



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Committee on Finance

Attendance	DATE:	December 17, 2020
	TIME:	8:30 a.m.
	METHOD:	Teleconference - 351-222-2275, Access Code: 48611042#
	RECORDER:	Karen Hall
Voting Member Attendance		
Member Name	Title/Organization	Present
Joseph Lombardo – CHAIR	Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	X
Greg Herrera – VICE CHAIR	Chief Deputy, Operations, Washoe County Sheriff's Office	Abs
Mike Brown	State Government Affairs Director, R&R Partners	X
Christopher Lake	Executive Director, Community Resilience, Nevada Hospital Association	Abs
Carolyn Levering	Emergency Management Administrator, City of Las Vegas	X
Erin Lynch	Chief, Nevada Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy	X
Stan Smith	Vice President, Emergency Management, Boyd Gaming	X
Non-Voting Member Attendance		
David Fogerson	Chief, Nevada Division of Emergency Management	X
Legal Staff / Support Attendance		
Samantha Ladich	Senior Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Office of the Attorney General	X
Karen Hall	Management Analyst, Nevada Division of Emergency Management	X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Committee on Finance (Committee) Chair, Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS) performed the roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Chair Lombardo opened the first period of public comment. No public comment was presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Lombardo called for a motion to approve or amend the draft minutes from the April 1, 2020, Committee meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented with no changes was provided by Mike Brown, R&R Partners. Chair Lombardo inquired if a second was required for the motion, with Samantha Ladich, Nevada Senior Deputy Attorney General, indicating that a second is not required by law. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Annual Nomination and Selection of the Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Lombardo opened discussion on the annual nomination and selection of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.170(1). Highlights of the discussion were as follows:

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- Chair Lombardo inquired if the current Vice-Chair, Chief Deputy Greg Herrera, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, was participating in the meeting, and Chief David Fogerson, DEM/HS, indicated that Chief Deputy Herrera was not able to participate in this meeting; however, should the Committee wish him to remain in the Vice-Chair position, he would be more than willing to accept a nomination for Vice-Chair.
- Chair Lombardo opened nominations for the Chair position. Mike Brown motioned to nominate Chair Lombardo as the Chair of the Committee, and Chief Erin Lynch, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chair Lombardo opened nominations for the Vice-Chair position noting Chief Deputy Herrera's willingness to accept the Vice-Chair nomination should that be the Committee's direction. Chief Lynch motioned to nominate Chief Deputy Herrera as the Vice-Chair of the Committee. No second was provided. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Request to Reallocate Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Funds

Chief Fogerson introduced Project Change Request (PCR) NCHS-166 for the LVMPD Fusion Center State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Sustainment Project for FFY 2018. The PCR is to move \$113,269.84 in remaining funding, due to cost savings from the Planning and Organization categories to the Equipment category for Fusion Watch computer hardware in the amount of \$100,115.62, Contract Cyber Analysis in the amount of \$12,750.00, and Utilities in the amount of \$404.22. The Committee reviewed the recommendation of the NRAC to develop a final recommendation for Chief Fogerson and the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. Highlights of the discussion were as follows:

- This request was reviewed by DEM/HS and the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC) and found to be a valid request. The recommendation from the NRAC is now before the Committee for review. No questions were presented on this request.
- Chair Lombardo motioned to approve the reallocation of funds pertaining to NCHS-166 as presented. Chair Lombardo asked Samantha Ladich if it were appropriate for him to make the motion, and Ms. Ladich indicated that if he is an appointed member of the Committee, he could provide a motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chair Lombardo inquired on the fact that this project change request exceeded the 10% adjustment allowed, and whether that precipitated that the project go to both the NRAC and the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) for approval, with Chief Fogerson indicating that is in fact the case, and this recommendation from the Committee will be brought before the NCHS at their next meeting for final approval.
- Chair Lombardo also congratulated Chief Fogerson on his new position within DEM/HS.

