



# Meeting Minutes Resilience Commission

<b>Attendance</b>		<b>DATE</b>	April 9, 2019			
		<b>TIME</b>	9:00 A.M.			
		<b>LOCATION</b>	Nevada Division of Emergency Management State Emergency Operations Center 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, NV 89701			
		<b>METHOD</b>	Video-Teleconference			
		<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall			
<b>Commission Member Attendance</b>						
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	
Caleb Cage	X	Melissa Friend	X	Connie Morton	X	
John Steinbeck	X	Mike Heidemann	ABS	Todd Moss	X	
Roy Anderson	X	Eric Holt	ABS	Shaun Rahmeyer	X	
Solome Barton	X	David Hunkup	X	Andy Razor	X	
Bunny Bishop	X	Jeremy Hynds	X	Carlito Rayos	X	
Felix Castagnola	X	Kacey KC	ABS	Misty Robinson	X	
Bart Chambers	ABS	Aaron Kenneston	X	Chris Tomaino	X	
James Chrisley	X	Graham Kent	ABS	Rachel Skidmore	X	
Cassandra Darrough	X	Annette Kerr	X	Corey Solferino	X	
Craig dePolo	X	Mary Ann Laffoon	X	Malinda Southard	X	
Michael Dietrich	X	Chris Lake	X	Mike Wilson	X	
Dave Fogerson	X	Bob Leighton	X	Stephanie Woodard	X	
Jeanne Freeman	X	Carolyn Levering	X			
<b>Legal Representative</b>			<b>Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>		
Samantha Ladich – Sr. Deputy Attorney General			Nevada Attorney General's Office	ABS		
<b>Analyst/Support Staff</b>			<b>Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>		
Karen Hall			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North	X		
Meagan Werth-Ranson			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North	X		
Paul Burke			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North	X		
Robert Plant			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - North	X		
Kendall Herzer			Nevada Division of Emergency Management - South	X		

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chief Caleb Cage, 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.

### 2. Public Comment

Chief Cage opened discussion for public comment. Deputy Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, thanked the staff for their work on these meetings. Chief Cage reiterated the gratitude for the staff and their work as well. Chief Cage also provided a brief overview of the agenda topics for the meeting.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Chief Cage called for a motion to approve the draft minutes from the March 12, 2019, Commission meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was provided by Dr. Jeanne Freeman, Carson City Health and

Human Services, and a second was provided by Deputy Chief Dave Fogerson, East Fork Fire District. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Quarterly Review of Current Resilience Commission Bylaws and Annual**

Chief Cage opened discussion on the review of the Commission bylaws as they currently exist. Discussion on the review included the following topics:

- Connie Morton, Southern Nevada Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), called for a deletion of the word “of” after the word “Emergency” on Page 1, Section II, Paragraph 2, Line 1;
- Annette Kerr, Elko County, spoke to whether the Commission should consider amending the bylaws to reflect the proposed legislative name, with Chief Cage recommending that when the current legislative session is over, the bylaws can be reviewed again to reflect any changes in law;
- Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, spoke to the bill changes addressing reduction of members on the Commission. Chief Cage spoke to the current membership number, ongoing analysis of meeting participation, similar agency representation, and ongoing interest by other agencies to participate in Commission activities. Chief Cage relayed his openness to increasing membership if necessary, but wants the Commission size to remain manageable. If it is the desire of the Commission to increase membership numbers, he can support that request. The longer the legislative cycle moves forward, the harder it will be to make these types of changes in the current proposed language, and it is very important to ensure the best representation is created and maintained on the Commission; and
- David Hunkup, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, expressed interest in analysis of Commission member attendance in addition to Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County, expressing an interest in specific analysis of jurisdictional expertise that may be used to enhance the Commission membership. Chief Cage spoke to the challenges of including all jurisdictions in the membership of the Commission, and will track any non-substantive changes to the bylaws under current bylaw authority.

Chief Cage presented the Commission Annual Outlook and reviewed the draft topics for upcoming Commission meetings through the remainder of 2019. This is an effort to ensure specific issues are addressed regarding grant deliverables, important informational presentations, programmatic updates, policy recommendations, and financial updates. Chief Bob Leighton, City of Reno, spoke to the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission falling during the Silver Crucible exercise, with the suggestion that the meeting date be changed to accommodate participation in that exercise. Deputy Chief Fogerson spoke to the possibility of moving up the interoperability discussion from September 2019 to June 2019. Annette Kerr spoke to the challenges of continued multiple venues for the Resilience Commission meetings, and suggested meeting in one venue. Chief Cage supported this request for specific heavy-lift meetings throughout the year including the May 2019 Commission meeting. Jeremy Hynds, City of Henderson, suggested the addition of functional agenda items within the Annual Outlook to ensure the ability to drive necessary changes such as access and functional needs. Dr. Freeman spoke to the Nevada Governor’s Council for Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) and the Nevada Access and Functional Needs Support Team as quality resources to draw upon in addition to collaboration with the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD). Chief Cage indicated that he will add an Annual Outlook Review for each meeting moving forward to allow visibility on Commission objectives. Deputy Chief Fogerson spoke to the requirement to provide the Commission Annual Report in January, and Chief Cage indicated there is an opportunity to have additional review in November and December of that draft report.

