

**Central MN  
Regional Advisory Committee  
Friday, January 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.  
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Members/Alternates Present:**

1. Micah Myers, Chair & Brandon Larson – City of St. Cloud
2. Kyle Dusing – Benton County
3. Kandiyohi County – Big Stone County
4. Tom Egan & Kevin Smith – Douglas County
5. Jon Combs – Grant County
6. Jody Norstegard – Kandiyohi County
7. Sheriff Brian Cruze – Meeker County
8. Andy Beckstrom – Mille Lacs County
9. Jane Holman – Morrison County
10. Greg Seim & Jason Karlgaard – Otter Tail County
11. Sheriff Tim Riley, Vice Chair – Pope County
12. Kristen Lahr – Stearns County
13. Dona Greiner – Stevens County
14. Mike Wisniewski & Sarah Booker – Todd County
15. Lynn Siegel – Traverse County
16. Tyler Wheeler – Wadena County
17. Anthony Harris – Wilkin County
18. Richard Ward – Wright County

**Members/Alternates Absent:**

19. Swift County

**Guests Present:**

1. Stephanie Johnson, EMAC Chair – Meeker County
2. Commissioner Jeff Jelinski, ESB Chair – Morrison County
3. Steve Tait, Southern RIC – ECN
4. Mike Kahl – Granite Electronics
5. Heidi Schultz – Northland Business Systems

**Meeting was called to order by Chair Myers at 10:00 a.m.**

18 of the 19 members in attendance with a quorum present.

**Revisions and Approval of Agenda:**

*Todd County made a motion to approve the RAC Agenda. Wadena County seconded, motion carried. Roll Call Vote: City of St. Cloud – Aye; Benton – Aye; Douglas – Aye; Grant – Aye; Kandiyohi – Aye; Meeker – Aye; Mille Lacs – Aye; Morrison – Aye; Otter Tail – Aye; Pope – Aye; Stearns – Aye; Stevens – Aye; Todd – Aye; Traverse – Aye; Wadena – Aye; Wright – Aye.*

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Stearns County made a motion to approve the RAC minutes from December 10, 2021. Wadena County seconded, motion carried. Roll Call Vote: City of St. Cloud – Aye; Benton – Aye; Douglas – Aye; Grant – Aye; Kandiyohi – Aye; Meeker – Aye; Mille Lacs – Aye; Morrison – Aye; Otter Tail – Aye; Pope – Aye; Stearns – Aye; Stevens – Aye; Todd – Aye; Traverse – Aye; Wadena – Aye; Wright – Aye.*

## Communications:

### 1. Elections for 2022 Chair and Vice Chair (Action Item)

Myers called for nominations for Chair. *Stearns County motioned for Micah Myers to remain Chair. Todd County seconded.* Myers asked for any other folks wanting to be Chair. Roll Call Vote: City of St. Cloud – Abstain; Benton – Aye; Douglas – Aye; Grant – Aye; Kandiyohi – Aye; Meeker – Aye; Mille Lacs – Aye; Morrison – Aye; Otter Tail – Aye; Pope – Aye; Stearns – Aye; Stevens – Aye; Todd – Aye; Traverse – Aye; Wadena – Aye; Wright – Aye.

Myers called for nominations for Vice Chair. Pope County nominated Kristen Lahr. *Stearns County nominated Sheriff Riley. Todd County seconded.* Myers asked is there a second for Kristen Lahr? Myers stated if there is not a second and no other nominations Myers would call the motion for Sheriff Riley. Roll Call Vote: City of St. Cloud – Aye; Benton – Aye; Douglas – Aye; Grant – Aye; Kandiyohi – Aye; Meeker – Aye; Mille Lacs – Aye; Morrison – Aye; Otter Tail – Aye; Pope – Abstain; Stearns – Aye; Stevens – Aye; Todd – Aye; Traverse – Aye; Wadena – Aye; Wright – Aye.

