



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	Date	September 15, 2020	
	Time	1:30 p.m..	
	Venue	Teleconference - 351-222-2275; Access: 48611042#	
	Method	Teleconference	
	Recorder	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	Attendance Status	Legislative, Ex-Officio, Nonvoting Members, Staff, and Others	Attendance Status
Governor Steve Sisolak - Chair	X	Karen Burke	X
Joseph Lombardo – Vice Chair	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Darin Balaam	Abs	Chris Ipsen	X
Lisa Christensen	X	Justin Luna	X
Todd Fasulo	X	William McCurdy II	X
Mitch Fox	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Aaron Rouse	X
Ikram Khan	Abs		
Kate Marshall	X		
Charles Moore	X	Samantha Ladich - DAG	X
Richard Perkins	X	Karen Hall – DEM/HS	X
John Steinbeck	X		
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Patricia Wade	X		
Bill Welch	X		

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Governor Sisolak, Chair of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission), called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS) performed roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak opened discussion for the first public comment period. No public comment was presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes as presented from the April 8, 2020, Commission meeting. Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association, motioned to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Report on the Statewide Adoption of the National Incident Management System

Chief Justin Luna, State Administrative Agent (SAA), DEM/HS provided the Commission on this quarterly report mandated by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, process, and systems to successfully deliver capabilities described in the National Preparedness System to prepare for catastrophic disasters by meeting challenges beyond the capacity of single individual or organization. DEM/HS recently developed a Threats and Hazards Guide based on input from community partners to build consistency in threat and hazard terminology across statewide prepared documents and communications. This guide has been reviewed by the NRAC and is now presented to the Commission for reference and review.

Charles Moore indicated NIMS is the standard of how fire agencies manage incidents and recommends the adoption of NIMS. Chief Steinbeck also supports the adoption of NIMS and the Threats and Hazards Guide. Chief Luna indicated this agenda item was provided for reference and feedback and thanked the Commission for this feedback. The guide is a living document, and any feedback will serve to evolve the document moving forward.

5. Overview of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process

Chief Luna provided the Commission with an overview of the current HSGP process to include the following highlights:

- Handout 5a - FFY21 HSGP Timeline Template: Chief Luna provided a brief explanation on the timeline contents addressing the start of the process with the completion of the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Review (SPR) for 2020 which identify gaps in capabilities that drive the remainder of the HSGP process. Along with these state-level assessments, the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) also reviews national rankings based on Metropolitan Statistical Analysis (MSA) calculations which are based on an assessment of large special events and critical infrastructure. It is not known how current pandemic effects will impact these rankings. During the first few months of calendar year 2021, DHS will release the 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the HSGP, and DEM/HS will then release project proposal requirements to those agencies/jurisdictions interested in submitting projects for consideration. State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) projects will be reviewed by the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC), and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) projects will be reviewed by the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). Technical assistance will be provided to review communications and cybersecurity projects, and then recommendations from both the NRAC and Committee on Finance will be provided to the Commission for final review on approving funding for 2021 HSGP projects. Upon Commission approval, DEM/HS can submit the final grant application to DHS. The federal timeline usually provides a quick turn-around requirement for this entire process, and Chief Luna thanked the Commission for its time, patience, and commitment to this proven process.

- Handout 5b - Approved Strategic Capacities for FY20_NCHS 102119: Chief Luna provided an explanation of the capacities noted in this document as those capacities that are recommended for maintenance in support of the HSGP. These capacities are critically important to the process, and act as the foundation for the entire program. At a future meeting, the Commission will be briefed on any recommended changes to these capacities by the NRAC and the Committee on Finance for 2021. The current strategic capacities are as follows:
 - Fusion Centers
 - Citizen Corps
 - National Incident Management System
 - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive
 - Operational Communication
 - Public Information and Warning
 - Recovery
 - Cybersecurity
 - Planning
- Chief Luna provided feedback as a follow-up to questions posed at the last Commission meeting regarding deobligated funding that may be available to support Covid-19 response. A total of \$360,000 in HSGP has been reobligated to support the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) for critical PPE purchases.
- Sheriff Lombardo inquired if the timeline provided may change, with Chief Luna indicating that the Division never knows that the exact timeline will be, or the priorities required in the NOFO. Sheriff Lombardo also asked if the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had given any indication of what direction they are going in 2021, or if they will allow PPE proposals. Chief Luna indicated that there is no indication yet on any priorities or requirements. Chief Luna spoke to last year's requirement of funding specific priorities, and it is a possibility that this will be the case again in 2021.

6. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak called for the second period of public comment. Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, introduced Deputy Chief Billy Samuels as the new Clark Emergency Manager for Clark County Fire Department, and that Deputy Chief Samuels will be serving as the Urban Area Working Group Chair. Deputy Chief Samuels is highly respected in the community and worked as the Operations Chief for the Family Assistance Center along with working closely with the Multi-Agency Coordination Center and recovery efforts for the current pandemic.

7. Adjourn

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Wade, Wade Development, motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.