#### **5. Approval of Emergency Management Strategic Plan Based on the Current Resilience Goal and Objectives**

Chief Cage opened discussion on the current version of the 2017-2022 Emergency Management Strategic Plan with the goal to broaden the scope of the plan to a statewide emergency management program plan, recognition of administration changes and implementation of the Resilience Strategy, and aligning the state’s strategy with those changes. Using the Commission’s prior input, Chief Cage indicated that the plan

presented today has been updated with that input. There is a review and update process now included in the document as well. Discussion included the following topics:

- Deputy Chief Fogerson inquired on Page 8, Strategy 3, Activity 1, and the broad definition of a statewide Incident Management Teams. Chief Cage indicated that his intention was to leave the definition somewhat broad in order to be able to build out a team that can support specialized prioritized capabilities. Dr. Freeman suggested the removing the capitalization of “Incident Management Team” in this section to refer more to a broader definition rather than the specific acronym most are familiar with in the emergency management community;
- Carolyn Levering inquired on what is meant by “communications system” within the Performance Measures Metrics of Success on Page 10, Item #10. Chief Cage spoke to the performance measures, the State’s inspection of cross-band repeaters, and surveys on 911 systems at the county level. These measures are not the measures that will want to be used to measure this Commission’s success moving forward, but rather those measures that are currently built into the budget. When getting ready for the new budget cycle, there is an opportunity to change these measures with input from the Commission. Melissa Friend, DEM/HS, spoke to the loosely defined parameters within the measures, and it is her intention to have a different evaluation of metrics moving forward to more accurately touch on interoperable capabilities in the state; and
- Dr. Chris Lake, Nevada Hospital Association, suggested modification of the first sentence within the Introduction on Page 3, Paragraph 2, to soften the language by possibly removing the term “no longer relevant” in lieu of addressing new alignment based on the change of administration. Chief Cage indicated he could rewrite that portion of the Introduction.

Chief Cage called for a motion to approve the plan with the changes noted, reading into record such changes to ensure capture of all suggestions. A motion to approve with suggested changes was provided by Dr. Lake, and a second was provided by Annette Kerr. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

*\*\* Meeting Break at 10:00 a.m.; meeting reconvened at 10:10 with quorum \*\**

## **6. Briefing on Current Legislative Efforts Affecting the Statewide Resilience**

Chief Cage provided a brief overview on the current legislative efforts affecting statewide resilience including activities on the following legislation:

- Assembly Bill 71: Changes concerning expenditures related to disasters and emergencies;
- Senate Bill 15: Establishment of incident management assistance teams;
- Senate Bill 34: Revises provisions related to emergency management;
- Senate Bill 35: Creates the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee;
- Senate Bill 66: Revises provisions relating to emergency management;
- Senate Bill 67: Revises provisions governing local emergency management;
- Senate Bill 68: Provides for the expedited granting of certain provisional registrations to volunteer providers of health or veterinary services during an emergency declaration; and
- Senate Bill 69: Revises provisions relating to emergencies and cybersecurity.

Currently, there are 8 bills submitted on behalf of DEM/HS, and 9<sup>th</sup> bill is carried by Nevada Assemblyman William McCurdy II. All bills are ahead of schedule and have been passed out of the first set of reviews. As of day 65 in the legislative process, there is anticipation of seeing major activity moving forward on all bills being considered.

## **7. Overview of Nevada Preparedness Efforts**

Jim Walker, DEM/HS, provided an overview of current preparedness efforts in Nevada. By statute, DEM is required to receive and store emergency plans for specific jurisdictions. In late April 2019, letters will go out to these jurisdictions to ensure an effective process addressing this requirement. Plans are reviewed annually and revised every five years. Outreach efforts, timeframes, and deadlines for the submission of emergency plans from numerous jurisdictions including resort hotels, utilities, and public, charter, and private schools were provided by Mr. Walker. Deputy Chief Fogerson inquired on how the current legislation addresses the receipt of such plans by local emergency medical services, with Mr. Walker indicating that there is a legislative requirement to submit such plans to both the emergency management community and law enforcement agencies. Chief Cage spoke to certain restrictions on accessing some of the plans spoken to today, and the State could provide a list of the plans required so that local, county, or tribal emergency medical services officials or law enforcement officials could compare what they may have to help in the coordination of receipt and distribution for these plans.

Mr. Walker spoke to the training events calendar provided for review as the multi-year exercise and training plan. It is contained in the WebEOC platform as well. Stakeholder input is crucial in the coordination of exercises and training throughout the state. Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, provided additional information on the Training and Exercise Planning Workshops (TEPW) held in the north and south, and the value of these workshops to address Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) results, after action reports, and political inputs jurisdictions may need to update their local plans. The TEPW information is accessible through the DEM website at [dem.nv.gov](http://dem.nv.gov), and the information on the calendar can be modified as necessary. Mr. Bakkedahl emphasized the importance of jurisdictions adding information to that calendar, and that private events would not be included on the calendar. Additional discussion ensued on the tracking of training and qualifications for incident support teams to deploy statewide. Chief Cage inquired how a local community can provide input for the training calendar through DEM. Mr. Walker indicated that the agency could contact DEM anytime directly, and if they have access to WebEOC, the training calendar can be accessed through that application. Listserv announcements are sent out often to address the training calendar, and local agencies can contact Mr. Bakkedahl, Ms. Darlene Loff, or Mr. Jamie Borino at DEM as well with any questions. Mr. Borino is the new DEM Training Officer. Dr. Craig dePolo, University of Nevada Reno, asked about the quality and effectiveness of the emergency plans received. Mr. Walker spoke to DEM's responsibility of guidance on such plans. Analysis is not done on content or quality of those plans currently and there is only the requirement of DEM to store the plans. Chief Cage spoke to the authority and statutory requirements for the storage of over 800 plans, and that the quality of the plans he has seen is high. The communities are following the law in addressing community needs.

Annette Kerr inquired on efforts put forth for TEPW outreach, with Chief Cage indicating the intention is to integrate all training activities through multiple platforms including Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activities. Mr. Walker spoke to annual THIRA and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) updates and the outreach performed with numerous jurisdictions. During this outreach period, it would be important for jurisdictions to take advantage of that time to speak about the emergency plans as well.

## **8. Programmatic Update**

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, provided a programmatic overview of the DEM Report on Existing Grants for the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2016, 2017, and 2018 activities. The document provided to the Commission included October-December completed projects, open sub-grants, and closed sub-grants. This will be provided at every other meeting for review and consideration.