## Reports:

### SRB/ARMER Update; MnDPS/MnDOT:

#### 1. MnDOT (Dave Klema)

Myers read Dave Klema's email: "One thing I was going to bring up is that the Cybersecurity Workgroup has identified some goals for improving the ARMER Motorola System security posture. We are going to be meeting to solicit feedback from Motorola and possibly MN.IT on security offerings and suggestions in the area of these goals. I was going to ask the CM RAC if there was an individual from the region that would like to be included in this? One of the areas is keeping Motorola Dispatch and NMClient Microsoft Windows updated with recent security patches so might be good if they are familiar with Windows." Myers stated if there is anyone that wants to sit in on those discussions you can reach out directly to Dave Klema or Myers.

#### 2. SECB: (Micah Myers)

Met December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Harrington participated in the meeting. There was discussion on the 403 statute and governance and where do we go from that. There were more questions left than answers. He is willing to come back with the group. There is some more work that 403 workgroup will have to come up and give further clarification as to where they see the SECB going and the follow-up on that discussion. Action items that took place at the SECB were acceptance of the Dispatchers Best Practice Guide, an Eagan Fire Waiver Request, encryption waiver for ENC1A that came from the LMR group as well as an encryption waiver for SR-1LE. We provided the grants applications. We know in our region Wilkin County will be getting their dispatch console upgraded through that. There was one item left that has to go through the Grants Workgroup to be brought back to the Finance Committee and to the board for approval for additional funding that was left remaining in the SECB Grant pool. IPAWs testing draft was approved and then request for SCIP approval. Reports from telecommunicators workgroups on pension and with the certification of the telecommunicators. Mental Health legislation was an update and standing committee reports.

#### 3. Finance Committee: (Micah Myers)

Met yesterday. We elected our officer Chairs. We had a discussion on the upcoming regional quarterly from Tait. We had three standards originally, but we pulled 7.2.0, because the LMR group had some revisions they wanted. We did approve standards 1.5.0 and 7.3.0. Also made an approval on our SCIP plan. What we are going to do is a supplementary report that will feed back into the main SCIP. As the SCIP plan is a standing item on our agenda we will have discussion at each meeting. The supplementary report we approved yesterday will take that information we discussed at the meeting and incorporate it into the SCIP. We are going to look at hyperlinking it so we can see what the other state committees are doing as well on that. We took three action items under the SCIP looking at funding.

## **Reports: (Continued)**

### SRB/ARMER Update; MnDPS/MnDOT: (Continued)

#### 3. Finance Committee: (Micah Myers) (Continued)

One was looking at taking up inventory to come up with a number to ask out of the current surplus for replacement radios and for folks that are still trying to get radios to come up with the funding source for that. We looked at commissioning a study to look at what does it take for costing for ARMER and for the 911 system. Per discussion, we want to make sure we have a tightly defined scope as to what we anticipate that report to do. There was an initiative previous that Marcus Bruning had mentioned on the call yesterday. We are looking to make sure we have that defined so if there is input from the other groups here is what they are looking for. And that cost is not just what it will cost the state, but it is also looking at costs for local PSAPs trying to find out what our real costs are so as we go back to legislation, or looking at the 9-1-1 fees we have, we have data we can say this is why we are doing this. The last component we took action on was looking at in conjunction with getting subscribers with the recent BCA requirement for encryption on the law enforcement side for CJI information that is transmitted there is the component if you get radios that are capable of encryption how do you manage that encryption. There is some level of infrastructure that will have to be put on the ARMER backbone in order for us to do that, so we are asking for those. Our goal is to come up with numbers for the replacement radios and the hardware that we can make a reasonable ask. We know it will not be a perfect number, but we are going to take up some inventory and get some information and try to work on that for our next meeting and then present that, because the legislative session will start at the end of the month here. This is going to be a compressed session, so we do not have a big time window. And we also talked on it comes up again as to more clarification if we can get it as to how we can hold meetings in the virtual sense. There is still some uncertainty there, so we are looking to get that clarification and bring that back to our group and send that out to the rest of the state/regional committees.

#### 4. Legislative Committee: (Micah Myers)

No meeting.

#### 5. Interoperability Committee: (Micah Myers)

No meeting.

