**Whitman County Broadband Action Team**

*Monthly Meeting (2nd Monday, 3-4pm)*

**Purpose:** Collaborative, working group to expand broadband service in Whitman county, communicate with county stakeholders about broadband needs and opportunities, and enhance broadband use to improve quality of life for all who live in and visit Whitman County.

**Members:** Port of Whitman County (Kara Riebold, Kalvin Johnson), Avista Utilities (Paul Kimmell), Whitman County Rural Library District (Cody Allen), Partners for Rural WA-Eastern Region (Jody Opheim)

**Agenda**

**September 12, 2022**

**1. Meeting dates**

Does the second Monday work? We had previously talked about the last Monday from 10-11am (I found my notes ;), so just want to make certain the day/time works.

**2. Membership**

Do we invite additional members? WSU when Monica’s position is filled. SEWEDA? Add someone from Neill Public Library?

**3. Communications**

How do we keep stakeholders informed? Schools, mayors, as well as social services like Palouse River Counseling, CAC, CoA? Who and how?

Web page content – members, purpose, activities, grants applied for, speed test link, broadband related news, link to Tech Connect help desk, etc.???

**4. Develop a dynamic plan**

Broadband Adoption Plan (Jenny ??) Kalvin has a copy? Need a dynamic plan

Broadband and Digital Equity Strategic Plan – City of Dallas

<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/pnv/resilient_dallas/DCH%20Documents/Broadband%20and%20Digital%20Equity%20Strategic%20Plan%20(FULL).pdf>

5. **Infrastructure**

Where do we still have coverage gaps in the county? How do we fix them with all the funding opportunities coming over the next 12 months?

**6. Projects**

a. Digital Equity and Inclusion (DE planning pieces?)

b. Affordability – ACP toolkit

b. Workforce Development (Porchlight certification for communities, AWB remote

online cert)

c. Economic Development (Mashup Labs course for would-be entrepreneurs)

d. Healthcare (online mental health services – PRC has an 8 mo backlog!)

e. Agriculture

f. Education

g. Social Services

h. Local governments

i. Devices