**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), WSU and Whitman County Extension (Janet Schmidt)

**Agenda**

**December 12, 2022**

**1. Administrative**

 a. Guests and general updates (Jody)

b. Digital Navigator grant update (Cody)

c. SBO NOFO #2 – potential projects? (Kara)

d. PWB 2023 application (continue monitoring for release of NOFO)

**2. Communications**

 a. Emails to towns regarding FCC map (Jody)

b. Invitations to new members and ACP enrollments (Jody)

c. Updates from around the state (SBO, WSU Extension, NTIA, NoaNet, etc.)

**3. Infrastructure and Planning**

a. Mapping progress (Whitman County shape files) (Kalvin)

b. BAT plan development (Access, Affordability, Adoption) (M. Gaffney)

**4. Potential Projects List**

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

 b. Affordability – ACP toolkit

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

online cert)

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

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

 f. Agriculture

 g. Education

 h. Social Services

 i. Local governments

 j. Devices

 k. Public safety