

Statewide Digital Equity Planning Group

April 26, 2023 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM PST

Meeting Summary

The Statewide Digital Equity Planning Group met on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 12:00p.m. PT via virtual conference.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Overview

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Agenda Item 1: General Update

Scott Adams provided updates and progress made on Broadband for All and the State Digital Equity Plan. He discussed accomplishments made thus far, such as the results of the Outcome Area Working Group meetings, the launch of the DEEM tool for stakeholders and ISPs and the ongoing Regional Planning Workshops across the state.

California Public Utilities Commissioner Darcie Houck also provided an overview of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, the implementation process and the five-year action plan. No questions were asked during the Q&A portion.

Agenda Item 2: NTIA – State Broadband Tables

Gladys Palpallatoc gave an overview of the State Broadband Tables, a collection of groups, organizations and individuals being convened throughout the country being added in adjunct to the State Digital Equity Planning and BEAD planning processes. These groups are being convened around the common goal of connecting everyone. There were no questions in the Q&A portion.

Agenda Item 3: State Digital Equity and BEAD Planning Process Update

Scott Adams gave an update on the Broadband for All program, and highlighted covered populations that are most drastically impacted by the digital divide. Scott then updated attendees on the timeline of the State Digital Equity Plan process and shared that a draft Digital Equity Plan that takes into consideration all of the input from the five planning components will be ready for review by July or August. After a public comment period, the plan will be submitted to NTIA to be approved.

Rob Osbourn then gave an update on the BEAD timeline. In May the FCC will finalize the broadband map that will be used as the basis for determining how much money will be allocated to each state. The BEAD Five Year Action Plan is due at the end of August 2023. An initial proposal for 20 percent of the funding is due in November.

Graduate students Kamaljit Gill, Latifa Mbarak, Camila Saldarriaga, Rida Fayyaz, Noelle Fa-Kaji, Zachary Ferguson and Tishiana Mann provide updates about the data they've collected from each of the Outcome Area Working Groups.

Sunne McPeak provided an update about the phone survey and the audiences that were reached.

Rachna Vas provided information about the online survey, which will launch two weeks from the meeting date, and the survey's purpose to collect data, and encouraged stakeholders to use the upcoming digital equity toolkit to engage their constituents. Rachna also discussed the progress made using the Digital Equity Ecosystem Mapping tool and the DEEM ISP tool.

Sandra Levy shared an update on recent activities to draw attention to the state digital equity plan and BEAD program including media outreach for the Regional Planning Workshops, DEEM tool promotion, the availability of the digital equity toolkit and the anticipated launch of the online survey.

Agenda Item 4: Q&A/Public Comment

Anh Nguyen asked the questions that were submitted via chat. Questions were answered by Scott Adams, Rachna Vas, Sunne McPeak, Liana Bailey-Crimmins and Anh Nguyen.

Public Comments were made by: Karla Suomala, Shirley Lam, Daniel Lee, Maddie Ribble, Georgia Savage, Rebecca Kauma