## **9. Discussion of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Allocations**

Chief Cage opened discussion on EMPG noting current status of the grant and a background on how the grant is structured. Chief Cage emphasized that decisions will need to be made on how this grant is used moving forward, and referred to the handout presented noting subgrantees, 2018 allocations, deobligations available, and current grant balances. The allocations for EMPG have been flat for the past five years, and allocations are currently based on population. Discussion was presented on the ramifications should a jurisdiction that is not currently a subgrantee show interest in using EMPG to set up a program. Ms. Anderson indicated it depends on the size of the jurisdiction. There are a few jurisdictions that choose to opt in or out of this grant, and an additional request may not affect the formula if the request is small enough. A large jurisdiction request would affect existing allocations. Ms. Anderson spoke to the importance of this funding stream and the commitment from DEM to ensure emergency managers can perform their jobs. Chief Cage urged for continued input in ongoing discussions about EMPG. Chief Fogerson inquired if DEM uses this funding stream, with Kelli Anderson indicating that DEM does utilize this funding stream. Additional inquiry was made by Chief Fogerson on whether the DEM enhancements put forth for consideration to reduce usage of grant funding had been approved. Per Chief Cage, those requests were not approved, and DEM continues to exist primarily through the use of grant funding to support operations and personnel.

## **10. Review of Current Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Reobligation Guidelines and Process**

Chief Cage indicated that he would like to move this agenda topic to May 2019 based on the agenda content of this meeting. No discussion presented.

## **11. Nevada Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and Resilience Commission Status, Process, and Timeline**

Chief Cage spoke to the historical HSGP events leading up to today's meeting including the creation of the 2018 THIRA and SPR, former use of Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) priorities through the ranking of core capabilities, advisory input for communications and cybersecurity projects, Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) and Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) contributions, and subsequent approvals through the NCHS Finance Committee and NCHS. On March 26, 2019, the NCHS approved the FFY19 Strategic Capacities to be maintained in lieu of using core capabilities. Chief Cage spoke to the upcoming compressed timelines in submitting FFY19 HSGP projects, and today's meeting will highlight the first review of State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and SHSP/Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) split projects. Advisory recommendations provided for communication and cybersecurity projects will be addressed at the May 14, 2019, Commission meeting. The FFY19 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has not yet been released, but expected release appears to be mid-April 2019. Based on current Metropolitan Statistical Analysis (MSA) rankings just released, the expectation is that funding will remain similar to FFY2018.

*\*\* Meeting Break at 11:00 a.m.; meeting reconvened at 11:15 with quorum \*\**

## **12. Nevada Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and Investment Justification (IJ) Review**

Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to changes in the process for IJ review in 2019. Once FFY19 HSGP financial allocations are voted upon by the Commission, the IJ will be completed. There is one application for SHSP and UASI. There are 10 IJ's for SHSP and another 10 IJ's for UASI. The process is investment centric, not project proposal centric. When inputting information into the new forms, it will be easier to maneuver through the process. Team leads will be established for grouped investments, and they will work together to get information into the Excel document. Once reviewed, the information will be uploaded into the grants portal. How the investments are grouped is strategic, and the Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercise (POETE) model drives spending in those categories. IJ's with limited categories create hardship when trying to move funding within a project, so every effort is made to anticipate potential changes when building out the investments. Ms. Anderson spoke to the Excel spreadsheet sections, noting that there can be five sub

recipients in one proposal. Should the project be split into multiple jurisdictions, it will be necessary to list those jurisdictions. Zip codes are a mandatory requirement, and the primary capability is the core capability. Discussion ensued about the difference between deployable and shareable. Carolyn Levering inquired on the difference between deployable and shareable, with Ms. Anderson indicating that deployable meaning Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) in the event of a disaster. Shareable means the asset is shared within jurisdictions as necessary with neighboring jurisdictions. The project implementation tab contains questions and they need to be answered. If there is no answer, it will hamper that IJ's viability. Typically, when the NOFO is released, that's when the IJ proposal is provided in Word format, and that information is transferred to the Excel document with any changes necessary. Ms. Anderson spoke to opening up a teleconference to review project questions during the second phase of this process.

### **13. Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) Meeting Review**

Chief Steinbeck provided an update on the FFY19 UASI meetings prior to this Commission meeting. On April 2, 2019, the UAWG met to address strategic planning specific to the Urban Area. Strategic items recommended to be maintained were specific to Metropolitan Medical Response Systems (MMRS) and two regional hazmat projects. During the April 8, 2019, UAWG meeting, many excellent projects were heard. During the May 8, 2019, UAWG meeting, the expectation is to review a significant amount of projects that have statewide impact.

### **14. Resilience Commission Project and Budget Proposals for Statewide (SHSP) and Urban Area (UASI) Projects**

Chief Cage opened discussion on the review of FFY19 HSGP project submissions for SHSP and SHSP/UASI split projects. UASI only projects were not heard by the Commission as they were vetted at the April 8, 2019, UAWG meeting. A summary of project discussions follows.

#### **Project A: Tahoe Douglas Bomb Squad EOD Robot**

Presenter: Battalion Chief Todd Moss, Tahoe Douglas Bomb Squad

Funding Request: \$200,299 [SHSP]

#### Discussion:

Chief Moss emphasized the importance of upgrading current robotic equipment due to limitations in capability and outdated technology. Replacement parts and platforms specific to this equipment are no longer supported and that has an impact on current response capability. Sonja Williams, DEM/HS, requested that the narrative section of the budget provided be updated. Kelli Anderson indicated that State Purchasing is on board with the sole-source requirement within this project. Chief Cage inquired if the price shown on proposal relates to a direct quote, with Chief Moss indicating that is the case. Chief Cage thanked Chief Moss for his coordination work with the bomb squads.

#### **Project B: Consolidated Bomb Squad**

Presenter: Deputy Noah Boyer, Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Funding Request: \$103,399 [SHSP]

#### Discussion:

Deputy Boyer spoke to coordinated discussion on resilience and accountability in addressing bomb squad issues including safe operability to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) events, access to events, dismantled operations, and tactical deployments. In 2018, the Consolidated Bomb Squad participated in just under 200 events and had 67 training events. In 2020, the activity of the squad will likely increase with the pending election cycle. Scalability will be difficult. X-Ray hardware is no longer compatible, so that it an option for scaling. Annette Kerr inquired if there is any overlap between this project and Project A related to bomb squad funding. Deputy Boyer indicated that the proposals are separate, but the goal is a statewide consolidated squad. Mike Wilson, Clark County School District, spoke to Line #41 within the budget, and inquired on how this project was funded in the past. Deputy Boyer indicated that all equipment

has been purchased through the HSGP program. Kelli Anderson requested that a check be done with Washoe County's grants staff to ensure no supplanting exists.

