



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee

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| Attendance | DATE | January 22, 2020 | | | |
| | TIME | 9:00 A.M. | | | |
| | LOCATIONS | Legislative Counsel Bureau Legislative Building – Room 1214 401 S. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701 | | | |
| | | Legislative Counsel Bureau Grant Sawyer Building – Room 4401 555 E. Washington Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101 | | | |
| | METHOD | Video-Teleconference | | | |
| RECORDER | Meagan Werth-Ranson | | | | |
| Advisory Committee Voting Member Attendance | | | | | |
| Member Name | Present | Member Name | Present | Member Name | Present |
| Justin Luna | X | Jeanne Freeman | ABS | Todd Moss | ABS |
| John Steinbeck | X | Mike Heidemann | X | Tennille Pereira | X |
| Roy Anderson | X | Jill Hemenway | X | Shaun Rahmeyer | X |
| Solome Barton | X | Eric Holt | X | Misty Robinson | X |
| Elizabeth Breeden | ABS | Dave Hunkup | X | Rachel Skidmore | X |
| James Chrisley | X | Jeremy Hynds | X | Corey Solferino | X |
| Christina Conti | X | Graham Kent | ABS | Malinda Southard | ABS |
| Cassandra Darrough | ABS | Mary Ann Laffoon | X | Chris Tomaino | X |
| Robert Dehnhardt | X | Chris Lake | X | Mike Wilson | ABS |
| Craig dePolo | X | Bob Leighton | X | Stephanie Woodard | X |
| Kelly Echeverria | X | Carolyn Levering | X | | |
| Dave Fogerson | X | Ryan Miller | X | | |
| Advisory Committee Non-Voting Member Attendance | | | | | |
| Bunny Bishop | X | Melissa Friend | X | Catherine Nielson | X |
| Rebecca Bodnar | ABS | Kacey KC | ABS | | |
| Felix Castagnola | ABS | Aaron Kenneston | X | | |
| Legal Representative | | | Entity | | Present |
| Samantha Ladich – Sr. Deputy Attorney General | | | Nevada Attorney General's Office | | X |
| Analyst/Support Staff | | | Entity | | Present |
| Meagan Werth-Ranson | | | Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North | | X |
| Kendall Herzer | | | Nevada Division of Emergency Management - South | | X |

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chief Justin Luna, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS), called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Meagan Werth-Ranson, DEM/HS. Quorum was established for the meeting. Chief Luna thanked everyone for their patience with the meeting conflicts that occurred in December 2019. Chief Luna highlighted changes in membership on the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (Committee): Annette Kerr, Elko County, submitted her resignation at the end of December 2019 and Chief Luna will be inquiring about a replacement; Jill Hemenway, American Red Cross, has taken Connie Morton's position on the Committee as a voting member effective as of January 9, 2020; Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County, has replaced Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County, as a voting member with Dr. Kenneston becoming a non-voting member;

finally, Christina Conti, Washoe County Health District, noted her resignation from the Committee effective today.

2. Public Comment

Chief Luna opened the discussion for public comment in all venues. Dr. Aaron Kenneston spoke to the anniversary of the Galaxy Airlines Flight 203 crash that occurred on January 21, 1985. There were 71 people aboard flight 203. 70 of those individuals perished during the crash with one survivor. This anniversary shows the importance of the work done in our day to day activities and the need to remain focused on preventing and responding to unplanned tragedies. No public comment was provided from the Las Vegas venue or on the phone.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chief Luna called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes from the November 19, 2019, Committee meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was provided by Dr. Craig dePolo, University of Nevada Reno, and a second was provided by Deputy Chief Dave Fogerson, East Lake Fire Protection District. The motion passed unanimously of the members present.

