



Meeting Minutes Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee

Attendance	DATE	March 23, 2021			
	TIME	9:00 a.m.			
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference			
	RECORDER	Sherrean Whipple			
Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
David Fogerson – Chair	X	Kelly Echeverria	X	Tennile Periera	X
Billy Samuels – Vice Chair	X	Andrea Esp	X	Matthew Petersen	X
Andy Ancho	X	Jeanne Freeman	ABS	Shaun Rahmeyer	ABS
Roy Anderson	ABS	Mike Heidemann	ABS	Misty Robinson	X
Travis Anderson	X	Eric Holt	ABS	Rachel Skidmore	X
Noah Boyer	X	David Hunkup	X	Corey Solferino	X
Elizabeth Breeden	ABS	Jeremy Hynds	X	Malinda Southard	X
James Chrisley	X	Graham Kent	ABS	Cary Underwood	ABS
Jason Danen	X	Mary Ann Laffoon	X	Mike Wilson	X
Cassandra Darrough	ABS	Chris Lake	X	Stephanie Woodard	ABS
Bob Dehnhardt	X	Carolyn Levering	X		
Craig DePolo	ABS	Ryan Miller	ABS		
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
Bunny Bishop	X	Melissa Friend	X	Kasey KC	ABS
Rebecca Bodnar	ABS	Sheryl Gonzales	ABS	Selby Marks	X
Kate Callaghan	ABS	Mojra Hauenstein	ABS	Catherine Neilson	X
Felix Castagnola	X	Jill Hemenway	X		
Mike Dyzak	ABS	Patricia Herzog	X		
Legal/Administrative Support Attendance					
Representative	Entity				Present
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General	Office of the Nevada Attorney General				X
Karen Hall - NV Emergency Management & Homeland Security	Nevada Division of Emergency Management				X
Sherrean Whipple – Administrative Support	Nevada Division of Emergency Management				X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair David Fogerson, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS), called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean Whipple, DEM. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Chair Fogerson opened the first period of public comment for discussion. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Fogerson called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the January 29, 2021 Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC) meeting. Misty Robinson, Senior Public Health Preparedness Planner, moved to approve the minutes and Andrea Esp, Washoe County Public Healthcare Liaison, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Application

Kelli Anderson, DEM, updated the Committee on the status of the EMPG application. They received the notice of funding opportunity on February 25th at the state level, which the jurisdiction should have received via email. On March 4, they had their first meeting with FEMA, who described the NOFO changes and work plan expectations. DEM and FEMA have been working on outcome oriented performance goals to include project development and training exercises and ensuring an integrated preparedness plan.

This year, EMPG has several deadlines. DEM is currently preparing its priorities for the state and also releasing the application through Zoom Grants for the application period. The application for local jurisdictions is due on April 16, and the application then goes to FEMA on April 30. The final application will be submitted May 14.

DEM has two upcoming technical assistance calls. One is Thursday at 1:00 pm, and the other is the following Thursday at 1:00 pm.

Jeremy Hynds, City of Henderson Emergency Manager, asked whether local jurisdictions have to follow strictly the priorities that the state is developing. Ms. Anderson said that in the application, it is required for jurisdictions to pick one top priority out of the three the state has listed. Those include disaster housing, logistics and distribution, and energy reduction.

5. State Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Application

Kelli Anderson, DEM, updated the Committee on the HSGP for SHSP and UASI funding. The SHSP received \$4,602,500 and UASI received \$5,250,000. The priority investments are cybersecurity, soft targets in crowded places, intelligence sharing, combating domestic violence, and addressing emerging threats. All five are required to be focused on, with a required percentage of funds attached to each.

The application was released on March 15th and is due on March 29th. The final application submission date is May 24th.

Ms. Anderson added that the day of this meeting, the technical assistance call would take place over Zoom.

Vice-Chair Samuels asked whether Ms. Anderson would be able to record her meeting so that occupied Committee members would be able to view it at a later time. Ms. Anderson affirmed. Chair Fogerson asked whether the video could be posted to the website, and this was also affirmed.

6. Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) Meeting Review

Deputy Chief Billy Samuels updated the Committee on the latest UAWG meeting. UAWG added two project changes, both for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The first was their fusion center, and the second one was for the RCCP. Both were unanimously approved.

The first major change to UASI is the removal the competitive piece to it. The second is that they are now ranking UASI 1 to 30 instead of 1 to 77.

7. Discussion to Create a Mitigation Committee

Chair David Fogerson opened discussion on the creation of a mitigation committee under the Division of Emergency Management that would report directly to Chair Fogerson in an advisory capacity. This group would focus on advising on hazard mitigation and providing assistance to local jurisdictions. Chair Fogerson created the committee. The committee will be subject to the open meeting law and all rules and regulations but will be a committee separate from NRAC.