**Project D: Douglas County CERT Program**

Presenter: Deputy Chief Fogerson, East Fork Fire District

Funding Request: \$20,250 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Deputy Chief Fogerson spoke to the extent of the CERT program in Douglas County and preparation to surge workforce in the event of a disaster or emergency. Chief Fogerson highlighted the Pulse Point project which identifies Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units in the community, incident rehabilitation to support responders, and sheltering efforts. Currently, this project is not scalable. Kelli Anderson spoke to needing the print advertising approved by DHS in addition to a more specified list for supplies to protect unauthorized spending. Sonja Williams asked for equipment break out and narrative explanations.

**Project E: Southern Nevada CERT**

Presenter: Mary Camin, Southern NV CERT Coordinator

Funding Request: \$52,759 [SHSP] / \$248,740 [UASI]

Discussion:

Ms. Camin provided an overview of the southern Nevada Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program highlighting access and functional needs classes as part of that program. Any reduction in this project will reduce number of trainings and volunteers recruited. No questions were presented.

**Project F: NE NV Citizen Corp/CERT**

Presenter: Mary Ann Laffoon, NE Nevada Citizen Corps/CERT Coordinator

Funding Request: \$78,975.24 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Ms. Laffoon spoke to the current program and its funding component managed by DEM. Ms. Laffoon emphasized the program's alignment to the terrorism nexus in addition to the FFY19 Strategic Capacities. This project is scalable, but it will affect travel and outreach efforts. This program is solely funded by the HSGP process.

*\*\* Meeting Break/ Lunch; meeting reconvened with quorum\*\**

**Project G: WCSO Citizen Corps Program**

Presenter: Lieutenant Corey Solferino, Washoe County Sheriff's Department (WCSO)

Funding Request: \$84,135 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Lt. Solferino provided an overview of the WCSO CERT program request. The project is scalable, but that will impact training and personnel efforts applied to the program. Kelli Anderson inquired on the necessity of promotional item approval and on line #52's nexus to terrorism since it is specific to wildfire. Lt. Solferino will make the necessary revisions. Sonja Williams spoke to some of the items within the training category that may need to be moved to the equipment category if they have AEL numbers.

**Project H: Statewide Tribal Citizen Corps Program**

Presenter: Jim Walker, DEM/HS

Funding Request: \$10,579.02 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Mr. Walker spoke the value of the CERT programs in general and what they do for the state and emergency management partners in support of HSGP requirements. This project is designed to help specific tribal jurisdictions develop their CERT programs and work with the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (NTECC) to develop such programs. The program supports the provision of trainers and supplies, and is

scalable. Scaling will impact training and outreach efforts. If not funded, there will not be a tribal CERT program.

**Project J: WCSO Cybersecurity Services**

Presenter: Lieutenant Corey Solferino, Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Funding Request: \$42,035 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Lt. Solferino spoke to this request for equipment and software updates for the Cybersecurity Program. Sonja Williams inquired if the purchase of equipment is for personnel supporting this program, with Lt. Solferino indicating the equipment will support two individuals within the program. Kelli Anderson inquired on the continuation of annual licensure for the software included, with Lt. Solferino indicating this is a requirement for annual licensure. Chief Steinbeck asked if the original purchase was purchased with SHSP funding, with Lt. Solferino indicating that is the case. Other funding sources were utilized in 2015-2017; however this specific purchase applies to current equipment maintained through this grant.

**Project K: Netflow and Intrusion Detection System Monitoring and Analysis**

Presenter: Wayne Thorley, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections

Funding Request: \$89,280 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Mr. Thorley spoke to historical designations of elections as critical infrastructure and election system vulnerability. One area vulnerable is election databases. Nevada has a bottom up registration system. All 17 counties maintain their own databases. This presents unique security challenges and resource issues. This proposal addresses the continued provision of Albert Sensors that analyze traffic through county networks and alerts on traditional and advanced threats or malicious actors. Five of the largest counties were funded directly through DHS last year, and this request is to continue monitoring of sensors statewide. Chief Cage clarified this is a cyber project and will most likely be reviewed by the Nevada Office of Cyber Defense Coordination (OCD). Chief Steinbeck inquired what the ramifications would be if the project is not funded. Mr. Thorley indicated that if it is not approved, the search for alternative funding sources will need to be found through state or county resources.

**Project M: Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center**

Presenter: Captain Chris Tomaino, Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) and Rachel Skidmore, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD)

Funding Request: \$601,353.57 [SHSP] / \$1,238,553.57 [UASI]

Discussion:

Captain Tomaino introduced himself to the group as the new Director of the SNCTC, and Ms. Skidmore spoke to this project indicating that this is a baseline proposal to sustain current operations. Ms. Skidmore spoke to the fusion center national network of intelligence and information sharing systems for the implementation of the national suspicious activity report initiatives. Ms. Skidmore indicated that this proposal addresses renewals of existing programs and sustainment of current capability. Dr. Kenneston inquired on the percentage split between SHSP and UASI, and inquired why the SHSP portion is higher. Per Ms. Skidmore, historically, all of the funding line items that have originally been placed in each funding stream have stayed the same, and percentages are not something that is backed into with the proposals, but rather a reflection of cyclic replacements that may need to happen for sustainability. Discussion ensued on the cyber program listed in Line #37, with Chief Cage, DEM, indicating that this specific portion of the proposal may or may not need to be reviewed by OCD. Dr. Freeman inquired on the scalability of items within the proposal such as Line #9 regarding travel. Ms. Skidmore indicated that the travel is for the cadre from the fusion center for a 12-month cycle in total. As trends change, it's important to remain at the cusp of those trends. Additional questions were presented on what the Omega Professional Services consist of on Line #36. Per Ms. Skidmore, that line is specific to annual reviews for analytical components. Discussion ensued questioning the possibility for funding internally rather than through contracted service. Ms. Skidmore spoke to the privacy officer as a

requirement for fusion centers. LVMPD is the host agency for the fusion center, and there is a cost savings realized by that privacy officer under a contracted rate. Annette Kerr spoke to Line #29, and what that line consists of within the budget. Ms. Skidmore spoke to the “See Something, Say Something” materials for informational community briefings in southern Nevada based on the fact that the SNCTC is the designated fusion center. Michael Dietrich, Nevada Department of Administration, inquired on Line #41 and whether it’s related to software or a service. Per Ms. Skidmore, it’s a cloud-based subscription. Ms. Anderson inquired on Line #40, and the indication of “1” as a quantity. Per Ms. Skidmore, they maintain a procurement line item, and this would be a line for life cycled renewal. Ms. Anderson will need that detail in the next go around for auditing reasons.