6. Update on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process

Chief Fogerson provided an update on the status of the FFY 2021 HSGP process to include HSGP timelines, release of the FFY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Metropolitan Statistical Analysis (MSA) rankings, meeting timelines, reporting requirements, and potential deliverables moving forward from the State Administrative

Agent (SAA) and Urban Area Administrator (UAA), NRAC, this Committee, and the NCHS. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Chief Fogerson indicated that at this time, there are not a lot of details as to how the HSGP process will roll out in FFY 2021. It is not clear if similar provisions in FFY 2020 will be carried out in FFY 2021. Nothing valid has been received yet by DEM/HS.
- Chair Lombardo spoke to going before the NCHS with information pertinent to the FFY 2021 HSGP process, and how will the Committee see that information. Chief Fogerson indicated that all committees involved in the HSGP process will be provided with this information as soon as it is available, and within Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements. Chair Lombardo asked if agenda topics for the Committee and the NCHS will be informational or action related while the FFY 2021 HSGP process unfolds, and at this time, Chief Fogerson believes it will be informational only for visibility.
- Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, emphasized that if the requirements are similar in FFY 2021 to FFY 2020 requirements, that minimal time should be spent on developing categories for the potential of receiving extra funding, as those efforts did not pan out in FFY 2020. If there is a need to put in for extra funds should they become available, minimal time investment should be spent on that process as Chief Steinbeck does not see the money coming back for that effort in FFY 2021 either. Chief Steinbeck indicated that should additional funding be possible, to allow DEM/HS as the SAA to allocate as appropriate. Chair Lombardo indicated he did not have any issues with Chief Steinbeck's request.

7. Recommendation on the Development of Strategic Capacities to be Maintained for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Chair Lombardo opened discussion on the development of Strategic Capacities to be Maintained (SCTBM) in the upcoming FFY 2021 HSGP process. The Committee reviewed the recommendations on FFY 2021 Strategic Capacities to be Maintained (SCTBM) from the NRAC and put forth recommendations for consideration by the SAA and UAA on the vetting and rank-prioritization of FFY 2021 HSGP project submissions. Highlights of the discussion included the following:

- Chair Lombardo indicated that he met with Rachel Skidmore, LVMPD, to have her review the SCTBM and the history of the NCHS in prioritizing capabilities. Ms. Skidmore spoke to reviewing the FFY 2020 SCTBM currently in place and the FFY 2021 SCTBM that the NRAC had recommended. Ms. Skidmore noted the expansion of SCTBM to include election security and public health, both of which will have to be reviewed pending the HSGP FFY 2021 NOFO. Ms. Skidmore also noted that the Planning SCTBM did not appear in the NRAC recommendation document.
- Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, spoke to the detailed discussion on the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) topic at the NRAC meeting. The recommendation was to increase language in the SCTBM to open the door to increase hazardous materials response capability throughout the state. The current SCTBM is related to explosives capability and area hazmat teams. Expansion of this capability was agreed to be changed to statewide. Other changes discussed included medical surge specific to public health and other medical response capability development. Many of the remaining elements of the SCTBM were put forward as continued strategies for FFY 2021. Chair Lombardo

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inquired where Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) falls in the FFY 2021 strategy, with Ms. Levering speaking to the investments in MMRS due to recent events and traumatic response. MMRS needs to be modernized and leaned into public health response.

- An administrative error was discovered in the document provided to the Committee regarding the NRAC recommendations for FFY 2021 whereby the SCTBM of Planning was left off the document provided to the Committee for review. A review of the NRAC's actual recommendation was conducted, and indeed the Planning SCTBM was to be included as noted in Handout #7B. Chair Lombardo inquired if the Committee could request a motion to re-add this item to the recommendation. Chief Fogerson reiterated the process the NRAC went through to draft the recommendations before the Committee and the inclusion of the two SCTBM to be considered including Election Security and the Public Health components. These gaps were highlighted and may go unfunded this year, and perhaps work can be done on MMRS strike team development, but the NRAC wanted to ensure to address these areas and move forward to strategically address these gaps.
- Chief Lynch spoke to the grant requirements for public health and inquired if public health officials were included in the NRAC, with Chief Fogerson indicating that representatives have been assigned from Washoe County, Southern Nevada Health District, and the Quad Counties. Chair Lombardo inquired if whether the public health component needs to be its own SCTBM rather than how it is included in the Recovery SCTBM, and the decision was made to leave the public health component as its own SCTBM. Chair Lombardo wanted to know who is responsible for building out the election security and public health SCTBMs, and Chief Fogerson indicated that will be a process throughout FFY 2021. Chief Steinbeck reminded everyone that the intent of the SCTBM was to protect those projects with significant investment to stop regression of effort. He agrees in looking at additional capacities; however, the intent was to maintain specific projects and those capabilities that are not yet at a level to maintain should be viewed as competitive in nature. Chief Lynch noted the importance of multiagency effort to build these capabilities. In public health preparedness, improvement occurred when agencies and jurisdictions worked together. There is only so much funding available through HSGP and ASPR/CDC grants. It is our responsibility to put forth such efforts to spend funding wisely. Chair Lombardo spoke to the law enforcement and counter terrorism side, a good job has been done in spreading the funding. There are other venues that receive additional funding for public health, fire, etc. It was agreed that the NRAC and the Committee, and ultimately the NCHS has done a good job in allocating funding as effectively as possible. Chief Fogerson indicated that the recommendation approved by the Committee will go to the NCHS for approval to use in the FFY 2021 HSGP process.
- Chair Lombardo spoke to the Recovery SCTBM, and the inclusion of the Preliminary Disaster Assessment (PDA) Tool within that capacity. Chief Fogerson indicated that the work done at the state level has been to acquire a tool that can be used statewide to highlight damages related to the reimbursement process for disasters.
- Chair Lombardo motioned to approve the SCTBM as written in Handout #7D to include pulling Planning out of the Handout #7B into the document as written. No second was provided. All were in favor with no opposition.
- For the record, the Committee officially approved the following FFY 2021 SCTBM recommendation to be moved to the NCHS for final approval:

