

	MINUTES NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING		
Attendance	DATE	December 12, 2012	
	TIME	2:30 p.m.	
	LOCATION	State Capitol Building Annex	
		Guinn Room, Second Floor	
		101 N. Carson Street	
	Carson City, NV 89701		
METHOD	Video Teleconference		
RECORDER	Karen Hall		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Doug Gillespie – Chairman	X	Christopher Smith – Chief DEM	X
Bill Welch	X		
Stacey Giomi	X		
Carolyn Levering	X	Selby Marks/Karen Hall – HS Staff	X
Kyle Devine	X	Samantha Ladich – DAG Rep.	X
Angela Krutsinger	X		
Stan Smith	X		
Adam Sandler	X		
Terry Bohl	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Doug Gillespie, Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM/HS) performed a roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gillespie called for commentary from both the north and south meeting venues. No commentary noted in either venue.

3. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Gillespie shared his appreciation for the Finance Committee’s willingness to both address agenda topics and accommodate the scheduling necessary to complete this task.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Gillespie called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 3, 2012 Finance Committee meeting. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas Emergency Manager requested a correction to the references regarding her business title in the minutes to reflect “City of Las Vegas Emergency Manager” instead of “Clark County Emergency Manager. Angela Krutsinger, Director of Preparedness, Nevada Hospital Association moved to approve the minutes with this stipulated correction. Motion seconded by Bill Welch, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nevada Hospital Association. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion carried.

5. **REQUEST TO REALLOCATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDS**

Chairman Gillespie opened discussion on the following project change requests. Highlights and pertinent information regarding each request follows:

NCHS-60: Fusion Center (Clark County, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

Lieutenant Ryan Miller, Nevada Division of Investigations (NDI) presented a detailed overview of this request to purchase an electronic intelligence information management system.

Committee discussion ensued pertaining to the necessity of this purchase. Chief Stacey Giomi, Carson City Fire Department questioned the feasibility of Washoe County turning over the software for use at the Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC) in addition to asking if this software stored shareable information with the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC). Lieutenant Miller indicated though the software was not a plug-and-play system, it would still require configuration to his specific system's requirements. Currently, Microsoft does not support multi-configuration software, and having two separate software systems that can communicate creates redundancy with backup information.

Chairman Gillespie discussed how the SNCTC shares information currently, noting it does so on numerous platforms. The Chair indicated the program in question is not used to exchange information between fusion centers, noting that Situation Awareness Reports (SARs), tips, and leads could be submitted to existing fusion core centers instead of purchasing a third system. Lieutenant Miller responded noting that the Northern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (NNCTC) will become a crime analysis center, moving away from the fusion model. Noting the hazards inherent in work flow, Lieutenant Miller indicated his need to separate out what his fusion center does. When Lieutenant Miller is responding for NTAC, he is not responding for other fusion centers.

Terry Bohl, Committee member presented concern over having three disparagingly different systems, believing information can flow between existing systems without spending this money. Chairman Gillespie agreed. Chief Christopher Smith, NDEM/HS indicated that while information can be shared, platforms may differ. NNCTC's platform will be focused on local and criminal information, and the State does not share that policy, housing that information for the State fusion center; they are mutually exclusive. Noting privacy concerns, Lieutenant Miller indicated the need to have Memos of Understanding (MOUs) in place, specifically discussing the possibility of problems occurring if there are disagreements. The amount of time criminal intelligence is stored may be different than what the fusion center may need to store such information.

Discussion ensued regarding Washoe County pulling out of the fusion center merger, with Chief Giomi questioning if that occurrence caused an inability for the NTAC to use the software to catalogue and store information. Chairman Gillespie presented concern that Washoe County's actions of pulling out of this merger in addition to causing issues with NTAC's ability to obtain a useable system may not be fairly categorized. The Chairman noted that the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) was clear in its direction regarding fusion center merges, noting his concern over creating redundant systems. Lieutenant Miller indicated this money pertains to a FY2011 grant, and no decision today can potentially mean months of delay due to meeting schedules and the upcoming Legislative Session.