#### 6. Land Mobile Radio Committee: (Kristen Lahr)

LMR met on Tuesday. We did review the change with the regional stakeholder engagement meeting going to virtual only. There was a participation plan request from Sanford Health in their regard to joining the Central Region Logger; that was approved. A request from the State Fire Marshal's division for a waiver regarding LTAC usage was approved. We did review some standards: GOV-2, CCR-3, LMR-20, LMR-18, LMR-19, and LMR-43. All of those standards were reviewed and approved to move onto SECB. The Response to Non-Compliance (CCR-2) some language in there due to the expansion of that standard pertaining to all of the programs for the SECB, some language needed to be reviewed, so that is being sent back to the Standards Workgroup to do those language changes. We did also review a condensed form of the LMR 2022-2024 SCIP goals and how we will move forward regarding continued discussion and our standing items for future agendas regarding SCIP goals. We had reports from around the regions.

#### 7. Steering Committee: (Kristen Lahr)

Met on Wednesday. We did review our SCIP goals for the next three years and a condensed version on how we review those at each meeting and move forward with those goals. We did also review GOV-2 and CCR-3. They were approved by the committee. We did also have an update from Director Wahlberg and Deputy Director Clark regarding the statewide and regional governance language in the 403 statute and how that governance language work will continue to be done. There is a desire by both Steering and other SECB Committees to continue work on that.

## **Reports: (Continued)**

### SRB/ARMER Update; MnDPS/MnDOT: (Continued)

7. Steering Committee: (Kristen Lahr) (Continued)

An individual from the Metro Region offered to head up that additional workgroup for continuing work on that governance language. Commissioner Fernando, Chair of Steering, is very interested in aiding that as well. There should be some continued meetings regarding that governance language in 403.

8. NG911 Committee (Sarah Booker)

No meeting.

9. Wireless Broadband and Applications Committee (Brandon Larson)

Met last month. We received regional reports, ECN report, and a brief coverage update from AT&T. We did a final approval of our SCIP goals as they were wrapped into the overall SCIP plan package to be then moved onto Steering to approve.

10. Interop – STR Workgroup (Brandon Larson)

No report.

11. RIC Report (Steve Tait)

Our regional leadership meeting will be on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. We have a number of different topics that will be presented throughout the day. We will be giving our regular updates like we have throughout 2021. Then we will be doing a little Q&A session on the 9-1-1 special revenue account. Talking about how those 9-1-1 fees are collected, how they are distributed out to the PSAPs, and what that money can be spent on. With some discussion on the new FCC regulations and how that impacts eligible expenditures. We will be doing a little Q&A on the BCA encryption requirements in the afternoon. We have a representative from one of our PSAPs and the BCA that will be walking us through some scenarios of what is, and is not, allowable for LMR transmission unencrypted and what will require us to transmission to an encrypted environment. We have been getting a lot of questions from PSAPs and Sheriffs of, ‘What does this really mean to me and how I operate?’ A number of regions are compiling those questions and submitting them to ECN, so the BCA and our subject matter expert will be able to answer them. There will also be a session on this at the PSAP conference in Alexandria in March and then another session at our Public Safety Communications Conference in April. There are a lot of dollars associated with achieving full compliance and we need to make sure we are plotting out our path forward, so we can ask for that money. It is several hundred million dollars it would take to get us encrypted statewide. We are going to start looking at a radio inventory. Engaging our local system administrators to provide some information to the Finance Committee, so they can start advocating for the funding we need to maintain that subscriber equipment. That is a little time-sensitive, so ECN is trying to figure out exactly what we want to collect, and how we are going to compile that and report it back to the Finance Committee. The RapidDeploy Radius Plus project we finally got the state contract signed, so that project can start off. There is a number of PSAPs within the region that will be participating in that. We have to access your network connectivity needs then work on scheduling the installation of that EDG device and then work on how we want to use it and that will be driven by the stakeholder community. Now that we have this great technology how are we going to use it within the PSAP and then develop a training program to make that happen. We also have a PSAP Continuity of Operations project we are kicking off. We all have COOP plans in place that were developed 4-5 years ago now. It is time to take a fresh look at those and maybe build those out. We are going to be using that through the 9-1-1 Committee next week at their meeting and then kicking that off for end of the first quarter beginning of the second quarter 2022. The Public Safety Communications Conference is scheduled to be held at Breezy Point at the end of April 25-27<sup>th</sup>. With the whole COVID situation, ECN has been a little gun shy to put information out.

