



Meeting Minutes Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council

Attendance	DATE	Monday, December 13, 2021
	TIME	1:00 p.m.
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference
	RECORDER	Sherrean Whipple
Voting Membership		
Name	Designated/Appointed Representative:	Attendance Status
Harriett Parker – Co-Chair	Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	X
Marian Perez	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	ABS
Alfreida Jake	Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	X
Ross Rivera	Ely Shoshone Tribe	X
Jackie Conway	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	X
Duane Masters Sr.	Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe	X
Don Pelt	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	ABS
David Hunkup	Reno Sparks Indian Colony	X
Tanya Reynolds	South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	X
Sookaaki Charley	Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	ABS
Tashina Jim	Walker River Paiute Tribe	X
Kenneth Quiner	Washoe Tribes of Nevada/California	X
Non-Member Representatives/Support		
Name	Entity Represented:	Attendance Status
David Fogerson, Co-Chair	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X
Samantha Ladich	Nevada Office of the Attorney General	ABS
Sherrean Whipple	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-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/HS, and a quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Co-Chair David Fogerson opened the period of public comment for discussion.

Dave Hunkup informed the Council that this will likely be his last NTECC meeting as he is retiring. Mr. Hunkup indicated his appreciation for his many years at NTECC and thanked the members.

Cliff Banuelos discussed ITCN and its relationship with DEM/HS regarding funding. Mr. Banuelos indicated that clarification is needed at the ITCN level regarding what type of

emergency management funding can be applied for.

Melissa Davis explained that she has been getting more involved in fire-related activities for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest as well as the Reid Cohort, which is open to Tribes and federal agencies. Ms. Davis indicated that there will be a year-end review of the Dixie Fire and other fires in the region and the lessons learned. Ms. Davis informed the Council that a Tribal liaison in fire role is planned.

Chair Dave Fogerson explained that concerns have arisen over the Tamarack Fire and how Nevada, California, and FEMA treat the Tribes when they are a boundary to a state border. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated his belief that this is not actually a concern and actually may have arisen as the result of miscommunication from somebody. Co-Chair Fogerson reminded the Council that Tribes can always go directly to FEMA or to the state and explained that Tribal liaison, Ryan, was heavily involved with the Tamarack fire, as was FEMA Tribal liaison, Christopher. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that DEM/HS will be speaking again with the Nevada Indian Commission to ensure that everyone is aware of this.

Ruby Dawn Manning indicated that she would email her comments to Sherrean Whipple as her connection to the meeting was poor and Council members were unable to hear her.

There was no additional public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair David Fogerson called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the September 13, 2021 NTECC meeting.

Ken Quiner moved to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes of the NTECC meeting. David Hunkup seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Grant Funded Training

Ruby Dawn Manning, WMD/Hazmat Instructor, indicated that training provided is grant-funded training for all Tribal Nations. Classes listed for the Alabama Fire training are hazmat or command system training. Ms. Manning continued to say that there is additional Department of Homeland Security training also available for all Tribal nations. Ms. Manning informed the Council of the website to sign up for classes and explained that funding for transportation would be provided. Ms. Manning concluded her presentation by indicating that members could reach out to her directly if interested.

Co-Chair Dave Fogerson requested that Ms. Manning also send that information to Sherrean Whipple to distribute to the Council given that Ms. Manning's connection to the meeting was poor and difficult to hear.

5. NTECC Logo Review

Co-Chair Harriett Parker informed the Council that she did not have any logos to share. Co-Chair Parker explained that she had reached out to several members of her community but found that people are very busy and unable to donate their time. Co-Chair Parker further indicated that she had reached out to a coworker with a background in graphic arts, who also has been too busy to provide a logo at this time. Co-Chair Parker explained that she had also reached out to a neighbor with a friend that is a graphic artist, both of whom expressed interest in helping with the logo, but the contact between them was so recent that Co-Chair Parker did not yet have an update. Co-Chair Parker explained that local graphic artist, Theodore Tso, was unable to help as he is currently busy working on his third graphic novel. Co-Chair Parker indicated that she had also reached out to the head of a local group, who did give some names of artists for hire, but unfortunately, they would not be able to donate their time and would invoice the Council for any work done.

