

Sacramento Coalition for Digital Inclusion
Monthly Meeting
January 22, 2021
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Agenda

11:00 AM Welcome, Overview, Federal/State Update
11:10 AM SCDI 2021 Draft Work Plan
11:15 AM Updates from Working Groups
11:45 AM Group Discussion on Work Plan
11:55 AM 2021 Action Plan
12:00 PM Partner Updates and Next Steps

Broadband Internet Access and Adoption Working Group

Goal: Support and promote access and adoption to high-speed and high-quality broadband Internet services in the Greater Sacramento Region.

State and Federal Update

CA Broadband Action Plan implementation
Governor's 21 Budget - BB priorities but no specific allocation - targets coordinate state effort on key actions over next 5 years
Key legislation - AB 14 and SB 4, others
Federal COVID relief package: \$3.2 billion for subsidies for low income families; other sources
New FCC Acting Chair - policy changes?

- On the Legislative front has there been any discussion of a special temporary sales tax like was done after the SF and Northridge earthquakes during the Wilson years?
- Have talked about working on a bond especially for schools

2021 Action Plan Review - Broadband Access and Adoption

Broadband Access (Availability)

Obj 1: Identify main challenges and barriers to broadband service access/availability in the Greater Sacramento Region
Obj 2: Assess identify, connect and apply to existing programs, information, and funding resources to reduce the access/availability gap

Broadband Adoption (Subscribership)

Obj 3: Identify main challenges and barriers to broadband service adoption/subscribership in the Greater Sacramento Region
Obj 4: Assess, identify, connect and apply to existing programs, information, and funding resources to reduce the adoption/subscribership gap

Timeline is from June to December.

- Does a schedule and implementation schedule exist for Access now for the region? What the current plans are, the current resources to increase access to various areas in the region.
 - There are various programs active right now

Hardware Devices Working Group

Goal: Ensure a suitable device to each individual by 2025

2021 Work Plan

Obj 1: Establish relationships in Greater Sacramento for Digital Inclusion regarding device access.
Obj 2: Quantify Device Need. Identify the quantity of devices needed by the community covered by the coalition.
Obj 3: Specify Types of Devices. Based on need specify the types of devices that will satisfy community needs.
Obj 4: Identify Funding Sources.
Obj 5: Identify Suppliers of Used Devices.
Obj 6: Conduct Refurbishing.
Obj 7: Develop Distribution Network.
Obj 8: Develop Five Year Plan.

- What does the distribution plan look like?
- Can we also add retention of devices to address when devices need to be serviced and where folks can get them serviced, especially those who cannot afford the cost of equipment support?

- Can we also develop standards for the quality, age and capacity of devices to be refurbished?
- What happens if they stop working for whatever reason? How will they be serviced? Retention is important
- Perhaps we could look at establishing a “hand me down” program to obtain and set up a refurbishing program taking in donated technology.

Digital Literacy and Skills Working Group

Goal: Develop standards to grow our regional digital literacy and align to our workforce needs and build awareness of and support for standards and consistent learning opportunities.

2021 Work Plan

Obj 1: Research, determine, and advocate for a K12 digital literacy standard for the Greater Sacramento Region.

Obj 2: Amplify and incentivize professional learning opportunities for educators.

Obj 3: Adopt digital literacy/skills standards for adult learners that meet the needs of the region’s diverse population.

SCDI Management and Infrastructure

Coalition management, convening, organizing, work groups, resource inventory, website, etc

Coordination with partners, policy makers, funders, state and national groups

Identification of policies, funding and other resources

2021 Activities: Charter, support work plan implementation, conduct and support research, expand footprint?

- Do we have metrics for each objective or KPIs?

Partner Updates and Next Steps

- Overlapping the broadband availability with student population, hopefully by educational level. What is the source for broadband availability? Industry data or independent research?