Advisory Committee  
December 17, 2020 Special Meeting

I. Call to Order

After reaching quorum, Keith Flewelling called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken via chat and email.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Advisory Committee November 19, 2020 Quarterly Meeting minutes.
  - Need to make the following modifications:
    - Page 3 / Line 65 ☒ Change “MSAT” to “MSAG”.

  Motion to approve minutes as modified
  Motion was made by Brenda Cantu Seconded by Rick Anderson All in Favor
  Motion Passed

IV. Subcommittee Membership Changes

Richard Kirton read-thru the requested sub-committee membership changes. [See Attachment A]

*Deanna Wells requested Douglas “DJ” Hammer as the Cowlitz County primary rep; moving Brianna Harvill to the alternate position within the Training Subcommittee.

  Motion to approve membership changes, as submitted
  Motion made by Richard Kirton Seconded by Deanna Wells All in Favor
  Motion Passed

IX. Advisory Committee Membership Changes

Keith Flewelling read-thru the changes to the Advisory Committee. [See Attachment B]

X. Added Position to the Advisory Committee

Keith Flewelling provided the following information regarding the recently added AC position.

- During the November meeting, a motion was made and approved by the AC to add a “non-911” position. This position would represent the communities that are most affected equity and social injustice.
- A laudable goal that is not so easily attained.
- Decided not to rush to fill this position; rather take the time to address the following concerns:
  - The Advisory Committee Mission is [mostly] related to 911 access; adding that he believes all would agree that this are no social injustice, or inequity, issues with accessing 911.
Timing was named as another issue; Keith noting that legislature is currently in the process of determining how citizens will live in Washington state and how we react to these very social issues.

Other concerns are whether we already have adequate representation to fulfill this need? What position would we pick? What community would that position represent? What, of the many underrepresented communities would be picked to be a representative on the AC? How would we respond to those other un/underrepresented communities when they come forward and want a seat at the table?

The Chair and Vice-Chair position will continue to work with the SECO to find an acceptable option for the AC to consider at a future date.

Separating this issue from the voting of the amended By-Laws; emphasizing the hard would that the By-Laws subcommittee has put into the recommended changes.

Deb Flewelling asked if a motion is needed to table this item.

Keith explained that that was no timeline associated with this motion and, as the Chair, can make such determination.

XI. Advisory Committee Amended By-Laws [From the November 19th, 2020 meeting]

Keith Flewelling opened the floor for questions and comments before entertaining a motion to approve.

Deanna Wells expressed her concern with the population changes and what impact that will have on the medium counties on the west.

Motion to accept and adopt the recommended changes submitted by the By-Laws Subcommittee

Motion made by Richard Anderson Seconded by Richard Kirton All in Favor, Save 1

Motion Passed

XII. Vice-Chair Position [new term]

The newly adopted By-Laws call for alternating terms between the Chair and Vice-Chair positions; making 2021 the start of a new term for the Vice-Chair position

Keith Flewelling opened the floor for nominations; adding that nominations will continue until voting at the January meeting.

Carlene Anders nominated herself.

Jonathan Brock and Brenda Cantu nominated Richard Kirton

Carlene Anders deferred her nomination with the acceptance of Richard Kirton.

XIII. APCO/NENA Legislation

Karl Hatton provided a brief update regarding APCO/NENA. [See Attachment C]

Representative-elect Dan Bronoske has decided to be the prime sponsor for this legislation.

Current efforts to get Representative Dan Griffey to co-sponsor; making it a bipartisan effort.

The Chair of the House Community and Economic Development, Representative Cindy Ryu stated that this will be part of that committee’s hearing; showing good momentum in getting this to legislation.
Keith informed attendees of what this bill does:

- The Bill puts in place a certification and mandatory training plan for Public Safety Telecommunicators (PST’s).
- The Bill recognizes PST’s as first responders, public-safety first responders.

**XIV. 911 Advisory Committee Annual Report**

The Advisory Committee Annual Report is due to legislature annually at the same time each year.

- On account of the Efficiency Study being submitted to the same legislature, this year’s annual report content has been reduced.
- Looking for a few volunteers to work with Keith Flewelling on the recrafting of the report.
  - Jonathan Brock volunteered.
  - Heather Anderson volunteered.

**XV. CoVid-19 Vaccine Plan of Action for PSAP Personnel**

Adam Wasserman opened his briefing by addressing Keith’s questions, stated below with answers:

- *What phase of vaccine deployment do PST’s fit in?* – Our expectation is that telecommunicators and dispatchers fall in right along with first responders, as they should. However, still working with DOH to get clarification on this; adding that CISA places PST’s with first responders.
- *Are we going to mandate the vaccine?* – The State is not going to mandate the vaccine; SECO is not going mandate it; adding that this would have to be an agency-by-agency decision.

Keith Flewelling expressed concern on what steps will/can be taken with those who opt out of receiving the vaccine, such as masking and social distancing mandates, etc.

Ashley Strickland stated that DOH has informed him that they will be providing, to Public Health, a sheet of guidelines. Adam will get more information on these concerns and will bring it back to the group.

**XVI. 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

Keith Flewelling expressed his pleased with the current meeting platform and proposed that the Advisory Committee meet every other month (with briefing in-between)

- **AC Meetings:** January – March – May – July – September – November
- **AC Briefings:** February – April – June – August – October – December

**XVII. Hails/Farewells/Congratulations**

Keith Flewelling announced that Tracy Ollerman was invited [and accepted] the position on the APCO Health and Wellness Committee CISM support division; this is a major honor for our state and for Tracy. Congratulations Tracy.

**XVIII. Adjourn Special Meeting**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:47*