey, but all that to say, my name is Carla Brunell.

[Karla Morales] 15:55:31

I'm Morales. I am device. President of the Earth on a technology council. And it's nice to e meet some of you that I haven't met on this call.

[Karla Morales] 15:55:38

This is such a fantastic group and always so incredibly informative. The one thing I want to share with you all, I'll put it the link on our website, but there's quite a few things happening with the tech council.

[Karla Morales] 15:55:51

I might have mentioned During the last time that I was here that we have 2 brand new committees to the tech council and one of them is the artificial intelligence ecosystem and the, ecosystem committee.

[Karla Morales] 15:56:07

So focusing a great deal on artificial intelligence and Hello, EVs and battery so just a lot going on.

[Karla Morales] 15:56:17

We have some events coming up. I don't want to spend too much time. We have some events coming up.

[Karla Morales] 15:56:23

I don't want to spend too much time or take up too much of the oxygen, but I do for the 2 next events that are coming up.

[Karla Morales] 15:56:26

One of them is the conference or you mobility clean energy summit? And the other one is the women in the workforce.

[Karla Morales] 15:56:35

Taking a leap of faith. We are have a fantastic panel of women and technology that are gonna be talking about what it has been like for them to go back and forth.

[Karla Morales] 15:56:46

Between technology management. Just in general, different expectations of the workforce. So it's a great conversation with women and tech.

[Karla Morales] 15:56:56

And supporting each other and giving each other piece of advice, some advice on how to navigate the world and technology in the workforce.

[Karla Morales] 15:57:05

But I'll put some information on the chat so I don't take up a lot of the space.

[Karla Morales] 15:57:08

But they have, we have some fantastic, events coming up. And of course I would be remiss to say.

[Karla Morales] 15:57:15

We have our annual event this year here in Tucson, which is the second business expo. I do want to give you all a heads up that that's going to be focused on artificial intelligence.

[Karla Morales] 15:57:27

So we have a whole lot. And, a lot of bunch of really cool stuff that I can be happy at that event, but I'll share with you as we have meetings along the way.

[Karla Morales] 15:57:37

But thank you for the opportunity.

[Steve Peters] 15:57:48

So Carla, did I, did we already miss the, AI, event that you had?

[Steve Peters] 15:57:48

Was that already happening or is

[Karla Morales] 15:57:54

The virtual tech speaker series everywhere what we need to know about AI is happening on June first.

[Steve Peters] 15:57:57

Okay, and I'll send out the information about that.

[Karla Morales] 15:58:01

Perfect. I'll put those on the chat so that anybody wants to copy and paste to the links to register, please do so.

[Karla Morales] 15:58:06

And as usual, if there's anybody that has any limitations, if you're part of this group, feel free to reach out to me and I'll make sure that I get you to the event.

[Steve Peters] 15:58:14

Sounds great. Thanks, Carla. Good to see you. Good.

[Karla Morales] 15:58:16

Good seeing you all.

[Steve Peters] 15:58:17

So Ryan, do you wanna, I know you've talked a little bit, but you wanna tell us about you and Okay, thanks, Ryan.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:58:29

Yeah, absolutely. Thanks for having me again. For those of you who maybe haven't met me or see me as a part of these.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:58:31

My name is Ryan Fraley. I'm one of the street strategic account executives for if you're not familiar with KG, we're a managed IoT services provider.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:58:43

So we do a lot of work, a lot of work actually in K 12 is kind of where we got our start.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:58:46

Working in education, really kind of, a connectivity company is the best way I describe it.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:58:52

Really kind of helping out with especially during the pandemic helping out with the digital divide with the homework gap all those kind of buzz words.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:58:59

For, you know, keeping kids connected while off camp. And so we do a lot of that kind of work.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:59:06

We're also moving into Do some things with smart cities. I actually just got off the, call a couple, like a week or 2 ago with, Valley Metro, but, they have some, initiatives for connecting the light route from the East Valley all the way to the West Valley.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:59:21

So, just discussions. And keeping busy in things things of that nature particular as it pertains to smart cities.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 15:59:27

And smart transit as well as our long standing presence in education so Yes, thank you.

[Steve Peters] 15:59:37

So I have Jerry Crow, even though Jerry, I know you're retired, but you want to tell people you've had a long history.

[Steve Peters] 15:59:44

Of involvement with cyber security.

[Jerry Crow] 15:59:47

Stand by here. I'll get my camera turned on. So people can see my end with mud.