Ross Rivera reminded the Council of the previous meeting's discussion regarding having each Tribe hold a local contest and indicated that Tribes were on board to provide a prize for the selected artist/logo within the tribe. Mr. Rivera indicated that he has not yet seen or heard anything from NTECC regarding its search for its logo and suggested that if NTECC were to provide a statement regarding this search for local youth artists and the potential incentive for participation, this may help to bring a logo to fruition.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker concurred with Mr. Rivera and suggested that she and Ms. Whipple meet to discuss a flyer and explained that the administrative assistant at Ms. Parker's location was currently working on another project and unable to help at this time. As such, Co-Chair Parker requested help from other members of the Council in getting a flyer together that could be sent out.

Ross Rivera explained his belief that this would likely be the best approach and could provide NTECC with a different, newer perspective on this logo.

Co-Chair Parker agreed and indicated her willingness to pursue this avenue as well as to help and create the flyer that would go out to Tribes.

Tanya Reynolds asked Mr. Rivera to clarify the discussion regarding incentive for the logo.

Ross Rivera clarified that the prize would be within each Tribe for the selected artist and that this would give each tribe the incentive of being chosen to represent within the NTECC logo.

Co-Chair Dave Fogerson explained that Sherrean Whipple or new Tribal liaison, Josie, could help with designing a flyer for the contest and explained that a teleconference outside of this meeting could not be held due to open-meeting law. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that the other option was for NTECC to hire some graphic artists if the Council would prefer to go that route rather than holding a contest.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker explained that artists had told her that they could possibly provide a logo but would not have time to make any edits and did not have the types of programs needed even if minor changes were needed. Co-Chair Parker explained that in the past, NTECC has hired someone do this type of work and as a result, was provided with a thumb drive of all the

different sizes and colors of the logo, enabling members to make their own changes to the logo. Co-Chair Parker indicated that these types of changes were something that might not be feasible via donation rather than through hiring an artist. Co-Chair Parker did indicate that she was fine going either route or would support the Council's decision on how best to move forward with the logo design.

Co-Chair Dave Fogerson asked Ross Rivera his opinion regarding hiring a professional rather than holding the contest.

Dave Hunkup suggested modifying the old ITERC logo rather than creating an entirely new logo.

Ross Rivera indicated his support of whichever route the Council decided.

Co-Chair Dave Fogerson suggested that Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, will work with his contractor on the old ITERC logo to start.

Jon Bakkedahl explained that a woman named Samantha Smith, who was responsible for the Nevada Vaccine and Equity Collaboration Program out of UNLV, had directed DEM/HS to some younger Tribal members in southern Nevada that have put together Tribal vaccine logos to help support the effort. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that he had just been in contact with one the person who completed the last three graphics, and the conversation had begun with the artist about potentially developing a few different logos, signing a contract, and then presenting the logos to the Council. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated his ability to send the ITERC logo as a starting point as well as emphasizing the importance of the hazard and public health preparedness in the Tribal sector.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker indicated her support for this idea.

Ross Rivera confirmed that ITERC is no longer in existence, emphasizing the propriety of using their logo without issue.

Dave Hunkup explained that the logo was not copyrighted, and since ITERC has since been dissolved, there should be no issues with using the design as a starting point.

Daniel Thayer, former ITERC employee, explained that there was no issue with doing so.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker explained that she would continue to reach out to those with whom she had already spoken, in case they were able to provide something, and would submit anything turned in so that there could be multiple starting points.

Ken Quiner asked for what ITERC stood.

Daniel Thayer explained that ITERC stood for Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission.

6. Update from the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN)

Clifford Banuelos, ITCN, indicated that ITCN is continuing to work with Angelina Jones at the Nevada Food Bank, who hosts a bimonthly meeting on pandemic response activities and coordination with state and federal agencies, which Nevada Food bank took over hosting after

Sarena Nichols left Nevada Indian Commission. Mr. Banuelos explained that ITCN coordinates with Nevada Rural Health and others, which is a good way for everyone to meet and discuss concerns regarding things like needs in the upcoming winter months and the pandemic's anticipated surges due to the new variant.

Clifford Banuelos next indicated that ITCN applied for the NTIA Broadband Grant and is still awaiting a response on its application. The grant would provide broadband internet coverage for the 11 sub-grantee Tribes. Mr. Banuelos informed the Council that ITCN was recently informed that the review of this grant may go into the spring of 2022, and unfortunately, there is nothing to do but wait and see. Mr. Banuelos further explained that the grantees that were awarded were very small awards. Mr. Banuelos informed the Council of the concern that some Tribes that needed it the most may not have applied for the grant, thus potentially leaving some rural Tribes without broadband service.