**Reports: (Continued)**

SRB/ARMER Update; MnDPS/MnDOT: (Continued)

11. RIC Report (Steve Tait) (Continued)

We have had several false starts on our regional leadership meetings. We are preparing behind the scenes to push that information out. We want to make sure we are going to hold it in-person and not put a lot of information out just to have it all fall apart at the end. Hopefully by early February we will have the registration and the lodging distributed out to the members of the region. This will be a topic of conversation at the regional leadership meeting coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We definitely want stakeholder involvement in deciding what that conference schedule looks like and the topics that are presented. This region has been very active in providing suggestions in the past and hopefully on the 24<sup>th</sup> we will have an opportunity to hear from you on what you want this conference to look like. We still have not filled the ARMER program manager position. They are still working their way through developing a job description of what that ARMER program manager should or could be doing. We would appreciate some feedback from the regions on how that ARMER program manager could help support you on a local level. If you have some ideas funnel through Chair Myers and he can forward that to ECN. If you have interest in being part of the selection process, Tait could make that ask. We just need to make sure the right people are in place at the state level to support your needs. We always need to remember who our customers are and that is our local entities whether they are working in the PSAP, or out in the field as a first responder. It is something ECN needs to do a better job of and is committed to making sure we are meeting your needs.

Regional Leadership Group – (Next Meeting January 24, 2022)

See RIC Report.

NG-911 Committee (Sarah Booker)

Met yesterday. We had our elections for Chair and Vice Chair which will remain Booker as Chair and Egan as Vice Chair. Updates on the various working group activities. Our last two agencies in the region are within a couple months of implementing text-to-911 in their centers, so we are getting close to having the entire region active on text-to-911. We did have some discussion regarding the RapidDeploy project. We are moving into the next steps. We did take action to make a formal request from the region to ECN to draft an MOU document just to clearly outline all the project details and responsibilities for that.

EMAC Committee: (Stephanie Johnson)

EMAC did not meet since our December meeting. We do have our next meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, we did receive official approval from the ESB to turn back the funds for SHSP. We are just waiting for confirmation from HSEM that that was accepted and it went back into the turnback monies. We are going to be having a Committee Chair meeting this afternoon to talk about the collaboration of our EMAC strategic plan and also goals moving forward and how we want to move for more shovel-ready projects for future SHSP grant monies.

Owners & Operators Committee: (Kristen Lahr)

Did not meet in December. We do have an agenda and plan to meet next Thursday.

User Committee: (Paul McIntyre)

See O&O.

EMS/Hospital Sub-Committee: (Paul McIntyre)

No report.

Executive Committee:

Will meet on January 26<sup>th</sup> prior to the Board meeting.

**Emergency Services Board:** (Next meeting January 26, 2022)

a. CMNESB 2022 Budget

Myers reported we did get the updated Census numbers in, so we went through and updated the budget totals for that. There was a question, so understanding there are more than 6,505 people in the city limits of St. Cloud, however that is the Sherburne County portion of our population as Sherburne County is no longer in the region. The City of St. Cloud that portion of the population goes towards the City's cost. The Benton and Stearns costs are already included in the Benton and Stearns County's numbers, that is why they are not, so it is not a double-dip. Your invoices should be going out for the contributions. We were hoping to have those numbers prior to those going out and we will have those that is why that is included in the packet. If there are any items you would like to have on that agenda that meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup> so we would like to have those to us by Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Updates from Partners on Current Projects:**

Wilkin County joined the call.

