



MINUTES STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY (SHSS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Attendance

DATE	September 25, 2012
TIME	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management
	Executive Conference Room
	2478 Fairview Drive
	Carson City, Nevada 89701
METHOD	Video-Teleconference
RECORDER	Karen Hall

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Angela Krutsinger - Chair	X	Selby Marks – HS Staff	X
Tom Lozich – Vice Chair	X	Joseph Reynolds – DAG Rep.	X
Andy Flock	X		
Bertral Washington	X		
Christopher Smith	X		
Doug Gillespie	X		
Gonzalo Cordova	X		
Karen Burke	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security called the meeting of the State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) Advisory Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. Selby Marks, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security conducted roll call. Quorum was established for this meeting.

2. OPENING COMMENTS

Chief Smith thanked all Committee members for their dedication to the task of updating the SHSS noting the task is a unique opportunity to create the future strategy for the state of Nevada. Moving forward, this document will provide guidance to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) and the state of Nevada on priority allocations, minimizing capability gaps, and increase abilities statewide.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Smith opened discussion for public commentary. Selby Marks informed the Committee that the next meeting will be held November 13, 2012 at the same venues and times as this current meeting. No other commentary from either venue.

4. NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY (SHSS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chief Smith opened up nominations for Chair and Vice Chair based on review of NRS 239C, noting there is a requirement for nominations for both Chair and Vice-Chair for this body. Sheriff Doug Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) inquired if members were required to be NCHS members. Per Selby Marks, the body must be comprised of at least one NCHS member. Sheriff Gillespie nominated Angela Krutsinger, Nevada Hospital Association for Chair. Gonzalo Cordova, Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection (DHS / IP) Officer reiterated that ex-offio members should likely not vote on this Committee based on NCHS standing with agreement from Committee membership. Chief Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Department seconded the motion. Sheriff Gillespie nominated Tom Lozich, Executive Director of Corporate Security MGM/Mirage for Vice-Chair with Chief Smith seconding the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY (SHSS) - SECTION 1

Chief Smith presented a brief historical overview of the necessity for the SHSS document discussing specific applications of use, particularly in establishing priorities to those receiving sub granted Commission funding in addition to use of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in development of grant application programming. Chief Smith stressed that the Committee put in place a document that defines functionality while presenting achievable goals.

At length discussion commenced between all Committee members regarding specific wording and document details defining Section 1 categories. Highlights included:

- Chairwoman Krutsinger noted the lack of new National Preparedness goal information (NPG) as well as the PPDA in the SHSS currently. She also notes it does not identify goals set forth by NCHS. Chief Smith reiterated the SHSS was created prior to the NCHS's assignment of priorities. Sheriff Gillespie asked if we fold those into this document, and Chief Smith indicated that was the intention.
- Ideal to have the strategy done by early 2013; we are waiting for THIRA results to finalize the strategy. Can report to the Commission on 16th the product so far.
- Open meeting law question regarding sending corrections to the Committee, can we do this telephonically, via webinar, but without having an open meeting. Per DAG, you need to have an open meeting. How do we work on this document without having meeting, but bring to a public meeting for approval? Ok to send out draft document to members, but any changes need to be done in open meeting status due to quorum issues.

"Purpose" wording consensus:

The purpose of the Nevada State Homeland Security Strategy (SHSS) is to identify statewide 'whole community' priorities to achieve and sustain a strengthened ability to prevent, detect, deter, mitigate against, prepare for, respond to and recover from any natural, manmade and/or technological emergency or disaster up to and including any act of terrorism. The State through implementation of this strategy is furthering outcomes for a

safe and secure Nevada through enhanced regional capabilities in intelligence, surveillance, rapid response and recovery, the protection of critical infrastructure, and community resilience to support the national preparedness goal.

“Vision” wording consensus:

Ensuring the Nevada Homeland is safe, secure, and resilient.

“Focus” wording consensus:

The SHSS will achieve its vision by utilizing a network of partnerships and collaborations across the state with a variety of stakeholders including federal, tribal, state, faith-based, and private sector organizations all aligned with the collective Nevada homeland security mission.

Committee agreed not to address the listed goals under “Focus” at this time.

“Coordination” wording consensus:

The Committee consensus regarding the ‘coordination’ section of the SHSS is based upon clarifying both the Homeland Security Working Group and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) processes within the section itself.