4. Quarterly Review of Current Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee Bylaws

Chief Luna opened the discussion on the quarterly review of the bylaws. One proposed change to the bylaws is in section three regarding membership. This change is recommended to align with statutory language from Senate Bill (SB) 35. SB 35 created the Committee. Section two; subsection four of the bill specifies membership terms of two years. This term limit does not apply to the Chair and members may be reappointed. Jill Hemenway made a motion to approve the updated bylaws as presented and a second was provided by Roy Anderson, Washoe County School District. The motion passed unanimously of the members present.

5. Follow up on Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2020

Chief Luna provided an update on the meeting schedule for calendar year 2020. A survey was sent out to members to identify a better meeting date. The original meeting date of the second Tuesday of every month creates a conflict with the State’s Board of Examiners meeting that occurs on the same day. This is part of the conflict that led to the cancellation of the December 2019 Committee meeting. The second Wednesday of the month was selected to be the best choice from the survey. Chief Luna noted the February 19, 2020 meeting has already been scheduled for the third Wednesday due to the Preparedness Summit and scheduling conflicts. The DEM/HS staff will send out meeting invites for the remainder of the year.

6. Final Report on Seismic Risk Recommendations

Chief Luna opened this agenda item by noting this is for the review of the final report encompassing all the seismic risk recommendations. Dr. Craig dePolo thanked the Committee for all of the work that has gone into developing these recommendations and strongly recommends moving forward and approving the recommendations put forth. Deputy Chief Fogerson made a motion to finalize the recommendations to be included in the annual report and a second was provided by Dr. dePolo. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Follow up on the Statewide Cybersecurity Initiatives

Administrator Shaun Rahmeyer, Office of Cyber Defense Coordination (OCDC) provided the Committee with a high-level review of information regarding the Internet of Things (IoT), the associated cybersecurity risk, and

related cybersecurity strategies from a request at the October 8, 2019, Committee meeting. Mr. Rahmeyer spoke to the internet of things being “the network of physical objects that contain embedded technology to communicate and sense or interact with their internal states or the external environment. The enterprise and automotive IoT will grow to 5.8 billion endpoints in 2020, a 21% increase from 2019. The IoT devices enterprise and non-enterprise surpassed 26.6 billion devices in the beginning of 2019.” Mr. Rahmeyer spoke to the handout provided in the packets regarding common IoT devices, businesses, and communities. Mr. Rahmeyer detailed privacy concerns related to IoT devices. These concerns include tracking, the ability for strangers to control and view devices, the ability for strangers to listen to private conversations, and the ability for videos to be shared with law enforcement without prior consent. Mr. Rahmeyer also noted there are business security concerns as well. Cyber-attacks on IoT devices are up 300% in 2019. Mr. Rahmeyer concluded his presentation by detailing historical attacks on IoT devices and Legislative efforts on the West Coast to assist with cybersecurity initiatives. There was discussion from the members as to how bad any given attack could be and how vulnerable the state is. Mr. Rahmeyer noted the effects of an attack would vary depending on the type of attack and the longevity of the attack but did note that millions of dollars could be lost. It is hard to determine the exact consequences but the effects could be detrimental. Deputy Chief Fogerson inquired since policy is lacking in terms of cybersecurity initiatives, if there would be interest in this Committee making recommendations similar to the recommendations put forth for Seismic Risk. Mr. Rahmeyer advised there is an interest and would be a benefit to look closer at policies at a jurisdictional level. Robert Dehnhardt, Department of Administration, mentioned that it might be helpful for people to recognize these devices contain computers and can be manipulated the same way.

