



Information Technology

April 24th, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of Marshall University Information Technology for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. Marshall University, an Alliance member, has a long history of using Broadband and Information Technology to increase access and improve the overall quality of healthcare. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

We look forward to and support the implementation of the Alliance's strategic plan for the advancement of telehealth in West Virginia through these mutual efforts. We ask for the support of the Federal Communication Commission under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide the necessary funding to implement this plan and to strengthen our ability to expand the potential for these vital telehealth services in order to save and improve the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

We join the many others that are part of this effort in asking the Commission's approval of the grant application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance to assist in our collective efforts to build a dedicated rural health broadband network and to use telehealth services more widely to improve the health and well-being of West Virginians.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jan I. Fox
Vice President for Information Technology/CIO
Marshall University

April 27, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
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Washington, DC 20002

Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

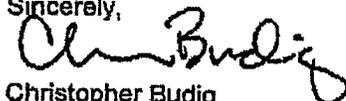
Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of Mountaineer Doctor Television (MDTV) for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state. Mountaineer Doctor Television is a state wide Telehealth Network which has been supported by West Virginia University since its inception in 1992. Mountaineer Doctor Television currently delivers services in clinical telemedicine consults, professional continuing education, patient/community education, distance learning and administrative teleconferencing to 42 distant sites located throughout the state of West Virginia and 1 in the state of Maryland.

We look forward to and support the implementation of the Alliance's strategic plan for the advancement of telehealth in West Virginia through these mutual efforts. We ask for the support of the Federal Communication Commission under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide the necessary funding to implement this plan and to strengthen our ability to expand the potential for these vital telehealth services in order to save and improve the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

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Sincerely,



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Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center

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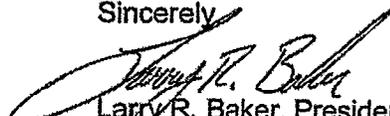
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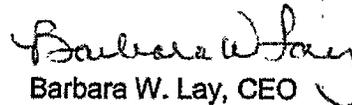
I am providing this letter of support on behalf of Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center, Inc. for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with our organization, a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

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Sincerely,


Larry R. Baker, President


Barbara W. Lay, CEO

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April 19, 2007

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Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of New River Community and Technical College for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with our organization, a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

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Sincerely,

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April 26, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20002

Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of NTELOS, a regional communications provider of leading edge data and wireless solutions, for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will greatly aid in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

We look forward to and support the implementation of the Alliance's strategic plan for the advancement of telehealth in West Virginia through these mutual efforts. We ask for the support of the Federal Communication Commission under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide the necessary funding to implement this plan and to strengthen our ability to expand the potential for these vital telehealth services in order to save and improve the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

We join the many others that are part of this effort in asking the Commission's approval of the grant application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance to assist in our collective efforts to build a rural broadband network to allow telehealth services to be more widely available to improve the health and well-being of West Virginians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary McDermott".

Mary McDermott
Senior Vice President – Legal and Regulatory Affairs



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April 30, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of Partners in Health Network, Inc. for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Partners in Health Network is a vertically integrated network consisting of rural hospitals, federally qualified health clinics and health departments. We understand the challenges facing rural health care and the expectations placed upon these organizations.

We look forward to and support the implementation of the Alliance's strategic plan for the advancement of telehealth in West Virginia through these mutual efforts. We ask for the support of the Federal Communication Commission under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide the necessary funding to implement this plan and to strengthen our ability to expand the potential for these vital telehealth services in order to save and improve the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

Partners in Health Network join the many others that are part of this effort in asking the Commission's approval of the grant application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance to better sustain quality health care in West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Whitley
Executive Director

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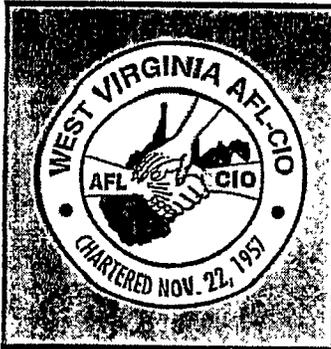
I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the Pocahontas Center, a 68 bed skilled nursing facility in Marlinton, for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with our organization, a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