**Project N: Nevada Threat Analysis Center**

Presenter: Lieutenant Andy Rasor, Nevada Threat Analysis Center

Funding Request: \$712,541.72 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Lieutenant Rasor spoke to the purview of the Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC), coverage of 17 counties, state agencies, and tribal communities in addition to the accomplishments of the program such as SafeVoice. Nearly 8,900 tips have been received related to self-harm, bullying, and safety. Information received has resulted in interdiction of threats. The NTAC regularly engages efforts to assist in investigating homicides, sex trafficking, international terrorism, and threat assessments for high profile events to safeguard individuals. Additional accomplishments were also discussed, and funding this project will sustain that effort including 4 key personnel. This project has a direct nexus to terrorism, and any reduction will result in lessening of services provided and the ability of the NTAC to prevent incidents or share information. Kelli Anderson spoke to line #44 wanting to make sure all messaging is aligned with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approved messaging. Equipment denoted in line #53 is to be lined out with Authorized Equipment List (AEL) numbers. Annette Kerr inquired on how the NTAC’s efforts affect the eastern part of the state. Per Lt. Rasor, the NTAC personnel conduct Field Liaison Officer (FLO) training and travel statewide including the provision of informational materials related to terrorism. Elko is frequently visited as part of the FLO and Critical Infrastructure Key Resource (CIKR) programs. Having a system in rural communities is crucial to passing along information to federal partners. Jeremy Hynds spoke to line #55 and if this is a new or maintained request. Per Lt. Rasor, this is for the Traffic Jam database that is currently maintained and actively used by the NTAC. Deputy Chief Fogerson spoke to the efforts the NTAC has put forth the past year to focus on outreach throughout the emergency management community.

**Project O: Tribal NIMS**

Presenter: Jim Walker, DEM/HS

Funding Request: \$92,700 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Mr. Walker spoke to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as a requirement for eligibility for Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding. Without it, jurisdictions are not eligible for HSGP funding. This project is geared toward personnel and space to coordinated Planning, Training, and Exercise (PTE) activities throughout the state, and to work with tribes to enhance tribal NIMS capability. Without this, tribes would not have this capability. Scaling the project will reduce number of hours the coordinator(s) could work with the tribes to provide this service. The terror nexus is tied to the all-hazard nature of NIMS. Chief Steinbeck inquired on what the amount was funded last year, with Mr. Walker indicating that it was approximately \$86,000 last year; however that would need to be confirmed.

**Project P: Statewide NIMS**

Presenter: Jim Walker, DEM/HS

Funding Request: \$715,130.30 [SHSP] / \$50,000 [UASI]

Discussion:

Mr. Walker spoke to the scope of this project as a requirement. This project maintains the planning, training, and exercise (PTE) programs throughout the state. Although the funding comes to DEM directly, the funding is used statewide to support statewide efforts. The funding request this year does include personnel as a new requirement per FEMA. Jeremy Hynds questioned historical funding sources, with Mr. Walker indicating that there have been multiple funding sources to support personnel in the past. Efforts have historically steered away from funding personnel historically with this grant. Chief Cage spoke to the grant funding mix applied to all DEM personnel. The HSGP is often underutilized to make sure the funding is available for statewide partners. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) performed an audit last year and indicated that if there are personnel working on homeland security efforts, they must be paid (in percentage) through HSGP. Kelli Anderson indicated there is a difference between programmatic activities and management costs. Mr. Walker's staff does fall within the programmatic activity, so they cannot use management costs. The salary certification that goes along with this effort supports the split in funding. Mr. Hynds presented concern on the funding shift, with Ms. Anderson indicating they are not seeing any cost savings yet because this only has occurred within the last six months. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding hasn't gone anywhere yet, and there may be cost savings pushed out to local jurisdictions. There will be a realized cost saving eventually to EMPG once activity is coded, and then that saving could potentially be pushed out to EMPG. Shaun Rahmeyer, OCDC, inquired what this line item amount was last year, and it was determined that this request is the same as last year. Mr. Hynds inquired about how EMPG funding would then be allocated, with Ms. Anderson indicating that would be up to the State Administrative Agent (SAA). Dr. Kenneston spoke to the increase in this project request. Ms. Anderson indicated that this project as a whole is multi-focal, with many projects. In past years, these individual projects were presented separately.

Rachel Skidmore inquired on the radio equipment in line items 62-66, and how the radios support NIMS. Per Mr. Walker, communications is a requirement of NIMS, and this is for technical support within the SEOC and statewide communication systems which are explained in the notes within the budget. There are some slight upgrades to specific items requested. Ms. Skidmore asked if any of the items are new, with Melissa Friend, DEM, indicating that the request is to maintain the current system by replacing aged equipment. Ms. Skidmore presented concern on the combinations of projects within this request, as NIMS is not just for PTE. This may open the door to using NIMS as a catch-all for future requests. Chief Cage spoke to the nature of NIMS, and the ease of tying many of the projects to such a capacity, and he is open for discussion on that issue. Ms. Anderson spoke to the funding shock of this specific request this year as historical separation was not presented. Ms. Skidmore is concerned about melding all of the historical aspects into one NIMS project. Chief Cage indicated that the projects could be broken out, but will all still be considered NIMS projects for clarity.