8. Briefing on the Nevada Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

Jill Hemenway, American Red Cross of Northern Nevada, provided an overview of the Nevada Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs). Ms. Hemenway noted that the current chair of the VOAD, Connie Morton, will be stepping down as the Chair and Ms. Hemenway will be transitioning into the Chair effective in April of 2020. Ms. Hemenway noted some of the goals of VOAD are to spread awareness that VOAD is active, meeting on a regular basis, and there are entities in both the Northern and Southern region that are working consistently to revitalize VOAD in the State of Nevada. There are numerous partners at a national level. VOAD is available when something bad happens in the state, people can be called on to assist without tying up local resources. Cheryl Nagy, Clark County, spoke to the National VOAD having been started back in 1970. There are over 100 different organizations involved and 16 different committees across the country. There is a National VOAD Conference being held in Phoenix, AZ for the 50th anniversary of the VOAD. Ms. Nagy noted that if there is a disaster in Nevada, VOAD members from across the country can be deployed to assist. Ms. Hemenway provided a breakdown of the VOAD membership and spoke to having a mixed group of individuals in both the Northern and Southern region. Ms. Hemenway spoke to VOAD in action. These activities include having a table top exercise and creating a resource guide that has emergency contact information for each of the participating agencies. This resource however, is still in the planning stages. The first step is figuring out how to contact people in an actual emergency. VOAD can be utilized in large scale exercises and not solely in disasters. Ms. Hemenway spoke to the VOADs’ role in actual disasters and the ability to help alleviate some of the pressure built up on state and local resources. Ms. Hemenway spoke to the need for support, especially in the rural counties who may not have all the resources needed in a disaster. VOAD is working on creating relationships in a steady state so in the event of a disaster there is a sense of trust. Ms. Nagy provided an update on the membership for the southern region and advised the VOAD met yesterday, January 21, 2020, to review the current bylaws and re-evaluate membership. Ms. Hemenway spoke to upcoming meeting dates. These dates include the NEPA Conference taking place February 10th-12th, 2020 and the NVOAD Conference taking place May 18th-21st, 2020. It was noted the date that is provided in the packets for the State VOAD meeting will not be taking place on February 12, 2020 due to scheduling conflicts.

Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, took a moment to thank Ms. Hemenway and Ms. Nagy for their presentation and their work within VOAD. Chief Steinbeck mentioned agencies absolutely depend on the VOAD and noted the VOAD fills definite gaps that cannot be filled from government or private sector partners. Chief Steinbeck inquired what can be done to assist the VOAD in fulfilling their mission. Ms. Hemenway advised the need for support. Right now, there needs to be support in reaching out to the rural areas and getting them to participate in this mission. In regards to major disasters, rural counties will need a significant amount of resources. It is important for these counties to understand the plans and whom to call if something does happen. Chief Steinbeck expressed his support for the resource guide and noted that this guide will be immensely helpful. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, expressed sincere gratitude for the work done by the VOAD in regards to the motel/apartment complex fire that occurred in the early morning hours on December 21, 2019. This fire displaced 40 individuals from the residence and six people passed away. This was the worst fatality fire in the city's entire history. The VOAD organizations assisted in filling gaps that were presented during this crisis. Chief Luna inquired what the best way is to build relationships and interact with VOAD when there is not a disaster. Ms. Hemenway suggested that in blue sky situations, encouraging members to get together and discuss relevant events, doing table top exercises, and when there is a disaster looping everyone in will help forge these relationships. Mary Ann Laffoon, Elko County, offered assistance in reaching out to the rural counties and will encourage participation in this program through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) process. Chief Steinbeck encouraged the Committee to remember that when utilizing the American Red Cross, the information that is gathered is up to the people they are serving whether or not to share that information with the government agencies. It is important to note that if agencies are depending on the information gathered for follow-up lists and moving forward there can be limitations.

9. Overview of the Northern Nevada Peer Support Network

Captain Derek Reid, Truckee Meadows Fire, provided a presentation on the Northern Nevada Peer Support Network Inc. (NNPSN). Captain Reid began his presentation by noting there are more Law Enforcement Officer's suicides than line of duty deaths. There is still difficulty in tracking accurate numbers as only 30%-40% of data is actually being reported. The NNPSN is "a place where first responders and hospital professionals can access information for quality mental health resources and support. This is accomplished by collaborative efforts with multiple service branches where we utilize each other's strength." The NNPSN was developed from the lack of resources available for first responders during a time of crisis and supports law enforcement, fire, dispatch, hospital staff, and military members. Captain Reid explained the strategic plan for the NNPSN:

- Short Term (1-2 Months) – Create the opportunity to network and share vision (workshops), establish alignment and shared purpose, diversify public-safety service branches, and launch the NNPSN.com website.
- Mid-Term (3 months -1 year) – Customize affiliate web-page under the resource tab on the main page, establish articles of incorporation in pursuant 501C3, mission, vision, and core values, newsletter, create and record first NNPSN podcast, training calendars, assist and support agencies peer support, Chaplain teams, establish an Alcoholics Anonymous/ Narcotics Anonymous (AA/NA) support group for first responders, establish a resiliency group, and fundraising.
- Long-Term/ Master Plan (1-5 years) – Charity events to raise monies for 501C3, increase awareness, provide financial assistance, vet clinicians, in/out patient treatment centers, and guide to local treatment centers

Jill Hemenway commended Captain Reid on the work being done to support this necessary program and inquired as to how an agency or interested party could support this program. Captain Reid expressed gratitude for the amount of support this program has gained thus far. The NNPSN is currently waiting for the 501C to be approved from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The current pending status of the 501C makes funding a hurdle. Once the 501C is approved, the NNPSN plans on conducting fundraisers, accepting sponsorships, and

accepting donations. In terms of people wanting to assist the NNPSN is open to anyone and anything that helps serve first responders mental health. Tennille Pereira, Vegas Strong Resiliency Center, questioned if the NNPSN has talked to their Union or considered a small amount of additional dues to support these efforts. Captain Reid advised that this is a department to department conversation. The NNPSN does have the support of the Union and is one group being looked at to fund this program on a more consistent basis. Captain Reid concluded his presentation by showing the members the NNPSN web page and highlighted the areas of resources, the training calendar, and a list of affiliated agencies. Chief Luna agreed that the most important resource we have is our people. Chief Luna inquired how an agency becomes listed under the affiliated agencies area of the website. Captain Reid advised this can be completed through the website or by reaching out to him directly.

*****Break at 10:30 a.m. and resumed at 10:45 a.m. *****

10. Follow up on the Strategic Capacities to be Maintained for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Chief Luna spoke to the Strategic Capacities to be maintained for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). There are nine strategic capacities that are recommended to be maintained by the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) in FFY 2020. The nine strategic capacities are as follows; fusion centers, citizen corps, National Incident Management System (NIMS), chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE), operational communication, public information and warning, recovery, cyber security, and planning. Chief Steinbeck noted that these are the areas to be maintained due to the considerable investment that has already been put into these areas. As the grant season is beginning, this is a reminder there will be new grants coming out. This does not mean each one of these programs can apply for an unlimited amount of funding; it is to maintain programs that are already in place that have been invested into. Additional investment will then go forward through the competitive process.

11. Next Steps in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process

Chief Luna spoke to this agenda item being meant to provide the Committee with an estimated timeline of the next steps in the HSGP grant process. There is no handout in your packets since the information is tentative at this time, based on the typical timeline from past years. The determination of the strategic capacities to be maintained sets the foundation for this process. During the last few months of this past year, DEM/HS worked with stakeholders throughout the state on a preparedness assessment which identifies our current readiness level and also getting input on the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), which identifies the gaps in our capabilities to handle a variety of hazards. These two assessments will guide decisions regarding priorities during the process and were completed last month. Along with the assessments done at the state level, the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the national rankings based on the Metropolitan Statistical Analysis (MSA) risk calculations. DEM/HS reviewed this process at the Committee meeting back in August 2019. It is anticipated that in January 2020, DEM will be able to release the project proposal requirements to any agencies that are interested in submitting projects for consideration. Then initial project proposals will be due in February 2020. The project proposals will then be reviewed by the working groups, made up of the Committee and a separate working group for the Urban Area projects. This allows DEM/HS to begin providing technical assistance early in the process. Cybersecurity and communications specific project proposals will receive an extra layer of review coordinated by the State's Office of Cyber Defense Coordination and the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. DEM/HS anticipate that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) indicating the funding amounts will be announced sometime in February or March 2020. Once the federal funding amount is determined, projects will be resubmitted for review again to the working groups, tentatively in March 2020. The working groups will prioritize the projects and make recommendations to the Finance Committee. Then the Finance Committee will review the projects and make recommendations for the Commission on Homeland Security for final review and consideration. This will probably occur sometime

