



Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Cyber Security Committee Subcommittee

Attendance	DATE	February 27, 2018	
	TIME	3:00 PM	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, NV 89701	
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
Committee Membership	Present	Support, Legal representatives	Present
Terry Daus - Chair	X	Karen Hall	X
Dennis Carry	X	Kendall Herzer	X
Joe McDonald	X	Samantha Ladich	
William Olsen			
Rachel Skidmore			
Mike Smith	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Terry Daus, Cyber Security Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Division of Emergency Management and Office of Homeland Security (DEM/HS) performed roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Daus opened discussion for public comment. No commentary noted in either venue.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CYBER SECURITY COMMITTEE

Chair Daus opened discussion on the review of the Initial Report of the Cyber Security Committee (Initial Report), and asked for input from Subcommittee members. Considerable discussion ensued on how the Subcommittee would address the agenda item. Joe McDonald, Switch. Ltd. provided the following summarized recommendations:

- Appendices addressing summarized cyber security Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) projects, by year, addressing project specifics, funding awards, match requirements, spend reports, compliance efforts, manpower requirements, compliance efforts, and community/state impact. Through discussion, DEM is able to provide the majority of this information per project.

- Addressing projects annually will show project progress as an ongoing metric, specifically because cyber-related technology changes rapidly. Such changes may challenge the validity of existing projects.
- Final report should reflect what the Cyber Security Committee (CSC) has done for the betterment of cybersecurity efforts in Nevada.
- Expansion and rework of graphics on Pages 14-16 of the report.
 - At the request of the Chair, Chief Caleb Cage, DEM, indicated that this graphic can be modified to better suit the report in line with Mr. McDonald's recommendations.

Mike Smith, Clark County, inquired if there had been any follow-up interest generated within any of the state jurisdictions or agencies as a result of cyber security projects awarded, citing Henderson's cybersecurity project spurring further capital investments. Joe McDonald emphasized the successes resultant from the Henderson project including the Incident Response Plan (IRP) and the Business Impact Analysis (BIA). Chair Daus added that the project deliverables were shared with numerous statewide entities as a planned statewide tool, and that metrics and value being tied to projects can result in more productive grant awards moving forward.

Sergeant Dennis Carry, Washoe County Sheriff's Office presented concern about the Subcommittee's purview related to the review of the Initial Report, acknowledging that the Subcommittee was tasked with addressing recommendations within the report, but not acting in an audit-capacity with regard to existing report contents. Emphasis was placed on the system that already exists through the Nevada Homeland Security Working Group process and grant program management provided by DEM, and that project-specific information is captured throughout those processes. Additional commentary was presented on keeping the report at the high level, with reference information available either through the DEM website or other means. Sergeant Carry asked Chief Cage for input on the report.

In order to adhere to the compliance of Open Meeting Law, Chief Cage added additional commentary emphasizing the recommendations within the report, noting that Section 5 was created initially at a high-level, with the Subcommittee then refining those recommendations for the final report. Considerable discussion ensued on the purview of the Subcommittee and review of the recommendations within the Initial Report. These recommendations were developed by the CSC ahead of the Office of Cyber Defense Coordination (OCDC) strategic plan development. Chair Daus suggested taking the OCDC strategic map and see if the Initial Report recommendations mesh with the OCDC's plan in an effort to enhance the report. Discussion ensued noting that cyber-related legislation may be an area that the Subcommittee could add to the Initial Report.

Chair Daus inquired on whether there may be overlapping objectives within the Initial Report, and referenced the Nevada Technological Crime Advisory Board and its work regarding white collar cybersecurity crimes in the areas of identification theft and business protection. The Chair noted that this differs from what the HSGP projects would address in the way of infrastructure protection and response capability, and he just wanted to make sure the objectives in the Initial Report addressed specific areas that the CSC has actual oversight on as a committee. Sergeant Carry spoke to the fact that when the CSC was created, the OCDC had yet to be formed, and the OCDC may take much of the burden away from these efforts moving forward. It is possible that the Subcommittee could suggest funding or awareness programs in coordination with the OCDC.

At the request of the Chair, Chief Cage explained the Initial Report structure as it appears today, noting the expectations moving forward to get the final report completed by April 2018. Based on the

last CSC meeting, the Chief offered that there are quality suggestions on how to bolster the Initial Report with formatting and enhanced information, and he would be willing to research what other states have done regarding legislation and coordination efforts ahead of the next meeting. The Subcommittee agreed that a draft of that information would be beneficial in the development of the final report. Chair Daus also spoke to the challenges of developing recommendations without having the benefit of information derived from assessments in process, or complete, such as the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) cybersecurity project. Chief Cage indicated that he may be able to reach out to the UNR for an update on their efforts prior to the next meeting.

Chair Daus made the suggestion that the Initial Report recommendations could include a similar theme as the recently proposed recommendation allowing the Commission to have one bill draft request for each legislative session. The Chair spoke to his understanding of the current statute, and expanding that statute to other county and city governments. Bob Dehnhardt, State of Nevada Chief Information Security Officer, spoke to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 242.105 as providing declaration of confidentiality of documents relating to homeland security. The statute applies to all executive branch state agencies; however, Mr. Dehnhardt indicated that he would support a change to include similar protection for county/city jurisdictions. The OCSC is covered under this statute currently.

At the request of the Chair, Chief Cage indicated that this type of modification related to legislation could be built into the report having significant impact moving forward. Chair Daus indicated that he would like to more fully review the OCDC strategic plan, and that he valued the Chief's input. The CSC could benefit the process by making additional grant recommendations as the basis for vetting cybersecurity projects moving forward. Chief Cage indicated that would likely be the purview of the CSC Subcommittee to make such recommendations to the CSC. Joe McDonald indicated that weight could be given to certain controls over priorities and objectives such as the NIST Framework and OCDC objectives. Concern was presented that by the time a project proposal is reviewed by the CSC, it may be too late to make recommendation changes in the grant process. Mr. McDonald inquired on ways to fix that issue, and get requirements to the proposers prior to project submission.

Sergeant Carry suggested that a possible recommendation would be for the CSC to receive confidential briefings on annual statewide cybersecurity threat assessments from the OCDC during closed session.

The Subcommittee agreed to postpone action on report amendments until further review could be applied using the OCDC Strategic Plan, and reports on current HSGP cybersecurity project outcomes and deliverables.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Daus opened discussion for public comment. No commentary noted in either venue.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Daus called for a motion to adjourn. Joe McDonald motioned to adjourn, and Mike Smith provided a second. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.