

PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

MEETING MINUTES – August 28, 2019

Participants: Dan O’Brien, Beth Lund, Shane McDonald, Jarrod Simontacchi, Nate Benson, Brian Achziger, Heidi Strader, Chuck Maxwell, GaBriella Branson, Kelly Castillo, Billy Gardunio.

Not Present: Nancy Ellsworth, Matt Jolly

National Coordinators and Predictive Services Fall Meeting:

- Meeting Dates: December 2-5, 2019
- Location: The Southern California GACC New Facility.
- Agenda Planning:
 - Predictive Services staff will be building the agenda. PSOG peripherally involved.
 - Opportunity to discuss program goals for the future with Center Managers and Predictive Services staff.
 - Bryan Henry, Billy Gardunio, and GaBriella Branson will work to draft agenda topics.
- NMAC/GMAC Meeting – January 13-16
 - Additional opportunity for PSOG F2F meeting.

RMC Steering Committee Update:

- Group given presentation on the *Fire Potential Project Considerations* powerpoint. Key points include:
 - Conducting research projects to meet operational needs is complex and involves inherent uncertainty.
 - New product requirements include: Establishing a business need, employ scientific methods for developing/testing product, and field monitor/maintain product.
 - Comparison of current vs. proposed 7-day product. Itemized list of information included: Time to completion, cost, strengths, and challenges. Overall conclusion: Expensive and will take multiple years to complete.
 - Hybrid Prototype Proposal: “Jolly Option” 7-Day Product
 - Developed in 1yr for ~\$100K (fast/inexpensive).
 - CONUS/year round, 7-Day NFDRS2016 prototype would be basis for replacement of current product.
 - Spatial product could be summarized by PSA, changed to meet color scheme requirements, and adequately match current 7-Day product.
- Approval to move forward with “Jolly Option” with the following considerations:
 - Define requirements and next steps,
 - IT/Helpdesk capability, and
 - Look for ways to include Alaska in the final product.
- Final briefing paper on product will be presented to the Fire Management Board (FMB) for approval on the path forward.

National Program Goals

- Written and sent back to group for edits.
- Approved as final.

Draft Redbook Guidance for Predictive Services

- Currently making edits to Chapter 19: Dispatch and Coordination System, Predictive Services and Intelligence, Page 384.

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- Due date for submission to Redbook Committee is November 1st.
 - Final comments due to Dan O'Brien by the September PSOG Meeting.

Charter Review

- Approved. Will update and send to FMB for signature.

AWIPS Contribution

- Is this something that we want to continue? How much is it utilized in the program? Need to ensure that we are getting our money's worth with it. Currently \$170k/yr.
- Moving to software going through the internet/cloud and will reduce the cost to \$130k/yr.
- Some GACC Mets would miss it – but also some are not satisfied and are ending up paying out of pocket locally to use another product “Simu-AWIPS”.
- There could be a cheaper way to get the same data.
- What is the best way for this community to go forward to get IT on the radar with WFIT/OCIOs. (Beth).
- Added to September agenda.

Next Call

Wednesday, September 25th.