Carolyn Levering observed that several smaller projects were rolled into this project, and may not have fit other strategic categories, but because many of those projects may have fallen out, they may have been included this year. Chief Steinbeck spoke to strategic capacity and the evolution of this transitional year. There have been projects not funded in the past that were absolutely tied to the prevention of terrorism, and the priority was to protect that capacity. There may be items within such projects that need to be voted on separately. Chief Cage recommended that following this meeting, this project should be broken up into several proposals including maintenance and competitive components. Ms. Levering emphasized unintended consequences of sweeping changes, and the need for openness to fund projects that don't fit the new parameter. Rachel Skidmore thanked Chief Cage for the decision to split out the radio portion of this request in addition to inquiring on the credentialing portion of this request. Mr. Walker provided an overview of the current status of credentialing efforts and beta testing with FEMA to distribute credential cards. As part of the testing, DEM was provided with the equipment and access to necessary credentials to start issuing cards.

Some have been issued to DEM staff, jurisdictional staff, and southern Nevada staff. Right now the only station to distribute the cards is at DEM. Rachel Skidmore inquired on what the plan was moving forward for law enforcement credentialing, with Mr. Walker indicating that the desire is to have a card recognized by law enforcement, and that it is the goal to include law enforcement in this process. Misty Robinson, SNHD, inquired if this would be provided to other agencies as part of the ESF function, with Mr. Walker indicating that is the case. The cards are meant to follow personnel in these specific activities. Management of the cards would be handled by specific jurisdictional agencies. Deputy Chief Fogerson emphasized that a state organization is trying to run this program via grant funding, and that the ramp up process will have some challenges. Chief Cage indicated or some of these issues need to be cut loose if they don't fit the approved priorities, and the Commission has that ability. Long term flexibility outweighs the restrictions placed on working within five static core capabilities.

**Project Q: Statewide Interoperability Coordinator**

Presenter: Melissa Friend, SWIC, DEM/HS

Funding Request: \$35,540

Discussion:

Ms. Friend spoke to this project as partial position funding measure in addition to communications-related initiatives. Scalability can be seen through travel, but impacts to initiatives will be evident. Rachel Skidmore expressed enthusiasm for Line #58's deliverables, and Ms. Friend is currently in the process of confirming the date associated with that line item within the next few weeks.

**Project R: Emergency Alert Mass Notification**

Presenter: Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas

Funding Request: \$22,785 [SHSP] / \$68,250 [UASI]

Discussion:

Ms. Levering spoke to historical deobligations regarding this complicated project. There is no problem shifting the entire project to the UASI funding stream, and it continues to be partially funded through EMPG. Kelli Anderson spoke to discussions during the April 8, 2019, UAWG meeting and the request for split funding due to multiple partners that use the system including the state's health division. Additional review can be done on the project funding split. Ms. Levering indicated that if they continue to use EMPG that may solve the problem related to the SHSP funding cut. Chief Steinbeck wants to keep in mind that we do not know what the funding allocation will be for FFY19 until funding notice is. Dr. Freeman indicated that local jurisdictions also use this capability.

**Project S: Public Information and Warning**

Presenter: Gail Powell, DEM/HS

Funding Request: \$215,700

Discussion:

Ms. Powell spoke to the deliverables of this project. Kelli Anderson wanted to confirm that messaging meets DHS standards. Rachel Skidmore inquired on Line #27 relating to Nevada Broadcasters Association (NBA), and what it entails. Ms. Powell spoke to scripts prepared for the broadcasting community statewide. Ms. Skidmore inquired on the typical themes used in addition to whether the NBA offered free advertising space for public serve announcements (PSA). Dr. Kenneston spoke to historically free PSA's, and broadcasters are no longer required to do so. That is the genesis of this project to address that gap. Ms. Skidmore presented concern that private companies may not support this initiative, and perhaps there is opportunity to look at options in the future. Chief Steinbeck spoke to the RFP process currently underway, and potential vendor changes prompting additional training costs. Ms. Powell indicated that currently the NBA would be only entity that could do this statewide. Melissa Friend, DEM, spoke to IPAWS and AlertSense. Annual costs keep increasing, and there are not a lot of options. Dr. Freeman inquired on the trends being seen in Nevada related to how people are receiving this information, with Ms. Powell indicating she is constantly monitoring that activity and any changes in multiple-media areas.

**Project T: COOP Sustain**

Presenter: Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County

Funding Request: \$125,000 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Dr. Kenneston spoke to the sustainment of the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) tool and training. The funding request will sustain the tool currently. This proposal does not call out specific organizations to be added to tool, but will do that organically through the process. Rachel Skidmore inquired if the sustainment is for the subscription through the grant performance period. Dr. Kenneston indicated that this continues access to a cloud-based tool that securely houses continuity plans (help desk, customer service, etc.). There are still people signed up for periodic emails. The current vendor has been good about tying on-site visits into the project. Ms. Skidmore inquired on how many entities have been included in this project, with Dr. Kenneston indicating that there are over 30 jurisdictions and agencies on this tool. It will be a big step forward when Elko also comes on board. Dr. Kenneston indicated that progress is being made with tribal jurisdictions as well. Carlito Rayos, Las Vegas Valley Water District, inquired on an approximation of price applied to jurisdictions. Dr. Kenneston indicated they are achieving an economy of scale on a statewide manner moving forward. Carolyn Levering thanked Dr. Kenneston for these tools in place, and they are much better prepared for COOP with this project's deliverables. Dr. Kenneston spoke to the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) process and this project checking a big block for that accreditation.

**Project U: Implementation of Nevada's Statewide Resiliency Strategy**

Presenter: Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS

Funding Request: \$49,600 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Ms. Anderson spoke to this process and implementation of the HSGP including travel and planning. This proposal includes UASI meeting attendance, Finance Committee, and Commission meetings as well as Commission member travel to meetings. It also sponsors UASI and state staff members to attend the National Homeland Security Conference annually, travel costs for Commission Co-chairs, supplies, up to 100 hours of overtime, and working lunches. Ms. Anderson indicated that she will add the narrative to the submitted budget. Dr. Freeman inquired if there are elements of this program applied to UASI, with Ms. Anderson indicating the SHSP funding stream is more stable than the often unstable UASI funding stream. One of the things DHS wants is not jumping from SHSP and UASI to fund a project. There is nothing to prevent the UASI from submitting a project for the UAWG. Carolyn Levering inquired about the overtime requirement and the basis for that request, with Ms. Anderson indicating that this project does not include standard time. There are many challenges including lose it or lose it requirements and comp-time. Only work that is performed during this project is charged to this project.