in late March or early April 2020. Then our final program application will be due back to DHS at the federal level by the middle of April 2020. This requires a quick turn-around and involves a lot of moving parts within this process. Chief Steinbeck noted this is earlier in the process than prior years. Kelli Anderson noted the NOFOs will be out by February 14, 2020; this is the first time that DHS and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have given DEM/HS a heads up of the release of the grant guidance. It is expected that all three grant guidance documents will come out; non-profit Homeland Security, Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), and the suite of Homeland Security Grants. DEM/HS did receive approval for the new grant management systems. This new system will be implemented in the near future for applicants to submit through this new system. The forms and data will look the same along with the same requirements. The only aspect that changes is the way the information is submitted to DEM/HS. This portal will be used for all grants moving forward. Ms. Anderson advised that grants will be due in the middle of April 2020. DEM/HS has received indication that there will be an increase in the EMPG grant for Nevada. The exact amount of the increase is currently unknown but is anticipated to be less than \$50,000.

12. Review of Project Submissions for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program

Janell Woodward, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grants that are due on January 31, 2020. Ms. Woodward spoke to the set aside amount that each state receives in the amount of \$575,000. It was advised that of the submitted applications, as many projects as possible are fit into the \$575,000 allocation, as that is a guaranteed amount of funding. There were three Hazard Mitigation Plan updates: Carson City with a Federal share amount of \$86,250 and a non-Federal share amount of \$28,750; Churchill County with a Federal share amount of \$61,500 and a non-Federal share amount of \$20,500; and Clark County with a Federal share amount of \$225,000 and a non-Federal share amount of \$75,000. The extra project that was able to be submitted was for an emergency generator for Douglas County. The total of these four updates was less than the allotted \$575,000.00; therefore, there will be a small amount of funding not obligated. The next category of priority for FEMA is the Advanced Assistance grants. The Advance Assistance category is seed money of \$200,000 that can be used to assist with the development of a full project application. The City of Caliente submitted an Advanced Assistance request in order to complete their flood wall project application. There were two competitive projects that were submitted. These two projects were for the following:

- City of Reno Seismic Retrofit of City Hall with a Federal share amount of \$4,000,000 and a non-Federal share amount of \$2,558,677.61. Brian Heller, City of Reno, spoke to the City of Reno project. The project is for the retrofit of the Reno City Hall building that is a 16-story building located in downtown Reno, that houses numerous agencies. The city is concerned about the stability of the building during an earthquake. A study was performed by Miyamoto Earthquake and Structural Engineers and a severe deficiency was identified. One major area of concern was identified as the story drift ratio. It was identified to be a story drift ratio of 3.2, a number that should be below 2.0 for acceptable life safety condition and under 1.0 to be able to use the building the next day. The method chosen to correct this issue was the collapse avoidance for life safety, meaning if an earthquake did occur people would be able to walk out of the building. One way to achieve this would be to add shock absorbers throughout the floors. This will help limit the non-structural damage that could occur from an earthquake. Additionally, there are a few column placements within the building that will need to be updated. Mr. Heller noted that when the building was built, it was built to building standards for the time period. Due to the age of the building and the change in building codes, renovations need to be done.

Dr. dePolo inquired if a disaster occurred, is there a backup facility that building occupants could use to manage the disaster and manage expectations of the disaster. Mr. Heller advised that numerous buildings would be used per the Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP), but there is not a single, central facility. The current occupants would be scattered throughout the City of Reno.