Clifford Banuelos discussed his work with FEMA on using ITCN headquarters in Reno to host trainings. Mr. Banuelos indicated that ITCN is beginning to host more meetings and that the site is a perfect size for trainings. Mr. Banuelos discussed his concern about new staff and the basics of ICS, many of which the new staff do not understand, and indicated the importance of staff understanding this given the potential for future wildfires.

Clifford Banuelos concluded by informing the Council that ITCN has continued to coordinate with the food banks, by reminding the Council of the importance of applying for emergency management grants and informing the Council that there did not appear to be anything restrictive in the bill for the state and creation of NTECC, citing the importance of ensuring that NTECC and ITCN are not duplicating efforts or stepping on one another's toes.

Alfreida Jake asked if Elko also could host ICS Training given that all of Elko's new Council members have also never been involved with ICS. In addition, surrounding-area Tribes could also benefit from this. Ms. Jake further questioned whether this was a request that needed to go through DEM/HS.

Clifford Banuelos confirmed that this request did need to go through DEM/HS and recommended that the training be held in a location like the Diabetes Center, or a gym given that the conference room is too small.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, informed the Council that he could get information on training centers and help facilitate training grounds that would accommodate the actual need. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that both Mr. Banuelos and Ms. Jake should submit the request prior to the preparedness planning workshop on the 16th of the month. In addition, Mr. Bakkedahl explained that the state could help meet the needs of getting instructors, a class, or a facility and suggested that members reach out to him for more information.

7. Update on Tribal Health Preparedness Efforts

Dr. Malinda Southard, Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Program Manager, indicated that PHP has continued to attend rural county meetings and collaborate with the counties regarding the State Immunization Program. In addition, PHP is doing its Pandemic Response Plan, a complete revision of the Statewide Pandemic Flu Plan, and is continuing to hold workgroups, and will have an advisory committee that presides over the plan. Dr. Southard indicated that now that Crystal has gone to FEMA, Josie will be included in those efforts in her place. Dr. Southard further indicated that PHP is continuing its work on recovery planning with the RSF-3 workgroup, which continues to meet with other state agencies to ensure that the state continues to use the appropriate response objectives and activities with regard to COVID-19. Dr. Southard indicated that the children's mental health crisis is currently the most recent issue of note and informed the Council that many resources have gone out to address this issue. Dr. Southard asked that any Council members in need of those resources reach out to her, and she will provide them. Dr. Southard next indicated that PHP has recently published an update to the Statewide Crisis Standards of Care document with revised and updated links as well as with updated information from the CDC and other partners. Dr. Southard explained that the updated document also includes a prioritization for testing for anyone who works at a hospital or as a first responder to ensure timely results in the interest of ensuring continuity of healthcare and hospital operations.

8. Nevada Public Bodies Updates

Tribal representatives appointed to the following Nevada public bodies provide an update on their role with each public body, as well as initiatives and projects that impact Nevada Tribes:

a. Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee

Dave Hunkup, Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) reported that NRAC met on October 26 and discussed key items on the agenda such as: integration of access and functional needs within emergency management; discussion on the Caldor Fire and using the Interstate Mutual Aid System provided by Jon Bakkedahl; discussion on the Emergency Management Performance Grant; discussion of the FFY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Project and Financial update; discussion of COVID recovery projects; a discussion on Nevada's Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan Update; a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Integrated Response Planning Workshop; and discussion on the Emergency Management Performance Grant Priorities.

b. Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS)

Lisa Christensen, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, was unable to attend the meeting. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that there was nothing significant to report.

c. NCHS Finance Committee

Co-Chair David Fogerson indicated that there was nothing significant to report.

d. Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, informed the Council that DEM/HS has its SERC meeting, which consisted mostly of policy and procedures, and new membership. Mr.