**General Discussion and New Business:**

NG911 Grant

1. GIS – Progress Reporting

Myers reported we are into the last quarter for both the CPE and GIS grants. Shari has been communicating with the groups to make sure we are getting our information in, so she can complete her reports.

2. CPE – Progress Reporting

Myers reported we continue to work with Motorola to get some invoicing items. We are down to just Swift County to come online. They are slated to come on right under the wire. They are coming in at the end of February.

3. Rapid Deploy Project

Myers reported the NG911 group is asking for the MOU for some details on it. Shari had sent out an email we are looking for information on call handling. For the folks that are on the VESTA we have that. It would be Stearns County and Benton we were looking for the call handling. And then there is also looking at some other information that Wendy Chretien, who Myers has been working with, is the point of contact on that. They are looking for the CAD information. We need to get that back to them as soon as we can. If you have not replied to Shari's email for the folks on the call that had received that email. It is imperative we get that, so we can keep that project moving, because that is tied to the same funding source that the GIS/CPE Grants. We want to make sure we are able to get the EDG equipment and all the hardware now any costs that we are going to incur out of the gate needs to be by that March timeframe.

Grant Funding Letter

Myers reported the grant funding letter will be reviewed and sent out after our Executive Committee meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Purchasing ARMER Radios with ARP Funds

Myers reported the full document is online. We took pages 60-61 of that full document to give some insight as to the use of those funds.

Tait got this information from Joe Fick, Motorola. Based on what we are reading in that document it does appear we are allowed to purchase ARMER subscriber equipment with ARP funds. Always talk to your County Administrator, or fiscal people, to make sure we are all good there. It really opens some doors to spend those funds on things that matter in supporting public safety.

## **General Discussion and New Business: (Continued)**

### Purchasing ARMER Radios with ARP Funds (Continued)

Tait stated we look forward to having more than one source of funding to make sure we have the right ARMER equipment out there. If anybody needs any support on that work with Joe Fick. As Chair Myers has mentioned on several occasions, be careful on the price quotes you receive, because it may, or may not, be the best deal possible. There is room for negotiation in any discussion with Motorola Solutions.

Myers noted checking with your county finance and see what they plan, because albeit you can use those, it comes down to what counties have already earmarked, or what they are planning to do those with.

Larson noted there is nothing determined yet from the Change Management workgroup that is discussing encryption. Larson would urge any agencies that are going to use funds to purchase subscriber equipment to reach out to others to discuss what types of things they may want to purchase in addition at that time to potentially meet whatever the changes might come out of Change Management. There are some Motorola models are not capable of certain things. If you purchase a lower end model, you may find yourself having to go buy a brand new radio again in just a couple of years. Larson would urge be very thoughtful before you go forward with any purchases.

### Training Roadmap

Myers reported we did confirm with On Target for training on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of April. The registration on that should be coming out. Those will fill up quickly. Make sure if you have interest that you get signed up on those right away.

Lahr asked since this training is being hosted and funded with regional budget dollars. Normally we post it publicly. Before we had confirmation of the dates, Lahr did set-up the registration in EventBrite. Lahr currently has it set-up so that you need the actual link to that training registration in order to register. You cannot just search for the Central MN training page on EventBrite. It will not be listed there. You would need the registration link for the individual training just so we could prevent any happenstance of someone outside of our region to see it and register for the training. Is that the desire of the region how we would want to make this training available since we are paying for it with regional dollars rather than grant funding? Do we want to keep it to our Central Region members?

Myers replied we can keep it to Central members. When people are signing up we can look at it. If someone outside of the region, our region would be given preference. Myers would hate to not have a full class, but Myers believes it will fill-up. On the off chance that it does not, you could put it out there and anyone that is not in our region will be put onto a hold list seeing if there is space. It is for the members of the region.

Lahr responded we will keep it as a you need the link only for at least a period of time to give our regional members an opportunity to register. We do have time, the training is not until April, so even if we keep it to our region only through the end of the month, or whatever we determine, there is still ample time to get the course full prior to the training date.

