**Series Overview**

March 31, 2020

**Speaker Notes**

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**Webinar Overview**

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| **Webinar Topic** | **Who else needs to hear this?** | **How does this apply to my community?** |
| **Series Overview** |  |  |
| **Setting the Vision** |  |  |
| **Broadband 101** |  |  |
| **Community Broadband Surveys**  |  |  |
| **Broadband Mapping** |  |  |
| **Ownership Models and Provider Partnerships** |  |  |
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| **Federal and State Broadband Finance Programs** |  |  |
| **Local Broadband Finance Options** |  |  |
| **Making it Happen: Partnerships!** |  |  |

**Key Community Question:**

How do we activate our community so as to create a successful Border-to-Border Broadband grant application for the September deadline and any interim program deadlines?

**Setting the Vision**

April 2, 2020

**Speaker notes**

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| **Bernadine Joselyn**, Blandin Foundation | **Betsy Olivanti**, NE MN Small Business Dev Center | **Mark Erickson**, RS Fiber, Winthrop Admin. *(retired)* | **Rich Sve**, Lake County |
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**Why create a vision?**

Creating a vision will guide your efforts to the desired outcomes that you seek. The vision can be used to inform others and to recruit them to your team, including elected officials, broadband providers, funders, citizens and others.

**MN Broadband Vision**

*Everyone in Minnesota will be able to use convenient, affordable world-class broadband networks that enable us to survive and thrive in our communities and across the globe.*

**Creating your community broadband vision**

1. Jot down key words and phrases that energize your engagement for this work.
2. What are the ramifications of these words as you move forward with broadband planning? What path does this put you on to reach the vision?
3. Who needs to be involved in creating and promoting our community’s broadband vision?
4. By what date should we have a consensus on a preliminary vision statement developed?

**Key Community Question:**

What is our vision?