- Henderson Emergency Generator for Critical Infrastructure with a Federal share amount of \$2,129,801.25 and a non-Federal share amount of \$709,933.75. Jeremy Hynds, City of Henderson, spoke to the Henderson project. The desire of this project is to retrofit three emergency shelters with backup generators. These generators are used in emergency situations for a variety of different reasons including cooling during summer months and occasionally heating during winter months. This is a backup system for the shelters and without these generators, services would be interrupted.

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, summarized that the plans for Carson City, Churchill County, Clark County and Douglas County will be submitted for the \$575,000.00 set aside that is an allocated amount for the state. If this amount is not applied for and there is not a balanced budget, this money will not be granted. If the base amount is not applied for, there can be a time in the future that the money is not available for the state. The two projects for City of Reno and City of Henderson were reviewed by a group of subject matter experts and prioritized based on the potential loss of life. The Committee was asked to formalize the recommendation through a vote. Chief Luna advised that all of these projects will be submitted to FEMA for consideration at the Federal level. FEMA requires the prioritization of competitive projects before being submitted further. The recommended prioritization from the subject matter experts is for City of Reno Seismic Retrofit project and then the Henderson Emergency Generator project. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, inquired on the amount of the Douglas County Project. Ms. Woodward noted the total project is \$144,000 and the Federal share is \$108,000. A motion to accept the prioritization as presented was provided by Dr. dePolo and a second by Ms. Levering. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. Ms. Anderson mentioned a huge thank you to everyone whom submitted these applications and thanked Ms. Woodward for all of her work during this process.

13. Nevada State Citizen Corps Program Update

Mary Ann Laffoon, Northeast Nevada Citizen Corps/Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), provided an information report on the Nevada CERT program activities, highlights, and updates.

- Carson City Cert: Participated in the State’s Silver Crucible at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), and continuing with other partnerships to grow the program and its impact. Conducted a Basic Academy and continuing to provide Stop the Bleed training.
- DEM: Continued support and assistance to all CERT programs through identification of resources, and support and liaison with FEMA.
- Douglas County CERT: Douglas County Flood Awareness Event, Community “Stop the Bleed Trainings” & with China Spring Youth Camp Staff , Community Hands Only CPR, Community Volunteer Expo, CERT meetings with Training components, i.e. MCI Trailer Ops, Rehab 3 Operations and team building and Planning for regional sheltering Live X, and other events.
- Southern Nevada CERT: Continue with planning, prepping and delivering CERT Programs and Trainings, throughout their geographic region, and program growth. CERT members participated in Silver Crucible in southern Nevada.
- Northeast Nevada Citizen Corps/CERT: CERT meetings/training, outreaches to other frontier areas, Storm 51 EOC in Nye, Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) workshop and training, Great Nevada Shake Out, presentations i.e. Elko Lions Club and I-80 Preparedness Coalition, Facilitation of Table Top Exercise (TTX) for Lander the LEPC, Scribe and attendee for regional Hazmat meeting in Battle Mountain, NV, Fire X training in partnership for Seniors in Carlin , events such as Elko Fire Picnic, NRAC representative, and looking to 2020.
- Washoe County CERT: Assists and support provided to multiple agencies and partnerships to include; Fire Shows West, University of Nevada Reno (UNR) and University of Nevada Reno Police Department (UNRPD) with traffic and football game safety, Silver Crucible 3 days, Reno Emergency Operation Center (REOC)/Traffic/Call Center/Moulage, Flu Point of Distribution (POD) with Washoe County Health District (WCHD) with Traffic to check in and check out, Trick or Treat events, 5k run, Paranorman at Bartley

Ranch , Live X's, Communications with Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), Incline Hospital Emergency, and booth events/safety fairs, Home Depot, CERT meetings/trainings, T3 Training, CERT Basic Academy with 22 grads.