Tait noted ECN is having an ARMER Train the Trainer class coming up in February. It is being held in Douglas County and we just went through the applications. We do have quite a few members of your region that are attending that class. Is it your preference that we do not include the Central Region in that class and you fill it with your members for this class in April? Or, how would you like to proceed? Tait would hate to steal all your regional members for the February class and then you are not going to be able to fill your class here in April. Or, maybe we can drum up more regional members. Myers replied for the folks that have signed-up, Myers does not see that as an issue, whichever course. Myers is pretty sure we will fill the class. We create a wait list. If we have some openings we will open it up.

## **General Discussion and New Business: (Continued)**

### Training Roadmap (Continued)

Myers stated being it is paid out of regional funds we were giving first dibs to our members, but if they are finding training elsewhere Myers is not going to tell them not to go there. Tait thinks we had about 40 people apply for the class in Douglas County, so half got in, 20 total. Tait thinks out of those 20, at least a quarter of them are probably from your region, 5-6 of them.

Karlgaard asked is this ARMER Radio Trainer the only thing on the roadmap right now? Is there any refresher ARMER radio training being planned? Myers replied at this time we do not have anything being planned. This is just a holdover that we had gotten approval for out of 2021 that we pushed over. We were waiting to see what was coming by way of the ECN offerings. If there is a need we could make that ask. If we are looking at funding it through grant dollars the SECB dollars we have are already being committed to the Wilkin project and there is uncertainty as it is to SHSP. If we are going to be doing trainings in the region we would have to sit down and say taking out of our regional allocation. Just to be clear on that one. Lahr stated maybe we will make a request at next Thursday's meeting to add to the User Agenda a discussion on what the region is looking at, or desires for training for this next year. Just to see what the desire is out there and if there are any requests that might need to be made to the board.

### RAC Committee 2021 Sign-In Attendance

This is showing the attendance for the RAC. If you are missing attendance check with your representative to find out why they were not, and looking at if you need to reassign someone to make sure you have folks in attendance.

### Other

None.

### **Old Business:**

#### Attendance Standard

View online.

#### SECB Committee Appointments

None.

#### Regional SCIP Plan

Myers reported the first item on that is secure funding. One of the things we have been talking about throughout this meeting which we want to make sure we do not miss the opportunity. Tait just talked about ARP funds telling you to reach out to your finance departments to see what they have committed those funds to and if there is some availability there. The big one that is coming from the Finance Committee from the SECB is looking at when we reach out to get the inventory information. We had some discussion yesterday at our local interop meeting on it. Some of the challenges we are going to find is that not all system administrators are agency employees. Some agencies are using vendors, radio shops, to do their programming and system administration. We want to make sure we have inventory. We have got a good handle on it, so we can come with a reasonable ask when we go to the legislators saying we would like to get a chunk of that surplus funds and put it towards subscriber units. Some other things that came up in discussion that we talked about yesterday too. With the model, looking at some of it by default we will have, because Motorola has already got some of their hardware they are going to sunset. So, if they have radios that they do not have in their radios yet for replacement they need to take that into consideration when they are putting their numbers that your models are going to sunset here at some time and point. With that Myers wants to make sure people are putting the information out.

## **Old Business: (Continued)**

### Regional SCIP Plan (Continued)

Myers stated it is imperative we get this information, because the Finance Committee wants to weigh-in on this at their next meeting in February. Either through communication internal from Myers, Larson, or from the RICs, this is very time-sensitive, so we want to make sure we are getting this information. We do not want to miss the opportunity. We have a short window to go after these funds. That is one of our number one focus items is securing funding for communications equipment. And here is an opportunity for us to do that and also looking at the big discussion topic we had at our regional meeting yesterday was the management. That management of those keys is going to be tied to infrastructure costs as well. We are working with that and MnDOT to try and come up with what that number is, so we can put the two together and come with a reasonable ask. We know we will not get 100% of it, but if we do not ask we guarantee we will not get anything. So, we are just trying to come up with numbers we can support and make our case to the legislators.

