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## **Mission Statement (What):**

Through public/private partnerships, THE SOUTHERN TIER NETWORK strives to enrich the quality of life in regions we serve by providing high speed broadband connections via a quality open access model

## **Guiding Principles (Why):**

- enhance/retain municipal focus, civic good & affiliation with county government
- enable economic development in the region by attracting industry and encouraging the development of additional employment
- enable/support enhanced educational, academic, and private research activities within the NY counties served
- Provide fiber infrastructure to support progressive Public Safety interoperable communications within the region and the deployment of NG911 services
- Enable/support high speed communications and collaboration among health care professionals, providers and their patients
- increase the penetration of broadband services into unserved and underserved rural areas within the counties served
- lessen the burdens of government

## **OBJECTIVES YEARS 2018 - 2020:**

- Work with municipal governments, schools, IDAs, carriers, and service providers to develop pilot projects deploying broadband internet services to the rural unserved/underserved areas
- Develop and execute long term strategy and associated annual business operating plans to achieve agreed upon service and financial goals
- Develop and track quantitative metrics to measure performance against objectives
- Develop strategy to increase awareness and specific programs involving STN among county IDAs to support regional economic growth
- Continue to improve corporate governance including multi-county public safety committees
- Work with Health Care Systems to enable their services such as telemedicine, online scheduling and check-in, bill pay, electronic medical records and prescription ordering