



Predictive Services Oversight Group

Meeting Agenda

June 24-25, 2020

PSOG Members: Dan O’Brien (GACC), Nancy Ellsworth (GACC), Jarrod Simontacchi (NICC), Shane McDonald (NMAC), Kelly Castillo (CGAC), Nate Benson (Fire Mgmt), Brian Achziger (Fire Mgmt), Heidi Strader (PS Met), Gabriella Branson (PS Intel), Billy Gardunio (PS Fire Analyst), Beth Lund (FMB Liaison), Chuck Maxwell (NTS Lead), Robin Brooks

Item	Topic	Purpose	Presenter
1	PSOG Task 20-01: AWIPS 2 Timeline	Start Implementation	
2	PSOG Task 20-02: Remote Sit Unit Timeline	Start Implementation	
3	PSOG Task 20-03: Remote Decision Support Tasking Memo	Review & Finalize	
4	<p>Following Through on FMB’s Intent for Predictive Services <u>Organization & Structure</u> Mission & Program Goals Shifting Emphasis/Cohesive Team PSOG Tasks & Gaining Operational Understanding & Experience Training to the Mission Leveraging Partnerships Setting Program Requirements</p>	Brainstorm & Discuss	
5	Follow up tasks for PSOG members	Set work tasks	
6	Round Robin	Share Information	
	Next Call is July 29, 30		



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RMA Questions

- Was this created without talking to you? Yes FS product.
- Gabriella — AK has a similar project.
- Kelly — SW is doing something similar using Story Map.
- Gabriella — May be useful to have someone from Data source.
- Dan — Looks at it as, taking his SME and let them take the data and plug it in, utilizing the material. Predictive services does. but how much do we want to leverage? We have the skills for probable analyzation
- Chuck Maxwell – Predictive Services — has the information, but what is the base level. It is all information. Consistent data sets.
- Heidi — You would like PS to provide the solution. Fire managers want information to make informed decisions.
- Dan — Incorporating outcome products.

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1. AWIPS

- Heidi — Dan thought this looked good and ready to proceed.
- Dan — Do we need to take another approach for theses tasks?
- Kathy Pipkin — Yes, Colleen turned him down, concern is how do we make these tasks work, tasking out problems. Theses are not tasks yet so how can we work them out.
- Nancy – Volunteers are good because you get someone that is interested.
- Gabriella — Agree.

2. IWIPS

- Nick will be the one in charge.
- 2nd item — Jarrod would like Derrek to be involved and will be liaison.
- Nate — Would like to have Derrek become available right away.
- Dan — CGAC has a lot of interest in this and would like to start this season. NR's model is a little GIS heavy. Given other elements he would like to see Predictive Services included. May be a good place to land with Remote SITS. Building a plan is important. Need point of contact for predictive services.
- Jarrod — We have Steve Larrabee and Colleen and will have Derrek part of predictive services Don't think we need to make this available for this fire season, but to work on it now and have ready for 2021. This year work with NR then get into the Red Book.
- Charlie — Define avenues where PS can help identify standards etc..
- Dan — Do we need to go back into the taking memo? Jarrod – yes, need to update.
- Gabriella — Will send back out.



3. Decision Support Module

- Dan — been around since 2018, haven't used one in a while. Who do we need to coordinate with? Dan has SOP's, some work has been done on it but how do we grab it and apply across the nation? RMA may be one way, ensuring consistency, common intel network, establish feedback system, plug and play capability. How do we build something that both these can be?
- AK — Thought we were going to wait on this until Sit was done.
- DE — Mark and a few others have been running this.
- BG — Was waiting to hear from dan to reach out to Billy.
- JS — Has talked with Chris Moore who is willing to work with Billy.
- Dan — If we are good with how the draft document looks, we can send off to Billy.
- Billy — Will take the task.
- Dan — How do we want to roll these out?
- Gabriella — Yes invite them all to a meeting, predictive services etc..
- Heidi — Thinks it is a good idea. Invite CM also then have in a place where all can see.
- Chuck — Maybe with these three taskings, send the information out before there is a meeting.
- GB — Put out a memo and provide a way to ask questions, and to let them know this is how we are doing it. Need to also include who will be doing the tasks.
- Nancy — Believes there is a lack of trust and may be problematic.
- Dan — Like initial rollout that Gabriella talked about, Have the core group, now need to get the group.
- Gabriella — Will do a one-page document and have ready for next week's meeting.
- SharePoint — Jarrod will check with Krista and Karla.
- Nate — Good discussion on taking memos.
- Gabriella — Nothing to add.
- Nancy — Great call, not be on tomorrow.
- Billy — Good call, will start making calls.
- Jarrod — Nothing to add.
- Heidi — The 14th at 10:00am is when the IMET WILL MEET.
- Shane — Good call.
- Dan — Will meet again tomorrow, thanks for the help and support of the group.



4. Organization Structure

- Dan — We cannot just rely on ourselves to push things through, need the support of upper management. Have perceptions of what predictive services is so having that leadership involvement will make it easier.
- Gabriella — Town Hall is part of what we are doing.
- Dan — feels that maybe having smaller groups.
- NB — Broader mission, working with key staff at GA then reach out to NMAC.. Within predictive services who is it that we need to work with.
- Dan — Ultimately it is what we are all doing to support the mission. Trying to get over the fact that we are not different, all have the same functionality. On phase 2, spent a lot of time on mission, then to program goals. Some GACC's are taking a more active approach such as N OP's. Needs to be a bonified regional effort.
- Heidi — Resources may be harder, more individual.
- Dan — Resources are the wildcard, more art than science. Resource allocations are different; how do we build on that.

5. Training to the Mission

- Dan — What do we need to pay attention to that you don't have in front of you?
- Heidi — Having better tools across the country for ERC, flame lengths, which comes down to money. Need that line item in the budget so we have some kind of funding source.
- Dan — Money could be good and bad; Danette's proposal response is a good idea but not sure how to fit it into the organization. Fire analyst were supposed to be part of the program.
- Heidi — Data Analyst position as an alternative to get a better.
- NB — Having enough people; need to have a strong core.
- Dan — What is Predictive Services roll.
- NB — Research and data; willingness for core resources to be forward thinking.
- Dan — Do we need that capacity at all the GACC's and NICC? Elements will need to be at NIIC or GACC's. Operational Intelligence. How do we design the right frame? GACC's are really the hub. What does management want vs what do they need?
- Jarrod — For the position at NICC, fire analyst type needs good intel skills, historical data for resource mobilization needs. Current and expected conditions. Data integrator. need to create something that is consistent. Intel is standardized. It would be nice if meteorologist could work in that same capacity. We have a lot of tools that are already funded. Need to know what the real needs are.
- Dan — Figuring out business solutions could help us go further. Need collaboration.
- Gabriella and Dan will get together next week — Wednesday 2:00 Pacific and Derrek and Jarrod will send invite.



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- When do we want to roll out tasks? July 22nd.
- Single Town Hall — NMAC, CGAC, NCCM?
- Jarrod — Will discuss roll out with NMAC.
- Gabriella — Thinks CM need to be included in meeting.
- Nate — Nothing more.
- Gabriella — Nothing more.
- Billy — Nothing more.
- Heidi — Nothing more.
- Jarrod — Nick start date July 5th.

Next call July 29-30