Bakkeahl reported that there has been significant turnover in the last couple of years and as a result the new administration for the state is still behind in its appointments by the governor. Mr. Bakkeahl indicated that as DEM/HS continues to fill those positions, DEM/HS is also looking at the subcommittees to ensure adequate representation across the state, which resulted in a few new appointments from county membership. Mr. Bakkeahl informed the Council that one does not need to be a SERC Commission in order to sit on one of the committees. Mr. Bakkeahl explained that updates were given at the meeting by the state agencies, such as NDOT, DEM/HS, and the Radiation Control Program. In addition, Mr. Bakkeahl informed the Council that FEMA, Homeland Security, and US EPA presented their current habits as well as their upcoming training and exercise opportunities.

e. Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee (IMAC)

Co-Chair David Fogerson, DEM/HS informed the Council that the meeting is scheduled for December 15 and invited interested members to join. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that the committee will be looking at the policies and procedures needing final approval.

A Council member asked Co-Chair Fogerson how a Tribe that does not yet belong to the Mutual Aid System goes about joining.

Co-Chair Dave Fogerson indicated that he would be discussing this in detail in an upcoming agenda item.

Ross Rivera indicated that he would like to move forward with THIRA.

Co-Chair Dave Fogerson informed the Council that THIRA has been completed for the year.

Jon Bakkeahl, DME/HS, indicated that the data from the three regions has been compressed into a single report, and out of that report for the state, DEM/HS has identified three gaps and priorities on which it intends to focus, which will be published soon. Mr. Bakkeahl explained that DEM/HS has to put together some information and then submit the report to FEMA for approval prior to sharing it. Following approval, Mr. Bakkeahl informed the Council that the regions, counties, cities, and tribes will all be able to select their own priorities based upon their individual THIRAs. Mr. Bakkeahl indicated that there will be more discussion on how to select a gap or priority and tailor planning, training, and efforts on that priority at least over the next year, but hopefully as a multi-year planning effort at the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop on December 16.

Ross Rivera requested information in order to attend the upcoming meetings.

Jon Bakkeahl indicated that he would get the information and invites to him and to the rest of the Council.

9. Update from Nevada Indian Commission (NIC)

Sari Nichols, NIC, not present. Item number 9 was tabled.

10. Update from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX

Crystal Harjo, FEMA Region IX Tribal Liaison, reiterated Ruby Dawn Manning's discussion regarding the Tribal Training Week from CDP in Anniston, Alabama and informed the Council that the training would be in mid-March of 2022 and would include healthcare-related topics, law-enforcement topics, and hazmat and emergency topics. Ms. Harjo indicated that anyone interested should reach out to her for information. Ms. Harjo informed the Council that there is a specific code for each course during registration. Ms. Harjo further indicated that there will be a virtual training month through CDP for tribes with varying topics from mid-March to April. Ms. Harjo explained that Tribal Training Week had actually been initiated by the old ITCRC staff in coordination with the Center of Domestic Preparedness and as such, it had originated in Nevada.

Crystal Harjo informed the Council that there are three things out of Region IX that are being shopped around for pilot projects, the first of which is a Tribal-specific G205 course, which is the Recovery from Disaster and the Local Community Role. Ms. Harjo indicated that Nevada had hosted this back in November and that Region IX and the Emergency Management Institute in Maryland want to pilot this with one of Region IX's states such as California, Arizona, or Nevada, with a specific focus on Nevada given the upcoming Preparedness Summit in February of 2022. Ms. Harjo explained that she is working with their planning group to determine whether or not the venue will be able to be hosted specifically for Nevada Tribes. Ms. Harjo indicated that if Nevada is not able to host, other tribes in California are also under consideration.

Crystal Harjo informed the Council of talks of a pilot project for drought mitigation, on which Region IX is working with Janelle Woodward and DEM/HS. Ms. Harjo asked any members interested in having this come out to their Tribes to please let her or Janelle Woodward know. Ms. Harjo indicated that this information was provided at the last ITCN Board meeting, so Tribal leadership is aware of it, as well.

Crystal Harjo indicated that the final pilot project under consideration is a Recovery Needs Assessment, which will begin with a Tribal-specific COVID-19 recovery needs assessment survey. Ms. Harjo informed the Council that she will provide the survey to Sherrean Whipple for the input of the members. Ms. Harjo explained that this falls in line with the COVID-19 Recovery Support Functions and the regions are interested in what services RSF and Region IX recovery can provide.