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Respectfully,

Jud Worth, PhD, LSW
Administrator



West Virginia AFL-CIO

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GENERAL COUNSEL

May 1, 2007

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110
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Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the West Virginia AFL-CIO for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The West Virginia AL-CIO is a group of more than 420 affiliated unions representing nearly 400,000 West Virginian's who depend upon our health programs for access to quality health care. We support the efforts of those engaged in the work of the Telehealth Alliance, representing the interests of health care providers, government agencies, business and organized labor to improve the health of West Virginia through use of telehealth applications and a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure. Many of our members and their families live in rural areas of the state that will benefit from this initiative.

We ask that the Federal Communication Commission provide funding under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to assist in the implementation of this plan. We join with those participating in this effort in asking the Commission's approval of the grant application of the Alliance to improve the health of all West Virginians, especially the working men and women that are a vital part of our labor force.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Perdue
President

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WEST VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The Voice of Business in West Virginia

April 20, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce regarding the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with many organizations as part of a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

We look forward to and support the implementation of the Alliance's strategic plan for the advancement of telehealth in West Virginia through these mutual efforts. We ask for the support of the Federal Communication Commission under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide the necessary funding to implement this plan and to strengthen our ability to expand the potential for these vital telehealth services in order to save and improve the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce joins the many others that are part of this effort in asking the Commission's approval of the grant application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance to assist in our collective efforts to build a dedicated rural health broadband network and to use telehealth services more widely to improve the health and well-being of West Virginians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen G. Roberts".

Stephen G. Roberts
President



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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Martha Yeager Walker
Secretary

April 25, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Martin:

Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

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Sincerely,

Martha Yeager Walker
Secretary

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Joe Manchin III
Governor



Sonia D. Chambers
Chair

Martha Yeager Walker, Secretary
West Virginia Department of
Health and Human Resources

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April 24, 2007

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the West Virginia Health Care Authority ("WVHCA") for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies, including the WVHCA, and other interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

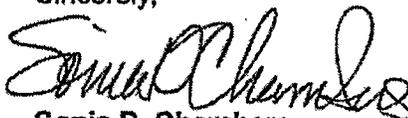
The WVHCA is the lead agency responsible for oversight of the West Virginia Health Information Network created by statute at the request of Governor Joe Manchin III in 2006. This public/private partnership's task is to facilitate the interoperable exchange of health care information and knowledge to promote the health of West Virginians who live in one of the most rural states in our nation. Our statewide cooperative effort on this project is driven by the desire and opportunity to address this mission boldly and decisively. The Commission's support through grant funding of our efforts will have a tremendous positive impact for West Virginia.

We look forward to and support the implementation of the Alliance's strategic plan for the advancement of telehealth in West Virginia through these mutual efforts. We ask for the support of the Federal Communications Commission under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide the necessary funding to implement this plan and to strengthen our ability to expand the potential for these vital telehealth services in order to save and improve the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

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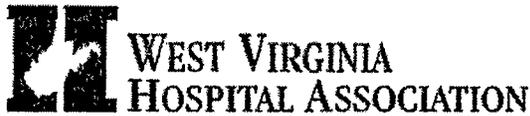
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Sincerely,



Sonia D. Chambers
Chair

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April 19, 2007

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Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the West Virginia Hospital Association for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with our organization, a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural healthcare centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding healthcare and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

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Sincerely,

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Joseph M. Lemaunchyn
President & CEO

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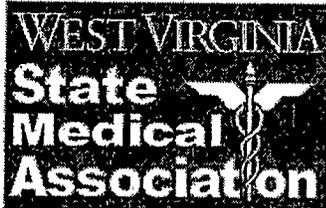
By this letter, the West Virginia Primary Care Association expresses its strong support for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

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Sincerely,

Phil Schenk, Executive Director



April 25, 2007

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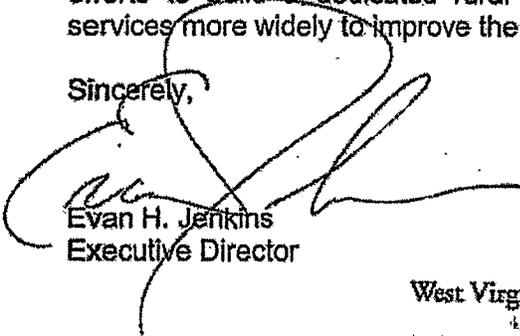
I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the West Virginia State Medical Association (WVSMA) for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The WVSMA is the state's largest physician advocacy organization. A significant part of our current program-of-work is focused on the issue of electronic health information systems.