14. Nevada Disaster Recovery Update

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, provided an overview of the current statistics relating to recovery efforts. Discussion was provided on Federal disasters 4303 and 4307 indicating the total number of projects, amount awarded, paid to date, and balance. There are 66 pending quarterly reports for both disasters and a percentage completion for both disasters are 58%.

15. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Financial Update

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to the HSGP financial update. The document included for this meeting details all of the awards that are open, how much awards were for, claims to date, de-obligation/ re-obligation amounts, and balances for each award. The document includes FFY 2016, FFY 2017, and FFY 2018. Chief Steinbeck inquired if the FFY 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) balance of \$222,756.17 is current or if this has been closed out. Ms. Anderson advised that the final balances could potentially be presented at next month's meeting. DEM/HS is currently processing draws for FFY 2016 and is working on the close out process.

16. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Programmatic Update

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to the HSGP programmatic update document that was included for the meeting regarding FFY 2016, FFY 2017, and FFY 2018. This is the same document that has been received previously by the committee with updated information regarding the programmatic processes of different programs that project managers are making progress on.

17. Discussion of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Allocations

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to the documents provided in the member packets. These documents are the same documents that have been previously provided. The included documents contain spreadsheets for Draft County Allocation by Population Only, Draft County Allocation by Population and Base, Draft County and City Allocation by Population, and Draft County and City Allocation by Population and Base. Ms. Anderson noted that this conversation regarding the allocation formula is for the FFY 2021 award and not the current FFY 2020 award. The allocation for the FFY 2020 award will remain stable as jurisdictions have already started spending the FFY 2020 funds as of October 1, 2019. Ms. Anderson spoke to her support of when an allocation formula is finalized, keeping that formula stable for three years and not changing the allocation formula every year. Currently the Committee is trying to recommend a plan to move forward that will advise DEM/HS on a direction to continue this process in the coming years. Chief Luna spoke to once the allocation formula is determined, there needs to be discussion as to how long that formula should be in place before making adjustments in regards to looking at updated population numbers that could contribute to the change of allocated funds. Bob Leighton, City of Reno, noted that if jurisdictions opt in or opt out, that will change the stakeholder visibility and change the allocation amount that each jurisdiction receives. Chief Luna advised that once the formula is determined, all jurisdictions that are eligible for the funds will be considered and whether jurisdictions request the funds or not, if a jurisdiction does not request funds, that will be handled through the re-obligation process for certain needs based projects that arise. Ms. Anderson noted that typically in the allocation process, it is known who will be opting in from their applications. It would be beneficial in the workflow process to allocate the total amount of funds regardless of jurisdictions not participating. Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County, requested clarification on the models provided as the funds shown are being allocated to Reno and Sparks; it

does not incorporate the regional model and does not depict how some jurisdictions operate. Ms. Anderson indicated the reason the spreadsheets display information that way is because you cannot break it down by who opts in and who opts out so easily. There are cities in both northern and southern Nevada that may not want to go through counties. DEM/HS will honor how jurisdictions work with counties. These spreadsheets are meant to be as transparent as possible to display how much money a certain jurisdiction would be receiving. Dr. Aaron Kenneston noted that if this model is adopted, the Washoe County Emergency Management program would shut down. There would not be enough funding to run this program. Chief Steinbeck suggested a five year period for accepting the formula allocation. When there are changes, it takes time to plan such changes as most of the funding is tied to positions. Chief Steinbeck again suggested a five year period with a three year review timeline. Chief Luna clarified Chief Steinbeck's suggestion. It is suggested that during the five year period, population estimate would only be looked at during the third year so there would be a full two years to make any adjustments that might occur.

