

## 9-1-1 Advisory Board Funding Subcommittee – 4/27/2022

Funding Subcommittee			
<b>Region/Entity</b>	Name	Туре	Attended
NECORE	Fred Rosencrans, Luzerne	Primary	Yes
NECORE	Todd Weaver, Northampton	Alternate	Yes
North Central	Dave Cohick, Tioga	Primary	Yes
North Central	Andrew Kremser, Clinton	Alternate	Yes
Northern Tier	Chris Clark, Jefferson	Primary	Yes
Northern Tier	Nate Burgett, McKean	Alternate	Yes
South Central	Matt Hobson, York	Primary	No
South Central	Vacant	Alternate	
South Central Mountain	Mark Taylor, Blair	Primary	Yes
South Central Mountain	Chris Stevens, Huntingdon	Alternate	Yes
Southeast	Brian Gottschall, Berks	Primary	Yes
Southeast	Kelly Collins, Philadelphia	Alternate	No
Southwest	Gary Thomas, Allegheny (Chair)	Primary	Yes
Southwest	Frank Jannetti, Mercer	Alternate	Yes
CCAP	Melissa Gates	Advisory	Yes
PEMA	Jeff Boyle	Advisory	Yes

## 1. 2022 15% Funding Planning

- a. Closed out the Federal NG911 grant, which freed up roughly \$2 million of additional 15% funds for this year.
  - i. Anticipated 15% revenue available for this year increased from \$65 million to \$67 million.
- b. Items impacting NG911 service costs this funding cycle:
  - i. Reroute of fiber to new Lebanon PSAP facility under construction
  - ii. Both SEPA and NECORE are looking to change from a regional ESInet approach to each PSAP being directly connected to the State ESInet.
  - iii. Those costs have been provided to PEMA and are being reviewed
- c. For shared/regional project maintenance costs:
  - i. The SE region has submitted costs to PEMA
  - ii. The SC region has partially submitted
  - iii. The remaining regions provided an update on their region's status. All regions are working on their submissions.
- d. To resolve PSAP facility needs to support the NG911 service equipment, efforts will focus on the eastern 1/3 of PA this year. The Western 2/3 was the focus of last year's 15% funding cycle. Ray Marino from our office has or will be reaching out to the identified PSAPs to confirm work to be completed and costs.
- e. PEMA has recently received questions on GIS support with 15% funding this year
  - i. The intent is to assist counties with resolving "Critical Errors" identified by the GIS spatial interface. These "Critical Errors" must be resolved before a county can

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- 1. Efforts in central and eastern PA are expected to focus on addressing critical errors
- 2. Counties in western PA have done a great job of resolving critical errors; efforts are expected to focus on keeping these counties critical error free
- ii. Discussion in the subcommittee focused on ensuring does not become a permanent funding source to support GIS personnel costs. Pennsylvania will be in transition to NG911 service in 2022 and 2023. Sentiments expressed on the call is these ongoing costs in subsequent years should be the responsibility of formula funds or other funding sources. Holistically, PEMA will be working to define expectations/responsibilities for 15% funding in subsequent years in consultation with the Board.
- f. Once all costs are inventoried for this funding cycle, next steps are:
  - i. Evaluate costs for eligibility
  - ii. Determine allocations of 15% funds this year
    - 1. If obligations/requests exceed available funding, work will begin to determine needed adjustments such as implementing a cost share, not funding certain types of projects, etc.
- 2. Upcoming focus areas. Once 2022 15% funding allocations are determined, next focus areas will be:
  - a. Review of the funding formula
  - b. Establish processes to manage non-emergency change requests for the NG911 service (I.e., adding an ancillary service onto the state ESInet)
  - c. Shared system procurement and cost management actions
    - i. There was a lot of discussion on this topic focusing on the need for PEMA and counties to coordinate efforts to find efficiencies and achieve known, consistent pricing
    - ii. Immediate actions are for PEMA to identify state contracting options, require multiple quotes for new shared systems, and release a Request for Information to obtain detailed options of hosted solutions, pricing models, support options, etc.

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