The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

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Sincerely,


Evan H. Jenkins
Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state. WVSOM is committed to rural practice and the importance of networking to the various rural centers in the state. This project will enhance our ability to support our mission.

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Sincerely,

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Olen E. Jones, Jr.
President

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Washington, DC 20002

Re: Support for Grant Application of West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am providing this letter of support on behalf of West Virginia University-Charleston Division for the application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc. for grant funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Alliance, working collaboratively with our organization, a statewide group of health care providers, government agencies and interested parties, has developed a bold plan for the advancement of telehealth adoption and utilization in West Virginia. Greater use of a dedicated network of advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure is vital to enabling rural health care centers in our state to access and leverage telehealth applications, information systems and educational resources. Most importantly, though, this initiative will aid greatly in expanding health care and services in the many rural and medically underserved areas of our state.

The West Virginia University-Charleston Division is one of the oldest Regional Medical Education Centers in the United States. Our affiliation with Charleston Area Medical Center has created a very effective community oriented Academic Medical Center dedicated to improving the health of Southern West Virginia population. The advanced telecommunication and information infrastructure targeted by this grant will be a significant assistance to our efforts.

We look forward to and support the implementation of the Alliance's strategic plan for the advancement of telehealth in West Virginia through these mutual efforts. We ask for the support of the Federal Communication Commission under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide the necessary funding to implement this plan and to strengthen our ability to expand the potential for these vital telehealth services in order to save and improve the lives of many of our fellow citizens.

We join the many others that are part of this effort in asking the Commission's approval of the grant application of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance to assist in our collective efforts to build a dedicated rural health broadband network and to use telehealth services more widely to improve the health and well-being of West Virginians.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 6

Technology Overview and Plan: The West Virginia Telehealth Alliance's telecommunications plan contemplates that all health care providers within the state will have the ability to connect to the dedicated network regardless of facility type or availability of bandwidth. It also leverages the existing telecommunications infrastructure and future West Virginia State telecommunications initiatives to allow for the most cost-effective and inter-operable means of connecting these providers.

The West Virginia Telehealth Alliance network will be based upon the Multi-Protocol Label Switching protocol. Many of the participating organizations already have established wide-area-networks that utilize MPLS for connectivity. MPLS or Metro-Ethernet networks are also advanced broadband protocols that allow for faster speeds, greater reliability, and accommodates "any-to-any" Internet protocol connectivity. Using MPLS as the standard protocol for the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance will enable the consolidation of video, voice, and data onto one platform. There are many advantages to a Metropolitan Ethernet/MPLS network. The key advantages are:

- 1) Ease of traffic engineering in the network.
- 2) The ability to set classes and quality of service (QOS).
- 3) Simplifies network management and complexity.
- 4) Ease of adding additional bandwidth (hours versus weeks or longer).
- 5) Significant cost reductions in both network and equipment costs.

It was also important to leverage and connect with the initiative underway by the State of West Virginia to deploy a statewide MPLS network for all of the West Virginia State facilities – many of which are participating health care organizations of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance.