[Steve Peters] 15:59:54

Put you on the spot there, Jerry.

[Jerry Crow] 15:59:54

That's all right. Yeah, hi. I go a long way back.

[Jerry Crow] 16:00:02

Long path into this group. Mark Goldstein invited me to become a member of the Hey, TIC, back in the early 2,000 or late nineties.

[Jerry Crow] 16:00:11

So, you know, and then that I started coming to those meetings at board meetings and then I, evolved into the, But my career has been mostly I was educated as a chemist, but I segment into computers at the University of Kansas and never look back.

[Jerry Crow] 16:00:26

I've been doing computer security and When I retired, the computer security in. A digital forensics and cloud security.

[Jerry Crow] 16:00:34

So. That's basically it. I was involved in the process to produce our original document, a little bit of cyber security review for that.

[Jerry Crow] 16:00:43

And. I can to these meetings mainly. Somebody said informative that's the key word. I just sit and listen because I learned so much about what's going on.

[Jerry Crow] 16:00:51

You know, around town and in the government and everything else. So. Interestingly enough, I'll mention, and I go through back to the seventies.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:03

When he was working for Honeywell and I was at the University of Kansas on project and he was the contact person we were trying out some new Honeywell software.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:11

So maybe that's just a long, long time ago or anyway. So, you're mute ours, but that's okay.

[Oris Friesen] 16:01:19

A very long time ago.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:19

But yes it was. I remember sitting in my office in Los Angeles and talking to you here in Phoenix.

[Steve Peters] 16:01:23

Okay.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:27

So anyway.

[Steve Peters] 16:01:30

You can't be that, okay, you guys are so young.

[Oris Friesen] 16:01:31

Yeah, right.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:32

Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, well. Hey, what? I just, anyway, that's, that's it for me.

[Steve Peters] 16:01:35

Like me.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:39

I said, I mostly can these things now again. You know, like, Carla and her, Derek.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:47

So I'm fine. Cause I work for the, with the Kansas Research and Education Network, which is the equivalent of the Can I, I was the director of that for about 2, about a year and a half before I moved back here.

[Jerry Crow] 16:01:59

My daughter's grown up without me. I was divorced. So I came back to Phoenix, but at the time I moved back here in the late nineties, I was executive director of the Kansas Research and Education Network.

[Jerry Crow] 16:02:11

I told Derek that I want some text We know about that. And then, you know, there's Stay networks all over the country.

[Jerry Crow] 16:02:20

More in that, that's Missouri's, that anyway. I do a lot of router work for them, mostly technical, but anyway.

[Jerry Crow] 16:02:25

So that's, Again, I enjoy coming to these meetings simply because I learned so much about what's going on.

[Jerry Crow] 16:02:35

And I'm so. Impressed by all the work that people do to get Yeah, You know, I was involved in the Phoenix PC user group early on back a day when people had to be taught how to use computers.

[Jerry Crow] 16:02:51

Now I understand it's how to get it, get one, get access to the internet. That's what we're doing.

[Jerry Crow] 16:02:57

Nobody needs to be taught how to use a PC anymore. At least I don't think so, but certainly nobody out of ages 30, But, anyway, Yeah, that was that was quite a deal.

[Jerry Crow] 16:03:12

We were teaching people how to use this user group. I remember presenting to we'd have these 2, 3 couple 100 people down the, Civic Center down there.

[Jerry Crow] 16:03:26

So. Okay, I'm been talking.

[Steve Peters] 16:03:31

I don't know if the Tucson still has a group or not. They did years ago.

[Steve Peters] 16:03:32

Yeah.

[Jerry Crow] 16:03:37

Well, the Phoenix PCUG is full of live, but there's only about 10 or 12 of us and there's a guy that likes the newsletter.

[Jerry Crow] 16:03:41

And he, still produces it. It's Davey, I'm a Momoto who's been involved with that group for a long time.

[Jerry Crow] 16:03:49

And, but I used to write and that's how Mark. Goalstein, he dropped off this meeting, I guess to attend another one.

[Jerry Crow] 16:03:56

He was getting copies of the Penny Spc user group publication. We put out a newsletter every month.

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:03

Pretty nice show, And he, he sent me email. So once you come to one of our meetings.

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:09

I said, okay. Cause I was writing a column. For them. It both when I was here when I was back Kansas and then when I came back here.