“Effort” wording consensus:

The Committee consensus regarding the ‘Effort’ section of the SHSS is to eliminate the ‘Effort’ section and incorporate the ‘Effort’ wording in the ‘Coordination’ section.

“Jurisdictions” wording consensus:

The Committee discussed this section; however no exact wording changes were noted. Discussion centered on the following:

- Selby Marks noted the definition of a jurisdiction in the SHSS document (under the Effort section) relates to counties. He also noted that jurisdictional specificity is important in the funding approval process related to investment jurisdictions.
- Chief Smith indicated jurisdictions are county, state, or tribal in nature.

“Regions” wording consensus:

The Committee consensus/discussion regarding the ‘Regions’ section of the SHSS is highlighted below:

- Delete the second paragraph referencing Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), as EMAC is a resource tool rather than a strategy
- To not combine both the “Regions” and “Jurisdictions” sections as both have individual relevance, particularly as it relates to tribal issues in that tribes are not recognized as regions but they are jurisdictions.
- Region specificity in the State of Nevada should be based on UASI or SHSP
- Need to incorporate federal jurisdiction somehow even though they do not play in the grant world, but they are critical infrastructure and part of our response component
 - Jurisdictions identified as counties qualify for UASI and SHSP support; however Federal jurisdictions do not qualify for such support in Nevada.

- Chris Smith indicated that he will come up with a qualifier for jurisdictions to make this simple noting Nevada is one of the few states with a large federal footprint, and it is important to recognize that in our strategy.

Joe Reynolds, Senior Deputy Attorney General requested the Committee take action on the changes discussed. Sheriff Gillespie presented a motion to approve all recommended changes with the caveat that a tracked change document be provided to the Committee for review at the next SHSS Advisory Committee meeting. Chairwoman Krutsinger seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition.

Break at 10:40am for ten minutes.

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY (SHSS) - SECTION 2

Chief Smith led Committee discussion on review of SHSS Section 2 with the following recap on each goal's highlighted discussion by Committee membership:

Goal 1

Agreement on keeping this goal with modified dates as NRS 239C and NCHS goal requirements align.

Goal 2

Agreement to eliminate this goal entirely as there is nothing to support, within NRS 239C, within SHSS.

Goal 3

Agreement to change to: Review and examine state interstate/intrastate mutual aid agreements and regional plans.

- Incorporate Goal 3 into Goal 1

Goal 4

Agreement to incorporate 'Operational Coordination' as an objective defined as "Equip and train Nevada's emergency responders and support agencies" (with subsequent POETE information listed below the goal objective)

- Incorporate Goal 4 into Goal 3
- Old goals need to be exchanged with current NCHS goals with POETE objectives following each goal

Motion by Chairwoman Krutsinger to approve changes through Goal 4 and wait for the updated remaining goals to be provided by Selby Marks before moving on to the POETE pieces for remaining objectives. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Tom Lozich. All were in favor with no opposition.

Verification of actual 'operational coordination' definition was requested by Chief Bertral Washington, Clark County Fire Department. Definition deemed appropriate per Committee review of National Preparedness document provided in Committee handout packets.

Clarification from Chief Smith reiterating operational goals are how the budgets are built for the grant process. Our goals should reflect broad-based core capabilities with more specific objectives as necessary.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY (SHSS) - SECTION 3

Chief Smith led discussion on the evaluation plan requirements pertaining to sub recipients providing presentations on the progress of individual projects. Sub recipients are to make quarterly reports, which they do to the Finance Committee. Discussion between Committee members as to whether sub recipients should make presentations in lieu of Project Managers to the NCHS. Sheriff Gillespie suggested hiring a consultant to report out on actual progress of these projects noting pros/cons. Gonzalo Cordova spoke to buying down risk by better demonstration/examination of outcomes versus efforts. Karen Burke agrees more objectivity is necessary to drive compliance. Chairwoman Krutsinger made note that sub recipient reports do not make it to the NCHS suggesting that body may find value in seeing such reports.

Motion was presented by Chief Smith to leave language as it stands to provide items to be reviewed (items 1-8) and there will be a biannual state-wide review with progress toward stated goals. Motion was seconded by Karen Burke, TSA. All in favor with no opposition noted. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairwoman Krutsinger called for public commentary from both the northern and southern venues. No commentary noted in either location.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was presented by Chairwoman Krutsinger and seconded by Sheriff Doug Gillespie. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Krutsinger.