

Meeting Notes  
MTC Uniformity Project  
9-25-13 1:00 pm EDT

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Attending: Shirley Sicilian, MTC; Gary Humphrey, OR; Dee Wald, ND; Stewart Binke, MI; Rebecca Abbo, NM; Terry Frederick, Sprint; Craig Turner, COST; Lila Disque, MTC; Elizabeth Harchenko, facilitator;.
- II. Public Comment – none.
- III. Project Work
  - a. Check in on project charter and work plan – team approved Gary’s suggestion to keep options open to develop a solution as part of the project. Add a reference to this to the project time line for March meeting – if enough data, move into solution development mode.
  - b. MTC Baseline data – Lila
    1. Chart posted on the MTC web site with list of model regulations and statutes: date of adoption and which states have adopted. Lila will keep it up as research continues; data is incomplete and needs to be filled out; format allows sorting by date; type of recommendation; states that have adopted; MTC not confident that research was completely thorough, even for the older models.
    2. Comment –fewer states seem to have adopted more current models. However, there is no current survey on adoption of models (last was 2002); also, it takes time for states to begin to adopt models. Suggest keeping title, version, and date of the chart so that we know we have the most current version.
  - c. Discuss scope of research – Shirley memo: what is our hypothesis? We need to have a way to make sense of our research and focus it. Ideally, we would find out how many states have adopted each model. But this is very time consuming. Lila wasn’t able to complete research for any one model. Probably unrealistic to do this for all of our models. Propose that the group select a few to focus on – some that we perceive to be successful, some that we perceive to be unsuccessful. This could give us a way to prioritize research. Could focus on newer models. One challenge is that states are sometimes source of models that are ultimately recommended. Is there a correlation to bylaw 7 survey results? These characteristics could be included in the history document.  
How many models could we research? What characteristics would we want to check on?  
Thoughts: focus on more recent proposals – this will probably be easier to gather information about adoption because there will still be people who know what happened in the states. Characteristics- does this have a predetermining effect if we use specific characteristics? Example: if we can do 12 models effectively, we need to do a rough cut and check our assumptions. Need to look for some successful models as well as unsuccessful models.

How to determine how many states have actually adopted newer models?  
Would Hearings Officers reports be helpful?

Group needs to get the basic data about adoption first, then delve into the characteristics that made them successful or not.

- d. Discuss research tools – suggestion that a survey be conducted of the states to determine level of adoption of more recent models; do we need to develop the in-depth survey methodology concerning the reasons for adoption or not at the same time? No – that will come next. We will need to provide easy access to MTC models as part of the adoption survey. Post models on web site with links to text of models in the survey. Use Uniformity Committee membership list, send a list of specific models with links.

Use newer proposals – focus on proposals that are in the 2000s; factor presence; combined reporting; add-back; some sales, some corporate, some apportionment; some “other” some statutes and some regs; we don’t care what form they used, subject matter is more important. Conclusion: team members will identify 15 of the models adopted between 2000 and 2010 and staff will identify the top 10 from this group. Staff will work on survey for the states.

Suggestion: team members begin thinking about in-depth survey questions (what do you want to know about success or lack of success in adoption of models) – send to Elizabeth to compile into a first draft survey.

#### IV. Next Steps

Next meeting – October 30, 4 pm Eastern

##### TO DO:

- Include all materials related to this project in document library, including document describing project proposals made to Steering Committee - staff
- Send out meeting notes and v 1.2 of project plan - Elizabeth
- Keep list of model adoption history current on the web site; consider adding columns for general topic area, other characteristics - staff
- Prepare survey to the team members to select a list of 15 models. We will sift the nominations to 10 for the survey of the states - staff
- Team members will provide ideas concerning in-depth survey questions to Elizabeth

Adjourn – 2:45 pm EDT