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:15

For that magazine. You see, every month, it'd be someone called for me in there. I know it's Marked off before.

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:23

My last thing, I'll tell you Steve, I will respond to the survey, but I'm with Mark.

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:26

I'm not a morning person, so I like this time better than 7 30 a. M. That's for sure.

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:32

So.

[Steve Peters] 16:04:32

Okay. So Jerry, are you still involved? You have been at least for years involved with a number of cybersecurity organizations here in the state.

[Steve Peters] 16:04:43

Are you still involved with most of them or they? I think most of them are still around, aren't they?

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:43

Yeah, I want it. Yes, yes, I'm on the board. I'm on the board of directors of Cloud Security Alliance, South West chapter, which is origin here.

[Jerry Crow] 16:04:53

I still service. Chair of the Phoenix chapter, I believe, computer society. And, you know, I'm just involved with stuff.

[Jerry Crow] 16:05:03

I go to a lot of the meetings and I like to, I guess, Yeah, but I try to go to some of the after 5 events.

[Jerry Crow] 16:05:14

TECH Council events because I get to go for nothing because we're as members of this board we're Considered, I guess, but anyway.

[Jerry Crow] 16:05:24

But yes. It's less than I was. I was involved in ISSA, in.

[Jerry Crow] 16:05:38

Information. I can't remember what I SSC stands for, but it was System Security Consortium or something.

[Jerry Crow] 16:05:46

But, I just gotta ask in fact last week if I wanted to join that board as a director at large, So, so I'm still doing some stuff.

[Jerry Crow] 16:05:55

Yeah.

[Steve Peters] 16:06:18

Security.

[Jerry Crow] 16:06:19

Yes, okay, that's it. You're right. That's a good idea. I just And the last thing I like to say is commend you, Steve.

[Jerry Crow] 16:06:28

I mean, this group exist because of you. I mean, you're the driving force behind the whole thing.

[Jerry Crow] 16:06:35

So thank you very much for doing all this, you know.

[Steve Peters] 16:06:39

Thank you.

[Jerry Crow] 16:06:40

I just come and listen and learn, you know, that's it. And contribute one ask, you know.

[Steve Peters] 16:06:50

Well, you got a lot of contacts, Jerry, particularly in the cyber security space, which obviously has changed a lot since the early days when you first started.

[Jerry Crow] 16:06:59

Absolutely true. I remember our meetings in our Yeah, I can't even remember where we were meeting.

[Jerry Crow] 16:07:02

Back in the day when the the The other group, you know, the ATC group was having live you know live board meeting somewhere I can't remember where it was but anyway So yeah, I've been around for a while.

[Jerry Crow] 16:07:22

Sure.

[Steve Peters] 16:07:25

Good. Well, thanks, Jerry. So anybody else want to share anything before we end for today?

[Steve Peters] 16:07:31

So, Paul, I think you, save the recording, and let's talk about if you could send that to me.

[Steve Peters] 16:07:36

I'd appreciate it. I gotta do some work on my computer today. Okay.

[Paul Ross] 16:07:41

Actually, I was waiting for you to give me the okay, so no, I did not record.

[Steve Peters] 16:07:47

Oh, I did give you the okay.

[Paul Ross] 16:07:49

Yeah, I didn't. I just, just noticed that popped up. So yeah.

[Paul Ross] 16:07:53

So we're recording free day. Well, you know, I guess it has been a lot, a lot of introductions in general.

[Steve Peters] 16:07:53

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 16:07:57

Okay.

[Steve Peters] 16:08:01

Yeah. Okay, doke. Anything else? So again, no meeting next week.

[Steve Peters] 16:08:06

And then the following week, tentatively, for those of you attended last week and had a chance to meet Craig Settles.

[Steve Peters] 16:08:15

Who has been a long time advocate of broadband long before most people knew what broadband was. He's an author and so forth.

[Steve Peters] 16:08:27

And so he is going to be, presenting that that meeting. In a couple of weeks.

[Steve Peters] 16:08:36

So with that, hope you guys all have a safe and happy holiday and we'll see you in a couple of weeks.

[Paul Ross] 16:08:43

Not cheers.

[Steve Peters] 16:08:45

Thanks.

[Ryan Froehle- Kajeet] 16:08:46

Hey, bye everybody.

[Dan Stormont] 16:08:48

Have a great holiday.

[Oris Friesen] 16:08:54

To you.

[Steve Peters] 16:08:57

Hey.

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