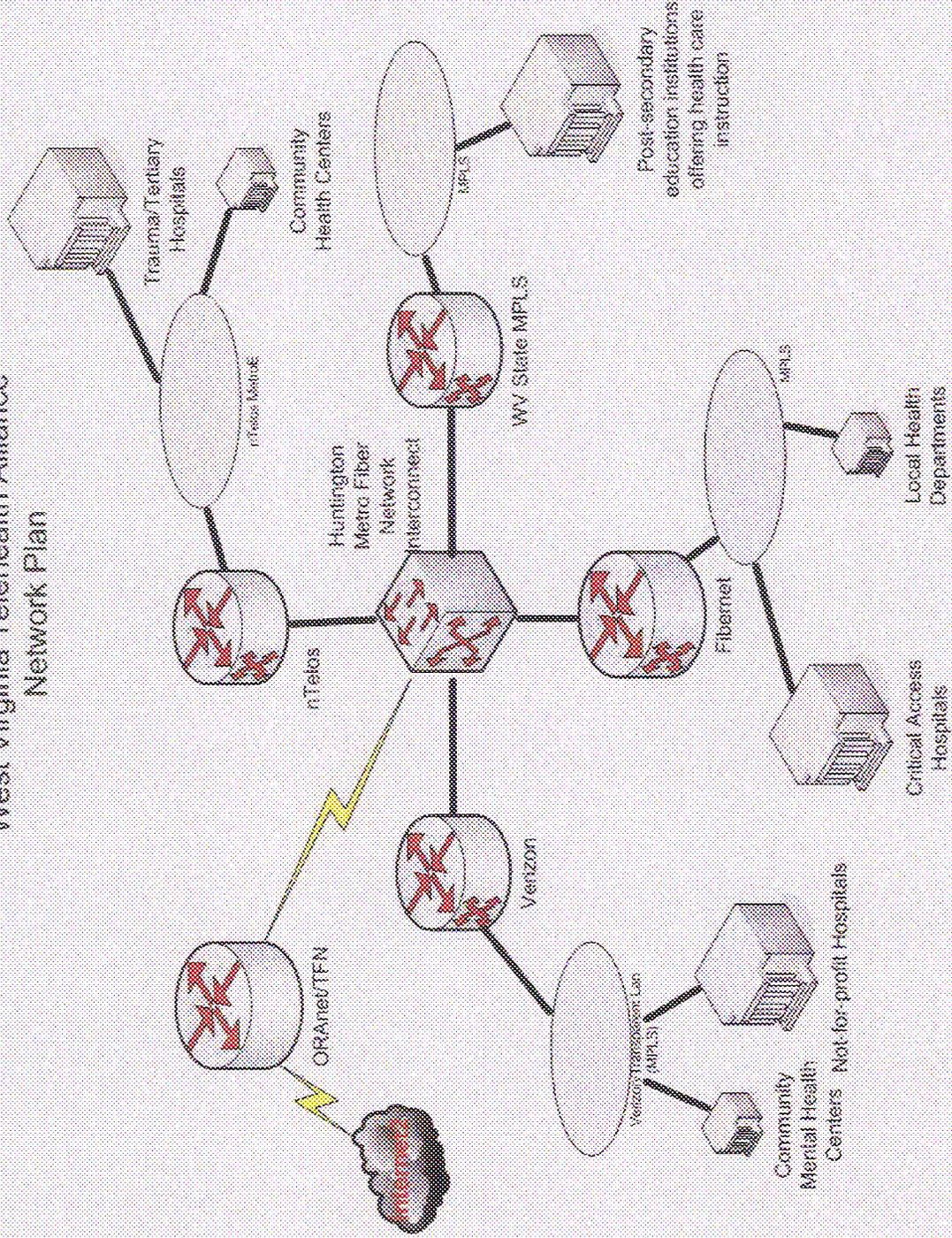
In order to inter-connect the existing MPLS networks, and to connect the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance to the Internet2 – specific fiber construction projects have been identified in the grant application and plan. The West Virginia Telehealth Alliance network will connect to the Internet2 by way of a direct fiber link between the "Huntington Metro Fiber Network Interconnection" and ORAnet/TFN. (See the attached West Virginia Telehealth Alliance Network Plan diagram below.) This fiber build will also link the Biotechnology Science Center, St. Mary's Medical Center, Cabell Huntington Hospital, and the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine facilities to the WVTA network and the Internet2. The fiber infrastructure resulting from this project will provide a cost effective way to integrate the existing networks of the Marshall University School of Medicine (both the Medical Center and its many rural clinics), St. Mary's Medical Center, the St. Mary's Education Center, and Cabell Huntington Hospital. The resulting integrated fiber network will allow the augmentation and integration of existing healthcare networks into a comprehensive and cost effective solution for biotechnology and health information sharing and discovery. It is the most cost effective method of providing Internet2 access to the largest number of healthcare professionals in southern West Virginia.

