

## Universal Service Fund Council Meeting

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### Open Meeting Agenda for Monday, July 13, 2020 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

#### 1. Introductions, Welcome and Announcements

Attending via GoTo Meeting:

Jim Jermain, AT&T, Council Chairperson; Ted Hankins, CenturyLink, Council Vice Chairperson; Shar Brunes, Access to Independence; Pam Holmes, Ultratec; David Mortimer, Hospital Sisters Health System; Adam Raschka, Charter; Michelle Reinen, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Jerry Schneider, Marquette Adams Telephone Cooperative; Janet Zander, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)

Attending via telephone: David Byers, NEIT; Vanessa Johnson, New Concept Self Development Center; Nicole Mauritz, TDS Telecom.

Commission staff: Tara Pray, Deputy Division Administrator; Alyssa Kenney, Director of Digital Access; Holly O'Higgins, USF Director; Billy Mauldin, TEPP Director; Jenna Schmidt, Chief Financial Officer.

Not in attendance: Michele Ahlman, Clear Sounds; Scott Bohler, Frontier; Brad Paul, WisCAP

#### 2. **Review of the USF Budget** (Council vote needed)

Holly O'Higgins provided an overview of the between the proposed budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021, and the budget approved for SFY2020. A summary of these changes can be found in the Memorandum to the Commission ([PSC REF#: 395541](#)). The budget is for PSC USF programs only and not for USF programs at other agencies. At the chairperson's request, staff provided additional information about the proposed Low Income Outreach Grant, the changes in TEPP Outreach funding, the increase in Lifeline funding, and the role of USF dollars in broadband explanation in Wisconsin.

Ted Hankins motioned to accept the budget as proposed. Janet Zander seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed budget.

#### 3. USF Director Updates, Holly O'Higgins

- a. Lifeline Program
- b. Wisconsin Public Records Law Basics Training

Holly notified the Council that the go-live date for the National Verifier was moved to July 15, 2020, and reminded members to complete their Public Records training.

#### 4. Adjourn

Jerry Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Shar Brunes. The Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:56 p.m.