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Strategic Capacity:	FUSION CENTERS – NO CHANGES Programs: • Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center • Nevada Threat Analysis Center Core Capabilities: • Intelligence and Information Sharing • Planning • Interdiction and Disruption • Screening, Search, and Detection
Strategic Capacity:	CITIZENS CORPS – NO CHANGES Program(s): • City of Las Vegas • Douglas County • Carson City • Washoe County • Elko County • Statewide Tribal Core Capabilities: • Public Information and Warning • Mass Care • Search and Rescue • Operational Communication • Health and Social Services • Housing
Strategic Capacity:	NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – NO CHANGES Program(s): • State of Nevada DEM • Tribal NIMS Core Capabilities: • Operational Coordination • Situational Assessment
Strategic Capacity:	CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR, AND EXPLOSIVE (CBRNE) – SEE HIGHLIGHTED CHANGE Program(s): • Tahoe-Douglas Bomb Squad • Elko Bomb Squad • Consolidated Bomb Squad (Washoe, Reno, and Sparks) • Las Vegas Bomb Squad • Las Vegas ARMOR • Urban/Rural Frontier HAZMAT (Triad, Quad, New Program in Eastern Nevada) Core Capabilities: • Forensics and Attribution • Interdiction and Disruption • Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services • Urban Area Hazardous Materials Program (UASI)
Strategic Capacity:	OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATION – NO CHANGES Program(s): • Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Core Capabilities: • Operational Communication

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Strategic Capacity:	PUBLIC INFORMATION AND WARNING – NO CHANGES Program(s): • Emergency Alert System Core Capabilities: • Planning • Operational Communication
Strategic Capacity:	RECOVERY – SEE HIGHLIGHTED CHANGE Program(s): • Nevada Disaster Recovery Framework • Nevada Preliminary Disaster Assessment (PDA) Tool (shared with State, Local & Tribal) Core Capabilities: • Community Resilience • Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction • Public Information and Warning • Operational Coordination • Infrastructure Systems • Critical Transportation • Environmental Response/Health and Safety • Fatality Management • Fire Management and Suppression • Logistics and Supply Chain Management • Mass Care Services • Mass Search and Rescue Operations • On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement • Operational Communication • Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services • Situational Assessment • Planning
Strategic Capacity:	CYBER SECURITY – NO CHANGES Program(s): • Incident Response Plan • Education and Awareness • Threat Identification Core Capabilities: • Intelligence and Information Sharing • Forensics and Attribution • Planning • Access Control and Identity Verification • Physical Protective Measures • Supply Chain Integrity and Security • Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment • Infrastructure Systems • Operational Communications • Training

SCTBM Added back in for Planning:

Strategic Capacity:	PLANNING
	Program(s): - Continuity of Operations - Mass Fatality - Community Resilience - Metropolitan Medical Response System (UASI) Core Capabilities: - Planning
Strategic Capacity:	ELECTION SECURITY – NEW
	Program(s): - Need programs to add Core Capabilities: - Need core capabilities to add
Strategic Capacity:	PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTHCARE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - NEW
	Program(s): - Need programs to add Core Capabilities: - Need core capabilities to add

8. Public Comment

Chair Lombardo opened discussion on the second period of public comment. Chair Lombardo thanked those involved in this Committee that support these initiatives. No other comment was presented.

9. Adjourn

Chair Lombardo adjourned the meeting.