The Huntington Metro Fiber Network Interconnection will act as a Class Of Service (CoS), interprovider IP-MPLS backbone that will allow for connectivity between any of the telecommunications providers operating in the State utilizing the MPLS protocol. It is envisioned that this backbone will allow for gigabit connectivity between the differing MPLS vendors and will allow rural health care providers to connect to the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance network by way of Verizon, nTelos, Fibernet, or the new Statewide MPLS network. Depending upon the bandwidth required, each organization is anticipated to connect via an MPLS T1 (1.5Mb), or 10/100/1000Mb fiber connection. It will also allow for other hospitals and health care education facilities such as, CAMC and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic medicine to connect to the larger network and also have access to the resources available on the Internet2.

The plan and proposal provides for the completion of a fiber build to the telehealth training headquarters of the Community Health Network of West Virginia. This fiber build will connect these advanced telehealth / video conferencing facilities to the larger network and will allow for the twenty members of the Community Health Network – located in extremely rural areas – to communicate with other telehealth providers such as MDTV.

A significant portion of the fiber construction budget is allocated to the completion of a fiber connection from Beckley to Lewisburg. Southern West Virginia has traditionally been underserved by voice and data communications providers for a number of reasons. The lack of high-speed networks has hindered growth and development in this part of the state. Population and business density (medium to enterprise) are a major drawback to building and deployment for service providers driven by shareholder return on capital investment. The terrain in this part of the state also makes deployment costly and time consuming. The smaller market opportunity places these locations lower on the priority list versus more densely populated areas in other areas. Better, faster, state-of-the-art fiber-optic networks require major investments of time and money to deploy, and require that there is a sufficient customer base willing to move to these services to allow a provider to recoup its costs. Although there are a few more densely populated areas in West Virginia that currently have access to these services, the majority of the state, and especially the southern portion, does not. This part of the state contains some of the most economically challenged areas in West Virginia and therefore has some of the highest costs (per capita) of providing health services. Access to this network will allow healthcare providers to reduce their costs and increase their level of service to their patients. This network will allow participants of the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance in this rural area to connect with service providers at major trauma centers, hospitals and specialists – which will help eliminate the need to drive for hours in order to receive care.

West Virginia Telehealth Alliance Network Plan



Attachment 7

Budget Justification and Narrative

This budget information reflects the priorities and commitment of resources appropriate to accomplish the activities described in the Strategic Plan. The narrative set forth is a break-down of the allocations reflected in the Budget document.

REVENUES: Amounts shown correspond to source. It is contemplated that eligible and non-eligible participant costs will be allocated on a direct cost basis with an indirect allocation of operational and administrative costs. Based upon the initial participation designations, the project team has used an 80% allocation factor for eligible participants and a 20% allocation factor for non-eligible participants. The WVTA has submitted requests for private foundation grants and State support for administrative and non-eligible costs, along with a subsidy of operating and communication costs for the 15% required match.

EXPENSES:

The project plan contemplates that the functions of the WVTA will be conducted by contract personnel through the first 6 months of operations while operational funding is secured and employees are recruited. After the first six months, it is completed that employees of the Alliance will perform management functions as described in the Plan. Accordingly, for the first year, one-half year of salaries are included in the budget and the first six months are reflected in the contractual services line.

PERSONNEL:

Executive Director. This is a full-time position at an annual salary of \$50,000.

Project Manager/Web Master. This is a full-time position at an annual salary of \$32,000.

Financial/Administrative Manager. This is a full-time position at an annual salary of \$30,000.

Telehealth Coordinator. This is a full-time position that will not be staffed until the second year of operations. The annual salary for this position is \$35,000.

FRINGE BENEFITS:

Fringe benefits have been calculated at 25 % of base salary to include Social Security, health insurance and retirement benefits and all employment payroll taxes, including Workers Compensation coverage.

