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Summary of Uniform Voting System Public Participation Panel Meeting, September 11, 2013

Aspen Meeting Room, 3rd Floor Secretary of State's Office, 1700 Broadway, Denver.

Chair Clarissa Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

Those attending in person or by telephone include: Clarissa Thomas, Carol Tone, Chris Murray, Evelyn Tileston, Harvie Branscomb and Lauren Kingsbury. Liaison from the Uniform Voting System Advisory Committee, George Leing, participated by telephone. The meeting was staffed by Al Davidson, UVS Project Lead for the Secretary of State.

Public testimony was provided by Paul H. Geissler of Lafayette, Colorado regarding identifying ballots for Risk Limiting Audits. In discussion with the panel Mr. Geissler clarified that he does not support identifying a ballot in such a way as to identify the voter who cast it. Discussion also covered the number of ballots from across the state that would need to be identified for Risk Limiting Audit to obtain credible results. The Panel accepted Geissler's offer to provide some information related to the number of ballots that would need to be provided.

Davidson reported that the public input suggestions into the RFP System Requirements are being reviewed for potential incorporation into the RFP. A discussion about whether the RFP System Requirements, or other sections, would be made public again before the release date of October 1. Mr. Branscomb expressed concern over the structure of the RFP that it may limit responses to the traditional voting systems in a time when some major changes in elections may be approaching.

The Panel discussed developing a status report for the Secretary of State. Items that may be in the report include number of meetings, amount of public testimony, number of public comments submitted on the RFP System Requirements, as well as thoughts on the role of the Public Participation Panel in the future. The Panel discussed benefits of continuing the Panel and various ways the Panel may contribute to the UVS Project.

The Panel decided to use a "shared document" resource to edit a basic report that will be initiated by Clarissa. A deadline of October 11 was set for the draft to be available for consideration. Al and Evelyn will explore a format that is accessible to contributors with visual impairments. (Google Documents or Wiki-media).

The Panel voted unanimously on a motion by Chris Murray, to allow a report to be adopted without a separate meeting, though it may be that a meeting is necessary.

The Panel discussed how it might get information about the RFP responses without viewing the actual responses which would make them public information. Information will be provided about the functionalities proposed, without identifying vendors, and be able to respond to those functionalities.

General Discussion

SLI report to COVAMEC showed a great divergence between counties on how they intend to conduct voting at the vote center/polling locations. Some of the questions Branscomb has previously suggested to be asked of Counties were asked, but not all. The Panel determined that an additional survey should be developed, based on Branscomb's suggestions, should be developed and sent to County Election Officials, to be responded to after the November 5, election.

Branscomb advised the Panel of the scheduled rules hearing on October 1 by the Secretary of State for rules that implement HB 1303. It was decided that Branscomb would develop a draft response to the rules for consideration by the members for submission to the rules hearing process. The draft should be available by September 25, and completed in time to submit at the October 1 Secretary of State Rules Hearing. The Panel voted, on a motion by Branscomb, to be able to approve testimony on the rules without a meeting.

The Panel discussed the role the members may play in developing, supporting or opposing legislation in the next legislative session on the implementation of HB 1303 as it relates to conducting elections under a Uniform Voting System.

The Panel, on a motion by Carol, approved the draft summaries of the Panel meetings of July 31, and August 14.

Next meeting was set for November 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Denver. The agenda will include review of survey results, potential completion of report to the Secretary and discuss representation in the RFP response review process.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.