Bunny Bishop, Chief of Water Planning and Drought Resiliency, commented that she supports the creation of the mitigation committee.

Chair Fogerson noted that the committee would take considerable pressure off of the single employee currently trying to do all the mitigation work herself.

Jeremy Hynds asked for clarification on whether this committee would be a sub-committee under NRAC or a separate committee. Chair Fogerson clarified that it would be a separate committee.

Jeremy Hynds asked whether the committee will be a travelling one that meets northern, central, and southern Nevada. Chair Fogerson indicated that once COVID is over, the committee can travel to greater Nevada.

8. Discussion of Current Legislative Efforts Impacting Emergency Management

Chair, David Fogerson. Chair Fogerson led a discussion on legislative efforts impacting emergency management in the State of Nevada, including, an overview of the current status of Bill Draft Requests (BDR) submitted by the Division of Emergency Management. This presentation included the following items:

- Senate Bill 14 – Revises provisions relating to certain emergency response plans and assessments. This bill has passed the committee and has gone to the Senate as a whole. They are currently reviewing it. This bill changes some of the requirements for water purveyors or whether they're included in the Homeland Security Plan requirements, and if they are, how to submit the plans to the DEM through the secure portal, and how the DEM provides information back. There is currently another bill from some legislators trying to exempt some water purveyors due to other regulations.
- Assembly Bill 14 – Revise provisions relating to emergency management. This bill has passed the committee and has changed the meeting schedules for several committees to meeting once a quarter or at the call of the Chair.
- BDR 1103 - Related to the reorganization of the Division of Emergency Management. This BDR moves the DEM in its entirety from under the Department of Public Safety to the Department of the Military. DEM structure remains the same.

9. COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Recovery Update

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM, updated NRAC on the current status of DEM response to COVID-19, including coordination and resource allocation efforts taken to support local governments. Mr. Bakkedahl stated that the first matter was the acquisition of Mobile Vaccine Units (MVUs). DEM has made the request to FEMA for two and has been granted both. DEM is developing a plan to serve both northern and southern Nevada, coordinating with PHP.

DEM also acquired permission to extend its warehouse in northern Nevada lease programs for another six to twelve months while the DEM attempts to downsize the amount of PPE they have collected for emergencies. DEM plans to work with the federal government on state purchasing of large quantities, to allow jurisdictions access to PPE at significantly lower prices.

The warehouse also have over 2 million viral transport media and over 2 million swabs for testing.

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health will be running the warehouse operations as DEM moves forward.

Malinda Southard, Public Health Preparedness Program Manager, expressed appreciation for the partnership with DEM and immunization in the community.

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

Chair David Fogerson gave a recommendation on the SCTBM for the FFY21 HSGP. This was recently reviewed by the Nevada Commission of Homeland Security Committee (NCHS) on Finance. The same three capacities that NRAC looked at last month and the month before are in this recommendation. The only difference is that the Committee on Finance built two emerging strategic capacities and removed the capacity for the voting system as an emerging threat capacity to be maintained because the grant guidance did not require it. Chair Fogerson's recommendation to the Committee is that they adopt these capacities.

Jeremy Hynds asked why Henderson's teams were not represented on the recommendation. Chair Fogerson explained that urban counties are included in a single category. Also meant by rural frontier parts include Churchill, Elko, and Humboldt teams.

Chair Fogerson made a motion to adopt the strategic capacity to be maintained as seen in the handout that came from the NCHS Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hynds asked whether the strategic capacities on the list are in association with the ones that the UASI and HSGP are asking the Committee to follow. Kelli Anderson stated that some of the Committee's work already folds into the top five priority investments set by the HSGP.

Malinda Southard asked how they would know what to look for, with regard to programs and core capabilities, involving public health, healthcare, and EMS. Chair Fogerson pointed out that during and after a terrorist attack, there is significant disaster and injury fallout. This is not a recurring or automatic process but shows that the Committee is looking at the medical side of terrorism events.

Chair Fogerson made a motion to adopt the strategic capacity to be maintained as seen in the handout that came from the NCHS Committee on Finance. Chris Lake, Executive Director of Community Resilience, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Public Comment

Chair Fogerson left public comment open for two minutes to allow for the lag between the live feed and the YouTube feed. There was no public comment.

12. Adjourn

Chair Fogerson called for a motion to adjourn. Noah Boyer, Deputy of the Northern Nevada Federal task Force, made a motion to adjourn, and Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Program Coordinator, seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and Chair Fogerson adjourned the meeting.