**Project V: Statewide Recovery Plan Implementation Phase 3**

Presenter: Suz Coyote, DEM/HS

Funding Request: \$27,250.00 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Ms. Coyote spoke to the continued implementation of this plan and of Phase 3 components. Emphasis was placed on changes in the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) tool, usage, and training in addition to the purchase of specific equipment to be used by counties and tribal jurisdictions statewide to ensure uniformity. Jeremy Hynds inquired if cities can utilize the county licenses. Per Ms. Coyote, that is the current intent, but how the distribution of the tool will occur is not yet set. With the deobligation of funds regarding this project, Kelli Anderson indicated that funds left over were deobligated back to the state which can be applied and leveraged including previous year's available funding.

**Project Y: Cyber Tool Tracking System**

Presenter: David Axtel, Nevada Department of Administration

Funding Request: \$50,000 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Mr. Axtel spoke to this project and inclusions of crowd sourcing tools. This will help to identify real-world performance measures and increasing user ability to share knowledge. The project is scalable, but would need at least 2/3's of the request to get the project up and running. Without full funding, there would be a reduced landscape with reduced user membership. The goal is to increase the ability to identify threats ahead of time such as cyber blackmail. Michael Dietrich inquired on how this would be used as a statewide tool. Per Mr. Axtel, it is anticipated for executive level roll out through Enterprise Information Technology Systems (EITS), and then out to other agencies as funding and licensure permits. Currently, licensure is per individual tool user. Mr. Dietrich inquired on what community members can access using the tool, with Mr. Axtel indicating that anyone that is a registered user can access the tool information. Dr. Freeman spoke to the sustainability of this project, and questioned what the costs would be for additional licenses and expansions. Per Mr. Axtel, the initial role out includes initial investment to get the tool on board. Depending on the vendor, the licenses could range from \$50 to \$200 each. Dr. Freeman spoke to the variety of products available throughout the state, and questioned what steps are in place currently to identify the best vendor. Dr. Freeman also inquired on the viability of sustaining such a tool within the state budget. Mr. Axtel indicated that he does not know what the chances are to fund such a project within the state budget, but there would be a compelling argument to fund such a project if it is successful. Dr. Freeman inquired if there have been other models reviewed. Mr. Axtel indicated that in the cyber industry, it is not uncommon to not have statistics that she is asking for. Sonja Williams inquired on the ability of this project to be sustained, with Mr. Axtel indicating that the goal is not to have the users paying fees.

**Project AA: WCSO Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC)**

Presenter: Lieutenant Corey Solferino, Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Funding Request: \$53,358.55 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Lieutenant (Lt.) Solferino spoke to the project components relating to geo-licensing and associated printer equipment in addressing real-time actionable information. The NNRIC works with over 80 different agencies throughout the state, and this project included 50 user licenses that are annually expensed. If necessary, the project is scalable. Deputy Chief Fogerson inquired on what the overlap of the NNRIC's duties may be with the Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC). Per Lt. Solferino, there is some overlap with intelligence activities. In the north, there is a centralized hub that pushes out information similar to how the NTAC and Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) operate. Kelli Anderson inquired if the geo-licensing is a new software system, with Lt. Solferino indicating it is currently in use at the NNRIC; however the goal is to push that capability out into the field. The NNRIC is not staffed 24/7 in the office proper, so this would be an operational outcome improvement. Ms. Anderson presented concern that this project would have to be utilized to address terror-related issues and not just law-enforcement centric issues or events. Lt. Solferino indicated that the project does fall within use for terror related activities. Information can be shared statewide with the appropriate partners. Dr. Freeman clarified that information shared includes information from the multiple agencies shared statewide, and questioned if all of the users fall across multiple jurisdictions. Per Lt. Solferino, currently, it is just Washoe County, but he is open to apply outside of the county. Shaun Rahmeyer inquired if fusion centers are using this program currently, and if not, it could improve information sharing capability.

**Project HH: Bomb Squad Electronic Countermeasures**

Presenter: Richard Brooks, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue

Funding Request: \$105,255 [SHSP] / \$105,255 [UASI]

Discussion:

Mr. Brooks provided an overview of this project capability in detecting electronic devices. Discussion included whether or not to split this proposal between SHSP and UASI, and at the discretion of the Commission, it may be best to align with the UASI only. Chief Steinbeck spoke to hearing this project at the UAWG meeting yesterday, and one of the biggest questions was whether this request would be grant eligible. Chief Cage inquired on whether the SHSP allocation of this request should be moved to the UASI, with Chief Steinbeck indicating support based on the pending FFY19 HSGP guidance. Dr. Freeman inquired on scalability of this project, with Mr. Brooks indicating it is scalable, but would result in loss of capability due to less equipment purchased. Kelli Anderson spoke to this project's challenge in that operation of this equipment requires specialized training. The equipment can be made available to the Department of Defense, Department of Justice, and DHS. Any federally deputized bomb squad or entity can run this equipment. Outreach did occur pertaining to the manufacturer's legal department, and there is a lack of understanding how to classify this equipment. Currently, the federal government is intent to place this equipment under electronic countermeasures. This equipment does not fly or leave the ground. It is stationary and aimed at one device at a time. It is the only way to safely land an unmanned aerial vehicle. Ms. Anderson indicated confidence in getting this project approved, but would like to retrieve documentation to share with her legal staff for review.

