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FCC ANNOUNCES THE MEMBERSHIP AND FIRST MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL ROBOCALL PROTECTION GROUP

This Public Notice serves as notice that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act¹ and the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act of 2019 (TRACED Act),² Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai has appointed members to serve on the Hospital Robocall Protection Group (HRPG). The HRPG will hold its first meeting on **Monday, July 27, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Notice of this meeting was published in the Federal Register on June 22, 2020.³ The meeting will take place via video conference and will be publicly available via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.⁴ The public may submit questions to livequestions@fcc.gov.

Chairman Pai has designated Paul D. (Dave) Summitt, Chief Information Security Officer of the Moffitt Cancer Center, to serve as Chair of the HRPG, and Patrick Halley, Senior Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, US Telecom, to serve as Vice Chair. A full list of HRPG members appointed by the Chairman is attached to this Public Notice.

The TRACED Act provides that the HRPG be established for the purpose of issuing best practices regarding the following: (1) How voice service providers can better combat unlawful robocalls made to hospitals; (2) How hospitals can better protect themselves from such calls, including by using unlawful robocall mitigation techniques; and (3) How the Federal Government and State governments can help combat such calls.⁵

As required by the TRACED Act, the HRPG is composed of one member each from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), plus an equal number of representatives from the following six categories: (1) voice service providers that serve hospitals; (2) companies that focus on mitigating unlawful robocalls; (3) consumer advocacy organizations; (4) providers of one-way voice over internet protocol services; (5) hospitals; and (6) state government officials focused on combating unlawful robocalls.⁶ Members were selected from a diverse mix of organizations to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered by the HRPG.

¹ Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (FACA).

² Pub. L., 116-105, 133 Stat 3274.

³ See Federal Communications Commission, Federal Advisory Committee Act; 85 Fed. Reg. 37452 (Jun. 22, 2020).

⁴ The public may also follow summaries of the meeting on Twitter, @fcc, or via the Commission's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fcc.

⁵ TRACED Act § 14(c).

⁶ TRACED Act § 14(b).

For the agenda of its first meeting, the HRPG will introduce its members, working groups and leadership, review the TRACED Act's mandates and mission,⁷ review the FACA's procedural requirements, and receive briefings on relevant FCC programs and policies. The agenda may be modified at the discretion of the HRPG Chair and its Designated Federal Officer.

To ensure accessibility for the meeting, open captioning will be provided in the live stream. Other reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities can be made available upon request. To request an accommodation, or for materials in accessible formats for persons with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodations needed. In addition, requesters should include their contact information should Commission staff need to reach them to fulfill the request. Please allow at least five days' advance notice; last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Pursuant to the FACA, the Commission is responsible for oversight of the HRPG and its working groups.⁸ As a result, FCC staff or Commissioners may participate in or attend meetings or other activities held by both the HRPG and its working groups. To facilitate these interactions, and in accordance with section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.1200(a), presentations to the HRPG, its working groups, or HRPG-sponsored discussions (e.g., roundtables or workshops), or to FCC staff or Commissioners incidental to and in connection with such HRPG meetings or discussions, will be treated as exempt presentations for *ex parte* purposes. This exemption covers presentations from HRPG members to FCC staff and Commissioners in other settings only to the extent that the HRPG members are presenting the views of the HRPG or its working groups, as opposed to an individual member's own views or that of a member's organization. We find that this modification of the *ex parte* rules is in the public interest because it will allow the HRPG to develop and shape its advice and recommendations to the Commission more efficiently and effectively.

We recognize that some issues may be addressed by the HRPG that are the subject of pending FCC proceedings. The Commission will not rely in these proceedings on any information submitted to the HRPG, or to any of its working groups, or sponsored roundtables, or information conveyed by HRPG members (including members of any HRPG working groups) to FCC staff or Commissioners unless that information is first placed in the record of the relevant proceeding.

More information about the HRPG is available [here](#). You may also contact Donna Cyrus, Designated Federal Officer of the HRPG, at (202) 418-7325, or Donna.Cyrus@fcc.gov; or Aliza Katz, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1737, or Aliza.Katz@fcc.gov.

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⁷ TRACED Act § 14(c).

⁸ *See* 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

HRPG MEMBERSHIP

Chair:

- Dave Summitt, Chief Information Security Officer, Moffitt Cancer Center

Vice Chair:

- Patrick Halley, Senior Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, US Telecom – The Broadband Association

Voice Service Providers that Serve Hospitals:

- John Cunningham, Director of Fraud Management, CenturyLink
- Joseph DeLotto, VP of Voice and Unified Communications Products, Charter Communications
- Linda Vandeloop, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, AT&T

Companies that Focus on Mitigating Unlawful Robocalls:

- Mark Collier, Chief Technology Officer, SecureLogix
- Aaron Foss, Founder and CEO, Nomorobo
- Patrick Halley, Senior Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, US Telecom – The Broadband Association

Consumer Advocacy Organizations:

- John Breyault, Vice President, Public Policy, Telecommunications and Fraud, National Consumers League
- Dawit Kahsai, Senior Legislative Representative, AARP (formerly the “American Association of Retired Persons”)
- Irene Leech, Vice-President, Consumer Federation of America

Providers of one-way voice over internet protocol services:

- Gunnar Halley, Assistant General Counsel CELA-Privacy & Regulatory Affairs, Microsoft Corporation
- Rebekah Johnson, Founder & CEO, Numeracle
- Chris Shipley, Attorney & Policy Advisor, INCOMPAS

Hospitals:

- Richard Lovich, Managing Partner, Stephenson, Acquisto & Colman, and National Counsel to the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM)
- John Riggi, Senior Advisor for Cybersecurity and Risk, American Hospital Association
- Dave Summitt, Chief Information Security Officer, Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute

State Government Officials Focused on Combating Unlawful Robocalls:

- Crecy Johnson, Special Deputy Attorney General, North Carolina Attorney General’s Office
- David McCoy, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Arkansas Attorney General
- Wisam Naoum, Assistant Attorney General, Michigan Department of Attorney General

FCC Representative:

- Commissioner Brendan Carr

FTC Representative:

- Commissioner Noah Phillips

Donna Cyrus, Designated Federal Officer
Aliza Katz, Deputy Designated Federal Officer