

**Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

**Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC)  
Minutes  
February 10, 2012**

Welcome and introductions were made and attendance was called for by EAAC Co-Chair David Dzumba and Richard Ray. Cheryl King called the attendance and a list of the attendees is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX A. The Agenda for this meeting is attached as APPENDIX B. The minutes of the November 18, 2011 meeting were approved.

Patrick Donovan provided an update on the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau NG911 NPRM proceeding. Karen Strauss gave an update on Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA) proceedings and other activities of interest to the EAAC at the FCC. Karen reported on ongoing FCC rulemakings of possible interest to advocates and consumers with disabilities as well as industry partners.

Cheryl King gave an overview of the 2011 EAAC activities: development of the 2011 EAAC nationwide survey of individuals with disabilities; preparation of the EAAC Survey Report; development of recommendations per the CVAA, and preparation of the EAAC Report and Recommendations.

An open discussion of 2012 activities and deliverables followed. The EAAC reviewed the four recommendations that the EAAC committed to following up on in 2012:

**Recommendation P2.10: Sign Language and Other Communications Assistance** - recommends that the FCC and DOJ work together to create policy that PSAPs must employ Sign Language Interpreters or Assistance Services that provide interpreters fully trained in emergency situations, subject to both emergency and interpreter certification standards.

**Recommendation. P3.3 Interoperability Testing** - recommends that the FCC define policies and regulations which require originating and other service providers, emergency service network providers, vendors, developers and manufacturers of systems to perform regular testing necessary to verify interoperability of accessibility related communication formats.

**Recommendation P6.3 Timeline Contingency** - recommends that NG9-1-1 implementation timelines for product manufacturers, service providers, telecommunication and advanced communication service providers are aligned with the deployment of NG9-1-1 PSAPS geographically.

**Recommendation T1.2 Short Term Mobile Solutions** - recommends that the FCC work with Department of Justice, industry, academia, consumer groups and public safety entities to develop an interim solution that can be rapidly deployed to provide nationwide access to 9-1-1 services through industry standards-based mobile text communications solution(s) to provide critical coverage for this important constituency during the transition to NG9-1-1.

**Three additional areas for consideration were presented: 1. TTY transition / Roadmap; 2. complete sections deleted from EAAC Report and Recommendations; 3. identify gaps and potential problems in NENA i3 with respect to the EAAC recommendations.**

**Cheryl King announced that the FCC had prepared Certificates of Appreciation for the EAAC members, in recognition of their 2011 commitment and hard work. She distributed the Certificates to those in attendance and advised the remainder would be sent to those not present.**

**The meeting recessed for lunch. After the lunch break, the EAAC called for public comment but no one rose to speak.**

**Called back to order, it was proposed and accepted that the seven areas discussed earlier would be assigned to seven subcommittees for consideration. Gregg Vanderheiden offered to set up a “doodle poll” on the Internet so that EAAC members could select the subcommittee(s) on which they want to serve. Cheryl King was asked to identify subcommittees and advise the EAAC of the membership of the subcommittees.**

**It was discussed that the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) was holding its annual “911 Goes to Washington” event the last week of March 2012. Several EAAC members suggested that the EAAC conduct a meeting during that week and have a 2-day event so that members traveling from out-of-town could maximize their travel. It was suggested that the EAAC might sponsor an exhibition of text-to-911 technologies and applications during that time and have a formal EAAC meeting on March 30, 2012. It was agreed that that would be explored by the Co-chairs.**

**Discussion continued about activities and meetings through out the rest of 2012, and several members encouraged the EAAC not to meet every month. Representatives of Gallaudet University advised that May 11, 2012, (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of May) was Gallaudet’s graduation and requested any May meeting be held May 18<sup>th</sup>. A schedule for 2012 meetings and activities will be developed with subcommittee workings contemplated.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Appendix A  
EAAC Meeting  
Friday, February 10, 2012**

**Attendance in person and on conference bridge**

<b>Bernard</b>	<b>Aboba</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Ronnie</b>	<b>Cotton</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Brian</b>	<b>Daly</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Patrick</b>	<b>Donovan</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Toni</b>	<b>Dunne</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>David</b>	<b>Dzumba</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Jean-Paul</b>	<b>Emard</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Sheri A.</b>	<b>Farinha</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Laurie</b>	<b>Flaherty</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Mark</b>	<b>Fletcher</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Daniel</b>	<b>Fok</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Gerst</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Kevin</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Greenwald</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Gunnar</b>	<b>Hellstrom</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Brendan</b>	<b>Kasper</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>Ladew</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Chris</b>	<b>Littlewood</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>Mather</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Neil</b>	<b>Mcdevitt</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Paul</b>	<b>Michaelis</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Don</b>	<b>Mitchell</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Peter</b>	<b>Musgrove</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Jim</b>	<b>Nixon</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Donna</b>	<b>Platt</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Richard</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Marcie</b>	<b>Roth</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Laura</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	<b>Schumacher</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Susan</b>	<b>Sherwood</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>Snapp</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Alfred</b>	<b>Sonnenstrahl</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Karen</b>	<b>Strauss</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Mark</b>	<b>Stern</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Gregg</b>	<b>Vanderheiden</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Arnoud</b>	<b>Van Wijk</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Christian</b>	<b>Vogler</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Norm</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Joel</b>	<b>Ziev</b>	<b>X</b>

**Appendix B**

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**Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC)  
Working Agenda<sup>1</sup>  
February 10, 2012**

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| <b>10:30 – 10:40 a.m.</b>      | <b>Welcome, Introductions and Attendance<br/>EAAC Co-Chairs David Dzumba and Richard Ray</b>          |
| <b>10:40 – 10:50 a.m.</b>      | <b>Review and approval of minutes of<br/>November 18, 2011 EAAC meeting</b>                           |
| <b>10:50 – 11:00 a.m.</b>      | <b>Update on FCC activities</b>   |
| <b>11:00 – 11:15 a.m.</b>      | <b>Overview of 2011 EAAC activities (survey, survey<br/>report, recommendations)</b>                  |
| <b>11:15 – 11:30 a.m.</b>      | <b>Presentation of draft plan for EAAC activities in 2012</b>   |
| <b>11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Discussion of draft plan for EAAC activities in 2012<br/>and possible forum/summits</b>            |
| <b>12:00 – 1:00 p.m.</b>       | <b>Break for lunch</b>  |
| <b>1:00 – 1:30 p.m.</b>        | <b>Discussion of possible <i>2012 FCC</i> event on<br/>Interim Text-to-911 and EAAC participation</b> |
| <b>1:30 – 2:00 p.m.</b>        | <b>Discussion of working groups on 2012 meetings and<br/>events</b>                                   |
| <b>2:00 – 2:15 p.m.</b>        | <b>Public Comment period (open mike)</b>  |
| <b>2:15 – 3:15 p.m.</b>        | <b>Discussion of meetings and activities for 2012</b>   |
| <b>3:15 – 3:30 p.m.</b>        | <b>Wrap up</b>  |

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<sup>1</sup> There may be changes in the order of agenda items as the meeting progresses.