Crystal Harjo concluded her presentation by informing the Council that the next Region IX Tribal Partners Meeting would take place on the following Friday at 11:00, which Ms. Harjo will be moderating. Ms. Harjo indicated that the topic would be the Inter-agency Recovery Coordination (IRC) from Region IX, and that several partners would be present to discuss food, including food deserts and stability. Ms. Harjo explained that this meeting is held on the third Friday of every month and is a standing meeting. Ms. Harjo further indicated that she is part of the Integration Team for anything COVID or hazard-related and therefore, if anything happens with the Tribes in Nevada or if there is any emergency or disaster in the state, Ms. Harjo is the point of contact. Ms. Harjo further informed the Council that she is currently integrated with the team in Carson for any specific needs, so if anyone needs technical assistance or guidance or a point of

contact within Region IX or FEMA, to please contact her as she will be serving as the go-between for the time being.

Dave Hunkup asked if it would be possible for FEMA to sponsor a basic academy for emergency managers in the northern Nevada area, indicating that this would be a great training for Tribal emergency managers.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, indicated that this is a plan currently in the works in DEM/HS and the plan is to have it in April, May, and June, prior to the start of fire season. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that it is being coordinated with the Fandango Hotel and Casino in Carson City for a training center. Mr. Bakkedahl further explained that the prerequisites are mandatory and not waivable, which equals six or seven classes that must be taken. Mr. Bakkedahl informed the Council that DEM/HS has the funding to help support this for anyone who does not have the ability to attend the training.

Crystal Harjo added that discussions are currently taking place regarding Tribes in southern Arizona hosting a basic academy and suggested this as an alternative in the event one cannot attend the DEM/HS academy. Ms. Harjo did not have the dates on hand for this academy but informed the Council that she would provide the information once she did have it. Ms. Harjo also informed the Council that there are other options around the nation for which interested parties could register, including through EMI in Maryland, some of which could be reimbursable.

Jon Bakkedahl reiterated that the Nevada training would teach all of the FEMA material in addition to customizing for the state in order to help answer specific questions about how to do things in the state of Nevada rather than only at a federal level.

Alfreida Jake asked the difference between the FEMA training in Emmitsburg versus Atlanta.

Crystal Harjo explained that FEMA has different training sites across the nation, all of which vary and have certain specialties associated with them. Ms. Harjo provided the example that EMI is heavy in emergency management and fire academy, whereas CDP is more healthcare/hazmat heavy.

Alfreida Jake asked which would be best for a council consisting of all beginners.

Crystal Harjo indicated that this was dependent upon the amount of time the individuals had to attend given that all of the courses were presented differently, with some virtual and others in-person. Ms. Harjo suggested contacting Lori DeGristina, the State Training Officer at DEM/HS, for more information on what would be the most beneficial course of training.

Co-Chair Dave Fogerson clarified that Ms. Harjo's role as Nevada's Tribal Liaison means that she reports back to Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS) and all the Tribes that are housed in Nevada. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that if a Tribe straddles state lines between Nevada and one of its partners, Ms. Harjo would still be the point of contact.

Crystal Harjo explained that Nevada has six Tribes that straddle state boundaries and different FEMA regions and reminded the Council that state boundaries are not

recognized in terms of tribal nations given that land base is in different states with those six Tribes.

11. Updates from the DEM/HS NTECC Staff

a. Overview of current activities and plans

i. Introduction of New Tribal Health Preparedness Coordinator, Josie Burnett.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, informed the Council of the new Tribal Health Preparedness Coordinator, Josie Burnett, who is in the midst of training and preparing to take the Basic Academy.

Jon Bakkedahl explained that there were two interviews earlier that morning for an NTECC-DEM/HS liaison for emergency management responsibilities. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that there were four members on the interview panel who would discuss the potential candidates. This hire would ultimately fully staff DEM/HS on the Tribal side.

Jon Bakkedahl informed the Council that because both Josie and this liaison position would be new hires, DEM/HS looks forward to getting them out in the field to meet everyone in person and go over assessment needs so that DEM/HS can then help to facilitate meeting those needs. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that Crystal Harjo would be in the field with both these folks to help facilitate the effort as well as the meet and greet.

Jon Bakkedahl explained that on the Tribal Health Preparedness side, DEM/HS wants to make sure every Tribe has the plans they need to continue to facilitate their FEMA reimbursement, which includes an updated endemic plan. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that DEM/HS wants to ensure participation from the Tribes in the upcoming IPPW meeting.

ii. Introduction of the State of Nevada National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Preparedness Framework.

