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**By Goal and Objective – Description of Activity, Planned Activities, Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback**

- a. = Description of Activity
- b. = Planned Activities
- c. = Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback

**Goal 1: Expedite the provision of advanced communications services access in all areas of the San Joaquin Valley.**

Objective A: Raise the profile of access to ACS as a fundamental and necessary service for all residents and businesses.

- a. Work group members determined many of the barriers, strategies and indicators were identified as part of the Broadband Report. We will now focus the majority of our attention to adoption rates.
- b. Work group to determine topic areas list for indicators report which could include subjects like cost, availability and speed.
- c. Funding continues to be a barrier.

Objective B: Inform local elected officials about the benefits of ubiquitous access to ACS and provide model policies and other tools to help facilitate deployment.

- a. Assessment of information already available for a primer for elected officials and their staff.
- b. Information gathering and review.
- c. None

Objective C: Identify communities and neighborhoods without affordable connection to delivery of ACS.

- a. Work group members are working to determine how community members without affordable connections to delivery of ACS are connecting. Identifying programs being offered at no cost in different communities.
- b. Development of a directory of ACS providers in the Central Valley.
- c. A list of "hot spots" for use by community members was determine to be unfeasible as they change so rapidly. Government wired office such as a library maybe an alternative to private business.

Objective D: Increase availability of affordable ACS in rural and other underserved areas.

- a. This work has generally been completed with the Broadband Taskforce Report and Wire line Broadband Availability San Joaquin Map.
- b. The work group is interested in determining what is considered "affordable" to communities.
- c. None

Objective E: Increase deployment of ACS by current and prospective service providers.

- a. Presentation to Federal Communications Commission on Pixley Connect Project and ACS work group. Many members of ACS work group in attendance. Work group to invite stakeholders to next meeting.
- b. Meeting to discuss increasing ACS in rural and underserved communities.
- c. Funding to support increasing access.

Objective F: Increase deployment through wired, fixed wireless, wireless and other available technologies.

- a. Continuing to work on an educational primer for elected officials, their staff and the general public.
- b. Determination of what should be included in the primer.
- c. Creating a document which provides the public with the information they need to want ACS in their community and informing electeds as to why it is important for their communities to have ACS.

Objective G: Eliminate installation barriers that discourage deployment.

- a. Continuing to work with Caltrans to install conduit in new projects.
- b. Invitation for Caltrans to present at ACS workgroup meeting.
- c. None

Objective H: Identify and seek all available funding for deployment of ACS.

- a. Funding sources have been identified and a determination needs to be made as to what activities the work group would like to apply for.
- b. Determination of funding to support ACS activities.
- c. Competitive grants

Objective I: Leverage unused bandwidth for the benefit of the greatest number of users.

- a. Primer document for electeds, staff and community to be created.
- b. Assessment of information.
- c. Determining what should be included and excluded in the book

Objective J: Incorporate ACS infrastructure into all new residential and commercial construction.

- a. Work group to provide a workshop in collaboration with builders on smart building.
- b. Contact BIA to determine level of best practices.
- c. Changing technologies and cost.

**Goal 2: Promote accessibility and utilization of ACS in targeting underserved communities and populations.**

Objective A: Increase utilization of ACS by all residents.

- a. The Stanislaus T3 program presented at the workgroup meeting discussing their program goals and how they train underserved communities in technology.
- b. Funding search to expand Pixley Connect.
- c. Competitive grants.

Objective B: Inform local officials about the importance and benefits of access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses.

- a. Work continues to create a primer for elected officials showing the benefits of use.
- b. Discussions with California League of Cities.
- c. None

Objective C: Implement projects to provide access to ACS and IT for all residents and businesses to eliminate the digital divide.

- a. Discussions took place to determine what funding would be needed to cover computer after care and maintenance, virus protection, wireless set up and basic troubleshooting.
- b. Determine funding sources to apply for these needs.
- c. Competitive grants.

Objective D: Develop and implement a program to ensure all high school students graduate with the basic computer literacy skills.

- a. Work group wants a joint meeting with K-12 work group. Discussed the importance of not only training students but of training teachers.
- b. Contact Marcy Masumoto to determine where they are with this requirement and what we can do to support them.
- c. None

Objective E: Expand the number of public locations for access to ACS to help disadvantaged residents and businesses to bridge the digital divide.

- a. Work group needs to identify current statutes, regulations and funding programs.
- b. Many businesses already provide this service but a list is not available.

**Goal 3: Expand and replicate successful model programs to increase access to ACS and IT to bridge the digital divide.**

Objective A: Develop and implement a plan to expand and replicate the most successful strategies and programs to bridge the digital divide.

- a. Work group invited Stanislaus T3 program to help determine which programs can bridge the digital divide.
- b. Invitation for other educational ACS programs to present to workgroup.
- c. None

Objective B: Foster demand for ACS access in underserved and disadvantaged communities, such as encouraging economic development and growth of home-based businesses.

- a. Work group would like to expand Pixley Connect project to more residents.
- b. Identification of funding sources for expansion of project.
- c. Funding

**Goal 4: Accelerate deployment of ACS infrastructure through telemedicine and eHealth technology.**

Objective A: Develop and implement a telemedicine and eHealth plan to connect health clinics with medical centers.

- a. Invitation to UC Merced to discuss telehealth program.
- b. Inclusion of telehealth information in primer.
- c. Funding

Objective B: Build upon ACS infrastructure for telemedicine and eHealth to promote other applications for education and economic development to increase access and affordability.

- a. Work group continuing to gather data on current infrastructure.
- b. Report provided at next ACS meeting.

**If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly.**

Outreach coordinated with Stanislaus County T3 program.

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