Dr. dePolo inquired as to what the exact timeline is to have a decision made for this process. Ms. Anderson advised that jurisdictions usually start spending money October 1st each year. These grants can be up to one year in arrears. It was decided by DEM/HS for the FFY 2020 award, the allocations would be kept the same and stable as long as the requirements were still met. For the FFY 2021, this would take effect in October 2020. The sooner a decision is made the better off all jurisdictions will be. Last year's allocation amount was \$4,551,655 and 50% of this grant is passed through to the counties and Tribal nations. This grant pays for 80% of payroll for local jurisdictions and is a 50% Federal share grant and 50% matching share grant. Ms. Anderson advised that the decision regarding the allocation formula needs to be made by August but the sooner a decision is made is better. Jill Hemenway, American Red Cross of Northern Nevada, asked for clarification on using the population-based allocation and the impact that would have on the smaller, rural counties. Ms. Anderson noted that using a population only allocation would make emergency managers unable to run their programs in the rural areas and there would be a potential to lose staffing. One way to keep rural jurisdictions afloat would be to look at a population and base allocation. Chief Steinbeck expressed support for a population and base allocation formula in consideration of the rural counties. The Committee is trying to get to a formula that is consistent and pointed out that FEMA is also requesting a formula that shows the reasoning as to why money was allocated to the jurisdictions. Ms. Anderson noted that currently the Federal award is distributed to each state based on an initial 0.75% allocation to each state and then the remaining amount is based on population. One consideration is using the same percentage that FEMA gives to the state and then the State of Nevada would push out to the jurisdictions using the same methodology.

Chief Steinbeck inquired if SHSP funds can be utilized to augment some of the effects on communities if shortfalls or layoffs occur. Chief Luna noted that this is something that would need to be looked at further, but it is his understanding that any such request would have to go through the competitive HSGP process and then the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) for final approval. Deputy Chief Fogerson requested keeping the timeline to a March deadline as that is when the budget process begins to take place in the local jurisdictions and this will leave time to adjust budgeting concerns. Deputy Chief Fogerson, Douglas County, expressed support of looking at additional funding sources. Ms. Anderson noted that there is some additional funding for local jurisdictions that is received through the Department of Energy (DOE) that is specifically for five rural counties and one urban area. The average allocation for this can be between \$75,000 and \$90,000 and is a non-matching fund that is used strictly for emergency management. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, noted the DOE funds are very limited as to what it can be used for and is dependent on fees occurred on shipments to the test sites. The EMPG is the most stable funding stream. Ms. Levering agrees a decision needs to be made sooner rather than later. Ms. Levering suggested the base numbers can be adjusted a little bit by limiting base allocations to counties only. City jurisdictions can be specifically based on population to create more support to counties. It also needs to be considered looking at the programs that are not performing and have not been performing for some time. This needs to be looked at before a hard decision is made. Chief Luna advised this is an agenda item that will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

18. Public Comment

Chief Luna opened the discussion for public comment in all venues. Misty Robinson, Southern Nevada Health District, spoke to there being a new Insights document from DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on enhancing chemical security during heightened geopolitical tensions for the chemical sector. It provides recommendations to facilities with chemicals of interest on how to harden their infrastructure, including cybersecurity. Ms. Robinson also noted the DHS Grants Program Directorate is working on developing better guidance on cyber projects, including identifying best practices of DHS-approved projects. Ms. Robinson also encouraged everyone to look at the Region IX Snapshot from 2016 that was developed by the State, Local, Tribal, Territorial Government Coordination Council (SLTTGCC) and provide any feedback. Mrs. Robinson will be attending an in-person SLTTGCC Executive Committee meeting in Washington D.C. where the snapshot revision project will be discussed. Also, as part of that in-person meeting, Ms. Robinson will be attending a meeting of the Joint Sector Councils and will provide the Committee with any updates if there is anything pertinent to Nevada. Chief Steinbeck took a moment to recognize Kendall Herzer, DEM/HS, for all of his contributions to the Committee. Chief Luna also thanked Mr. Herzer for all of his work and dedication to ensure this monthly Committee meeting runs smoothly. No public comment was provided from the Carson City venue or on the phone.

19. Adjourn

Chief Luna called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was presented by Christina Conti and a second was provided by Jill Hemenway. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. Meeting adjourned.