Jon Bakkedahl informed the Council that DEM/HS has a printed book for each member that explains what it is to be compliant as well as explaining the preparedness framework. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that this spells out everything needed in terms of planning, training, and information and warning information system so that everyone will be compliant with NIMS, not only on a state level, but on a national level.

b. NTECC/FEMA road show coordination

Crystal Harjo asked Mr. Bakkedahl to speak on the tribal activities for NEPA and whether or not DEM/HS is specifically sponsoring travel for it.

Jon Bakkedahl explained that the Nevada Preparedness Summit was coming up the week of the 21st. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that there was not yet an agenda shared as it was still in progress and as of this meeting, only a save the date was available along with the information for hotel registration at the M Resort in Henderson. Mr. Bakkedahl informed the Council that DEM/HS has funding available should any Tribal members need it.

Crystal Harjo added that travel must be submitted to Darlene prior to anything else in order for reimbursement to go through. Ms. Harjo indicated that FEMA is also working on getting some of its leadership down to the conference as well.

Jon Bakkedahl clarified that DEM/HS will pay for the conference ticket upfront, and reimbursable costs would include travel, hotel, and any per diem. In addition, Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that DEM/HS can help to buy a plane ticket ahead of time and would prefer to do so as DEM/HS gets better rates through the state.

12. Interstate Mutual Aid System (IMAS)

Co-Chair David Fogerson explained that every local and state government entity is a member of IMAS and has to opt out of being a member. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that no local governments are opting out. Co-Chair Fogerson further indicated that tribes were allowed the opportunity to opt in rather than being mandatorily included. Co-Chair Fogerson informed the Council that all any tribe needs to do to join is to do a resolution with which DEM/HS can help in terms of what is needed for legal standing. Co-Chair Fogerson gave an example of the benefit of IMAS by discussing how Pyramid Lake provided an ambulance that was able to be used as a mobile vaccine unit through IMAS and then be reimbursed for their costs. This helps with resources, earning additional monies in the process, liability protection, and funding mechanisms that cover all the Workers Comp rules and such. Co-Chair Fogerson encouraged any member interested in joining IMAS to contact DEM/HS to help their Tribe walk through the process to make that happen.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, explained that only four Tribes have signed up thus far and encouraged members to contact him directly to facilitate the effort. Mr. Bakkedahl reminded the Council that there is no cost and no impact to Tribes; IMAS merely speeds up time and resources during times of need.

13. Updates from DEM/HS

Co-Chair David Fogerson

a. Staffing changes at DEM/HS

Co-Chair Fogerson explained that both Kelli Anderson and Justin Luna have been promoted within the state system and moved on to new positions. As a result, a deputy chief position was reestablished and offered to Jon Bakkedahl, who accepted the position.

b. Organizational changes at DEM/HS

Co-Chair Fogerson explained that Jon Bakkedahl will be in charge of Preparedness and Mission support as well as in charge of Melissa Friend's

part of the organization. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS is actively recruiting for Justin Luna's position, which will be in charge of grants and fiscal for the state.

c. **The Mission, Vision, Value, and Goals of DEM/HS**

Co-Chair Fogerson explained that DEM/HS has retained the vision and mission from what was previously in the strategic plan, but that in 2022, the strategic plan needs to be rewritten for compliance with FEMA and EMAP requirements. As such, Co-Chair Fogerson explained that DEM/HS has tweaked the words to do what FEMA now says is the role of emergency management, thus including the prevention piece that was not part of the old mission statement. Co-Chair Fogerson further indicated that in values, stewardship, integrity, innovation, collaboration, and teamwork have been accepted, and five goals toward which DEM/HS will be working include: actively pursuing a diverse and professional emergency management workforce as a 21st century employer; to strengthen Nevada's emergency management system; to remain an essential part of the coordination of emergency disaster resources for the community as a whole; to work as an effective team strengthened by integrity, collaboration, stewardship, teamwork, and innovation; to be a statewide leader in sustainability, emergency, and disaster response capacity.

14. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

15. Adjourn

Co-Chair Fogerson called for a motion for adjournment.

Ross Rivera, Ely Shoshone Tribe, made a motion to adjourn. Harriett Parker, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.