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NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Hybrid Meeting

March 7, 2023, 1:00 pm

AGENDA

- 1:00 – 1:15 Welcome – Chair Brad Ebersole**
- 1:15 – 1:30 State of Ohio Cyber Initiatives –**
Kirk Herath, Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor, Governor's Office
- 1:30 – 2:05 Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group – Chair Brad Ebersole**
- 2:05 – 2:25 MORPC Updates**
- Regional Public Policy Update – *Joe Garrity*
 - Data Day Recap – *Jonathan Miller*
 - MORPC Team updates
 - Data Team – *Adam Porr*
 - Mapping Team – *Cheri Mansperger*
 - Regional Information & Data Group – *Ethan Hug*
 - Central Ohio GIS User Group – *Cheri Mansperger*
- 2:25 – 2:30 Working Group Reports**
- Capacity Building & Partnerships – *Hena Masood*
 - Local Government Resources – *Andrew Wilson*
 - Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy – *Gene Oliver & Sam Orth*
- 2:30 Other Business & Adjourn**

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or lkaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

The next RDAC Meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 2:30 pm.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

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Regional Data Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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Members Present

- Liz Curtis, ESC of Central Ohio
- Christina Drummond, City of Powell
- Chair Brad Ebersole, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Hena Masood, Columbus Foundation
- Doug McCollough, City of Dublin
- Harvey Miller, OSU CURA
- Kier Scott, Workforce Development of Central Ohio
- Rick Stein, Urban Decision Group
- Kristy Wedel, Abbott
- Drew Williams, City of Columbus
- Andrew Wilson, City of Hilliard

Public Present

- Kirk Herath, Governor's Office, State of Ohio

Staff Present

- Kerstin Carr
- Dave Dixon
- Joe Garrity
- Ethan Hug
- Lynn Kaufman
- Cheri Mansperger
- Jonathan Miller
- William Murdock
- Adam Porr

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 pm.

Welcome

Chair Ebersole welcomed new RDAC Members Liz Curtis, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, Kier Scott, Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, and Kristy Wedel, Abbott

State of Ohio Cyber Initiatives

Kirk Herath, Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor, Governor's Office provided an overview of Ohio's comprehensive cybersecurity strategy and his role coordinating efforts across the executive branch. The initiative focuses on three main areas: protecting executive branch capabilities, building whole-of-state cybersecurity infrastructure, and developing a cyber workforce.

He also discussed:

- Creation of a cyber fusion unit at the state emergency management center.
- Cyber training programs for different tiers of public employees via the Ohio Cyber Range Institute.
- Plans for regional security operations centers (SOCs) to pool cybersecurity resources across local governments.
- The CISA grant funding to support cybersecurity enhancements, especially at the county level.
- Expansion of cyber capabilities across critical infrastructure sectors, such as water, energy, and transportation.

Members and Kirk discussed the timeline for training rollout and the possibility for local governments to engage with the cyber reserve, which is being scaled up to provide incident response and assessments.

Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group

Dave Dixon led a discussion on updating the Regional Data Agenda with new measurable objectives. Key updates include aligning the Data Agenda with MORPC's Public Policy and Sustainability agendas and shifting to action-oriented agenda items that are measurable and achievable within 24 - 30 months.

Five proposed agenda objectives were reviewed:

1. Convene and Collaborate
2. Educate and Inspire
3. Scale and Support
4. Expand and Include
5. Strengthen Cybersecurity

Objectives must meet five criteria: regional priority, fit with RDAC capacity, scalability, time-bound, and measurable outcomes.

Members suggested incorporating broader access considerations (e.g., community anchor institutions), explicitly emphasizing data literacy, and ensuring flexibility for addressing emergent issues like cybersecurity threats.

MORPC Updates

Regional Public Policy Update

Joe Garrity reported on key state and federal legislative developments:

- Ohio is moving forward with new passenger rail corridors including the 3C+D line and Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit.
- MORPC is supporting connections from Chicago to Columbus to Pittsburgh.
- Updates were provided on transportation budget advocacy, including support for trails, transit, and rail.
- Details were shared on federal and state broadband infrastructure funding.

Data Day Recap

Dave reported that Data Day 2023 had over 200 attendees with diverse participation from policymakers and data professionals. Feedback indicated the event was informative and inspiring. Plans are underway to make Data Day an annual event.

MORPC Team Updates

No updates were given due to time constraints.

Working Group Reports

No reports were given due to time constraints.

Adjourned.