Egan asked so you want everybody to get you the updated and most current number of subscriber units, correct? Myers wants to know what you got in your agency what you got for subscribers. Model-make, and the level of encryption. That is what we are going after. If you have got radios that are still supported and with an upgrade they can get that. But, if you cannot get them with an upgrade that means a replacement. We need to get an inventory. Myers would suggest you 'Cc' Steve Tait on it.

Lahr stated for any of you who are also attending next week's O&O/Users group this is on our agenda for for a discussion as well. Lahr has started a basic inventory spreadsheet of her radios that Lahr supports for Stearns County. Lahr will have that available to share at next week's meeting. If any of you have potentially started an inventory, or have any thoughts on how agencies can gather these numbers with some ease or with some assistance, please bring that discussion forward next week when we talk about this, because we would like to gather this information as quickly as we can. Anything helps out.

Myers noted Tait had made some modifications to the format of the regional strategic plan. Myers added as we go through our goals from all of our committees there was a document that was provided. Shari put it together. It looked at all of the other regions and looking at what their goals are and trying to align some of our goals where it makes sense to. We will provide that information to each of the regional committees, so as they work through their portions of the SCIP they can look at what the other regions are doing. If we can find those ones that cross all regions, those are the ones that Myers think should rise up, because if we have got everyone looking at it. For example, the discussion we are talking about with subscriber replacements that has been a talk for years and we are looking at opportunities to be able to come up with funding to help expedite that. But then Myers would look at the stuff which got thrown at us as we are going through the SCIP plan and that will be discussion at the regional quarterly that is the encryption and what does the encryption requirements from the BCA how does that impact our operations? On the surface you look at it you say law enforcement, however, working with law enforcement they have partners with EMS, Fire and one that often gets overlooked is your public works folks. They are kind of missed on the whole public safety realm, but they do provide behind the scenes support for the other folks and if we are talking encrypting we have to look at what the encryption looks like across the whole gamut of our radios. Some of the things we will want to be considering as we work through this.

Tait had an opportunity to look at what the other six regions have done with their plans. We identified the common theme that less is more. So, we took the plan and condensed it down to the things that really matter the most to your members. We eliminated about ten pages out of the plan and kept the content that really focuses on the eight goals this region has identified as priorities. You are in a really good spot right now. The one thing Tait did not have all the information on was the ownership for each goal. And Tait knows you have already identified that, Tait just did not include it in the draft that is included in your packet here. There are some action items associated with each of the eight goals. The committees are already doing a great job of looking at that and acknowledging their ownership.

**Old Business: (Continued)****Regional SCIP Plan (Continued)**

Tait explained like what we have done on the SECB level, is every meeting now we bring that list up. That very concise list of here is my goal that has been assigned to me and here is the action items in order to achieve that goal. What are we doing as a committee to get us one step further down the road? This is a marathon not a sprint. We have several years to accomplish these goals and as long as each meeting we are taking one more step down the road we will reach the finish line in 2024. As long as everybody is on board with making sure we can stay focused and this does not just become another binder on the shelf that we forget about. Tait thinks this region is very well positioned to look at that funding as we have discussed here for this meeting. Looking at where we need to be in terms of FirstNet and other wireless broadband technology. Looking at training and exercise opportunities, we talked about that here today. Making sure we are using our COMU and STR resources. Looking at recruiting and retention for our PSAPs. Looking at reviving use of that CASM tool. Looking at technology for 9-1-1 caller location accuracy, the RapidDeploy project. Looking at what we can do to make sure people are a little more aware in using IPAWs resources properly. These are things you are probably already doing, it is really just coordinating that effort and make sure it aligns with the action items in the plan and keeps our committees focused on achieving those goals and building those capabilities across the region. The other regions are pretty close to where you guys are at. They are a little bit behind in getting their plans to your level. Tait is hoping in the next couple of months we will have all seven regions kind of aligned the way you guys are doing business and that by the end of this year we will be able to show some pretty strong progress regionally and at the SECB level towards accomplishing all our goals.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. February 11, 2022 – Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Adjournment:**

*Chair Myers made the executive motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was carried unanimously to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.*

Minutes recorded by Shari Gieseke