TRAVEL:

The amounts budgeted are based upon projected travel requirements for project implementation and coordination. Projected costs are based upon current airline, lodging and other travel costs and mileage is projected using current IRS mileage rates.

CONTRACTED SERVICES:

Amounts for the services of the interim support personnel have been budgeted based upon contractual rates and projected time allocations. Other contractual services have been budgeted based upon estimated time for projects such as the web-clearinghouse based upon time estimates and current rates for these services. Other contractual services include technical support and maintenance agreement costs and the cost of contract vendors utilized in the implementation of the project.

Certain hardware and software will be acquired to implement the project. Consumable supplies incident to the deployment of the hardware and software have been projected, along with anticipated legal and filing fees incidental to organization of the corporation and filing for the tax-exempt determination.

Administrative costs reflect projected rent, insurance, telephone and other operational expenses for occupancy and start-up. The equipment line reflects the cost of acquiring office furniture, computers and other items needed for administrative functions.

CONSTRUCTION, PLANNING AND COMMUNICATION COSTS:

These costs have been projected based upon quotes and estimates from telecommunications vendors as part of the initial planning for this project. Construction costs are based upon actual cost estimates, subject to actual bid results. The planning costs are based upon project plans for interconnection and last-mile connectivity analysis and determinations. The communication costs are based upon current costs before application of any Universal Service subsidy as reported by participants in the planning process. Surveys of all participants were distributed in the six months prior to submission of the grant application. The number of participating sites is based upon expressions of participation during the planning of the project and the number of sites currently participating in some form of telehealth, either through direct telemedicine utilization or some form of health information exchange.

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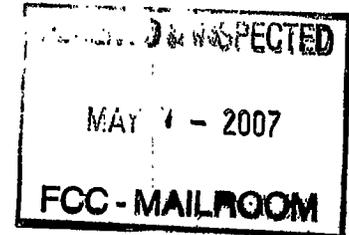
DATE: May 3, 2007

**Re: Grant Application
Federal Communication Commission
Rural Health Care Pilot Program
(WC Docket No. 02-60)**



Applicant: The West Virginia Telehealth Alliance, Inc.
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Provided is the original and four copies of our application grant.



**West Virginia
Telehealth
Alliance, Inc**

Projected Operating
Budget

Revenue:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3+ forward
Member contributions – Eligible participants			
Direct and Indirect	508,400	580,670	3,500,000 400,000
Member contributions – non-eligible	340,000	585,000	
FCC grant proceeds	3,816,800	4,579,330	0
Other grants	150,000	150,000	0
State of WV	225,000	275,000	700,000
Total Revenue	\$5,040,200	6,170,000	4,600,000
Expenditure:			
Administration	200,000	275,000	300,000
Planning and design	660,000	660,000	100,000
Advanced Communications	1,965,200	3,400,000	4,200,000
Construction Non-eligible Communications Cost	1,875,000	1,250,000	0
	340,000	585,000	
Total Expenditure	\$5,040,200	\$6,170,000	\$4,600,000

**West Virginia Telehealth
Alliance**

Administrative Budget

For the period
7/1/07 to 6/30/08

For the period
7/1/08 to 6/30/09

Revenue:

Benedum grant	150,000	150,000
Allocated indirect cost - participants	50,000	125,000
Total revenue	200,000	275,000

Expense:

Personnel:

Executive Director	25,000	50,000
Project manager/web master	15,000	32,000
Financial/administrative manager	14,000	30,000
Telehealth coordinator		35,000
Total personnel	54,000	147,000

Benefits (at 25%)	13,500	36,750
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Contract services

Initial management (1st six months)	30,000	
Technical services (web design and implem (Planning and design)	12,500	6,500
Consulting services	20,000	10,000
Travel	7,000	8,000
Legal and accounting (formation and audit)	9,000	7,500
Meeting and conference expense	8,500	8,500
Administrative expense (rent, telephone, ins)	22,000	36,000
Start up costs (supplies, software, internet)	6,000	
Memberships in national organizations	1,000	1,000
Publishing and postage	2,500	3,750
Equipment and office furniture	8,000	2,500
Evaluation services	6,000	7,500
Total for period	200,000	275,000