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Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Scott Gaul.

The following members were present:

Voting Members: Thad Dymkowski, Bree Berner, Seth Klaskin, Michelle Riordan-Nold

Non-voting Members: Alfredo Herrera, Charlotte Moller (designee for Natalie Braswell), David Labbadia (designee for Michelle Gilman), Scott Gaul.

Chairman Gaul requested permission to set aside Robert's Rules of Order in order to bring members up to date and more efficiently summarize remarks, no objection was recorded. Chairman Gaul then reiterated his view of the goals of the advisory board and reintroduced the purpose of the board, as well as the members.

The voting and non-voting members of the board introduced themselves, and Chairman Gaul reminded the membership of the role and duties of the board. Chairman Gaul then provided relevant updates relevant to the board's work, and the legislative changes to the board's work from the previous legislative sessions, and introduced Pauline Zaldonis, the Open Data Coordinator for OPM.

Ms. Zaldonis discussed OPM's work on the Open Data Portal and its relation to the advisory board's work and provided statistics on the usage of the portal. Mr. Klaskin, Ms. Riordan-Nold, and Ms. Zaldonis discussed the willingness of state agencies to share data with the Open Data Portal, and data "freshness". Mr. Dymkowski, Chairman Gaul, and Ms. Zaldonis discussed the responsibility for maintenance of data. Ms. Zaldonis then discussed the processes, guidelines, and standards that the Open Data Portal uses, and the planned next steps for the portal. Ms. Riordan-Nold discussed the history of the portal, and reiterated Ms. Zaldonis' remarks. Mr. Klaskin and Chairman Gaul discussed the automation of agency data-sharing with

the Open Data Portal. Mr. Labbadia raised a point regarding tracking user interaction with data and the viability of hard format data.

Chairman Gaul then introduced Ms. Breslin, the Outreach and Engagement Coordinator for P20 WIN. Ms. Breslin discussed the Preschool-Through-20 Workforce Information Network (P20 WIN), and its usage for interagency data sharing. She elaborated on the goals and structure of P20 WIN. Mr. Labbadia and Ms. Breslin discussed how P20 WIN handles data consent management. Mr. Klaskin and Ms. Breslin discussed sharing data from the Department of Housing with the P20 WIN system, and ~~the role of~~ the Coalition to End Homelessness' role within the system.

Chairman Gaul introduced Alfredo Herrera, the state's Geographic Information Officer, and the state's work on Geospatial Information Systems. Mr. Herrera discussed the background and role of the GIS office. Mr. Herrera discussed the GIS office's work on broadband mapping, and other accomplishments of the office, as well as upcoming goals, such as aerial imagery data, and the plans for LIDAR flights to map the state's geographic features in depth. Ms. Riordan-Nold and Mr. Herrera discussed statewide addressing data and the GIS office's collaboration with Councils of Governments (COGs), and parcel data collection and standardization, as well as the associated challenges.

Chairman Gaul opened the floor and discussed the upcoming goals and timeline for the advisory board, and raised the prospect for a September meeting, to which Mr. Dymkowski agreed, no objection was noted. Ms. Riordan-Nold raised a request to discuss early childhood mental health data collection in an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.