**Project II: WCSO Air Purifying Respirators and SCBA**

Presenter: Lieutenant Corey Solferino, Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Funding Request: \$190,160 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Lieutenant Solferino spoke to the historical build out of this project and the elimination of the vehicle in lieu of arming current vehicles with equipment to obtain the same capability. Dr. Freeman inquired if this is the entire amount needed, or if the request would be rotational in nature. Lt. Solferino indicated this project would outfit the entire operation as the shelf life of the products is between 5-10 years. Deputy Chief Fogerson, spoke to the difference between the APR and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Per Lt. Solferino, APR's are getting past life cycle limits but SCBA's are past expiration. Jeremy Hynds inquired if the state's health department could qualify this request through another funding stream. Lt. Solferino indicated that he would be open to speaking with Mr. Hynds off line to explore other opportunities. Misty Robinson spoke to the provision of equipment for first responders in the past, but defers to Malinda Southard, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, on whether there is funding available for this request. Ms. Southard indicated they would be happy to assist. Pertaining to lines 40-43 of the budget template provided, Ms. Anderson asked if this equipment was purchased locally or through Washoe County, and will need to know for sure to eliminate the possibility of supplanting

**Project LL: Electronic Access and Identity Verification System**

Presenter: No presenter

Funding Request: \$229,734.99

Discussion: None

**Project MM: Homeland Security Program Assistant**

Presenter: Dr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County

Funding Request: \$92,000 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Dr. Kenneston spoke to the growing need for assistance with the HSGP, and his contact with Washoe County regarding this need. The best commitment that Washoe County could give was that if this project was approved, and seeded with HSGP funding, there would be a good faith effort to fund this position in the

future. This proposal addresses funding an assistant for up to three years with sustainment thereafter. Dr. Kenneston emphasized the collaboration within the emergency management community, and should this project be funded, there would be a tie between the emergency management and intelligence function moving forward. At this time, it is unknown if this project is scalable; however the funding request indicates fringe plus salary under the current funding model. Kelli Anderson spoke in support of this request. Additional discussion was presented on initial thoughts including this position with DEM, but there were issues it fitting in with the new strategic capacity model. Dr. Kenneston indicated similar struggles in being able to use EMPG funding to support work done on HSGP activities. Dr. Freeman inquired on where the remaining 10% of funding would come from, with Dr. Kenneston indicating that percentage would be picked up by the county with the hopes of increasing that over time with local government funding. Dr. Freeman spoke to a discrepancy between the budget and proposal, and Ms. Anderson will look into that issue. Carolyn Levering supports this project as well. Chief Cage spoke to working on this project with original intentions to include this need by tying to such projects as Statewide NIMS. Additional discussion was presented on the potential to tie homeland security personnel to collaborative initiatives.

**Project RR: Security Skills Professional Development for Information/Cyber Security Professionals**

Presenter: Robert Dehnhardt, Nevada Department of Administration

Funding Request: \$229,140 [SHSP]

Discussion:

Mr. Dehnhardt spoke to this project that would fund training for 60 individuals. This is a joint project with OCDC, to address an often overlooked gap in capability. The training is designed for multi-level expertise in a long course between 48-60 hours. There is a strong desire for additional training based on current polling. This is available to state and local jurisdictions, but there is usually a three-voucher minimum. Under the current program, Dr. Freeman inquired what the minimum buy-in would be for a single entity. Mr. Dehnhardt indicated it would cost \$12,000 for three vouchers. Going directly to the training vendor for the same training would cost approximately \$7,600 per voucher. Dr. Freeman also inquired on the distribution model for this project, with Mr. Dehnhardt indicating that half of the vouchers would be distributed at the state level, and the other half made available to counties, cities, and tribal jurisdictions. Any unused vouchers could be applied as necessary to other groups in need. Professional CEU's will be expected as an ongoing requirement for certifications, but mostly through webinars and online sources.

Kelli Anderson inquired on the process of the voucher program, and how that is managed programmatically. Per Mr. Dehnhardt, the 60 vouchers would be prepaid in advance and are valid for one year. Individuals who receive the vouchers can activate them online or through on-demand classroom training. Completion of the training must be done within a four month period for certification. Ms. Anderson presented concern if there was a safety net should the vouchers be claimed by not used. Mr. Dehnhardt indicated that quarterly checks are built into the process to identify such issues, and vouchers can be pushed to other users in that event. Ms. Anderson also inquired if MOUs will be done with certain jurisdictions to understand these stipulations are in place. Mr. Dehnhardt indicated that currently that provision is not built into the process, but it can be added if necessary. Shaun Rahmeyer added context to this proposal indicating that when interested parties heard about this possible project, participation interest skyrocketed. There will be no issue with filling up training seats available due to the need for cyber training.

Chief Cage indicated that this agenda item allows discussion on those projects that may require additional cybersecurity or communications review. In review of the projects presented, Rachel Skidmore indicated that Project DD does not have a communications equipment component. Carolyn Levering indicated that Project R may not fit the scoring matrix provided, and neither does Project S. Kelli Anderson indicated that Project QQ contains hand held radios, so that will need to be added. Chief Cage indicated that he will accept the recommendation.

Chief Cage motioned to recommend advisory review of cybersecurity project(s) I, J, K, Y, and RR in addition to advisory review of cybersecurity project(s) Q, P, EE, GG, and QQ. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **15. Project Proposal Funding Discussion**

Kelli Anderson, DEM, read into record the current standing of FFY19 HSGP project proposal submissions based upon projections of flat-funding from the previous fiscal year. Ms. Anderson spoke to the next steps in the process to include advisory review of communication and cyber projects, funding recommendations in May 2019 from the UAWG and Commission, Finance Committee review, and ultimately the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security review and approval of the FFY19 HSGP grant application submission. Ms. Anderson added that once the FFY19 HSGP guidance was released, additional bulletin instructions will be pushed out regarding resubmissions of all FFY19 projects. Every project proposal and budget will need to be resubmitted into a new dataset with identified changes. Timelines will be attached to bulletins throughout the process, and conference calls will be opened for technical assistance on proposals and investment justifications.

#### **16. Public Comment**

Chief Cage opened discussion for public comment. Jim Walker spoke to his pending move to the Nevada Department of Transportation, and took the opportunity praise the Commission, DEM/HS staff, and the stakeholders he has worked with for their efforts throughout the state. Chief Steinbeck thanked Mr. Walker for his service.

#### **17. Adjourn**

Chief Cage called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was presented by Annette Kerr, and a second was provided by Dr. dePolo. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.