Lucas Foletta, General Counsel to Governor Sandoval indicated that the Governor supports this request while acknowledging the fact that the importance relates to his fusion center not having access to an intelligence product specifically oriented to the Governor's needs. Intelligence from other centers may be related to local and criminal intelligence. The Governor requires insight into the effect of criminal and terrorist trends for each city and county within the State. Terry Bohl

presented concern over the NCHS's directive to combine fusion centers, noting that MOU's are the solution to this problem. Carolyn Levering indicated her understanding that the fusion tool purchase was intended to be shared, though changes in the holding entity's business model preclude this from happening. Ms. Levering questioned whether the product needs to be turned over to avoid any supplanting issues. Understanding the costs associated with reconfiguring an existing software system, Ms. Levering questioned whether Washoe County could reimburse the grant. Chairman Gillespie asked Kelli Anderson, Nevada Division of Emergency Management if Washoe County would be in violation of the grant should they keep the funding. Indicating this would require more investigation on her part; Ms. Anderson presented concern on behalf of herself and the State Administrative Agent (SAA) that grant monies may not be used in the manner in which they were approved.

Chief Giomi questioned whether the use of grant funds falls under this Committee's purview. Chief Smith indicated that it would be the SAA's function to investigate recouping funds, should they be erroneously spent, through the Department of Homeland Security. Noting the argument made on behalf of the Governor's office, Chief Giomi indicated this project should be approved, though specifically indicating lack of support for unnecessary spending. Kelli Anderson indicated that the funds from which this project will draw from will close soon, and that money would have to be returned to the Federal Government. This would leave the NTAC with no system. Chairman Gillespie voiced concern about monies received for fusion centers in the future, noting that combining efforts is essential. The Chair also noted that the SNCTC is the only 24 hour fusion center in the State, guaranteeing the Governor would get the information he required. The Chair also indicated that based on representations made at the meeting, the Committee should move forward with approving this project.

Chief Giomi moved to approve NCHS-60. Motion was seconded by Angela Krutsinger. All were not in favor. Voting yes were Chief Giomi, Bill Welch, Angela Krutsinger, Kyle Devine, Health Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, and Adam Sandler, Vice President, Nevada Broadcaster's Association. Voting no were Terry Bohl, Carolyn Levering, and Stan Smith, Vice President of Emergency Management, Boyd Gaming. Motion passed.

NCHS-52: Access Control for Cyber Information (City of Las Vegas)

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Project requests NCHS-52 and NCHS-53 were combined at the direction of Chairman Gillespie. Chairman Gillespie informed the Committee that these projects were asked to come back and present updated information for consideration and approval.

Project information was presented by Steve Martin, City of Las Vegas and Laura Fucci, Chair of the Cyber Security Committee in Las Vegas relating to Access Control and Phase II of the credentialing project. The end goal is to help with agency interoperability, creating one credential with one sign on those systems associated with emergency management and city services. Angela Krutsinger indicated that this was voted down due to cost benefit reasons, and the pilot would be confined to a limited amount of people. Per Mr. Martin, the goal is to create a blueprint that is repeatable throughout the state. The model would be tested on a limited amount of people. Per Ms. Fucci, the largest part of this project is getting the technology in place. Users would simply be added as needed. Ms. Krutsinger presented concern over how this project is categorized in the budget, with budget line items not indicating clarity of the intent of this request. Carolyn Levering agreed that funding categories are somewhat vague, and should be arranged to reflect the actual request. Chairman Gillespie clarified that one of the reasons these two projects were asked to come back to the Committee with additional information was that there were questions as to which entities would be involved in the pilot, noting specific lack of any of the larger counties such as Clark County.

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With clarification now that the monies being requested are used specifically for building the system, and the pilot, once completed, will make it possible for all agencies to participate, the project is presented in a more clear fashion. Ms. Fucci made a specific point that access control would be of special benefit with managing access of those employees which move to different agencies or positions. Centralized identity management can manage and track this type of information.

Kelli Anderson recommended that the budget can be worked on, drilling further down on individual line items. This could be brought forth again to the Committee. Chairman Gillespie indicated that the Committee could move forward with approving these requests with the stipulation that the budgetary information is cleaned up. Kyle Devine voiced interest in knowing what the cost to roll out this process statewide would be. Steve Martin ensured this information would be made available. Chief Giomi required clarification on whether both phases of this project were presented initially as well as the feasibility of rolling it out statewide. Both phases were presented per Kelli Anderson, and Laura Fucci indicated that the intent was to move this out statewide. Carolyn Levering indicated that these projects were approved by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). Chief Giomi indicated his concern that there may be problems with this process as a whole. Though these are valuable projects, Chief Giomi voiced concern that when the initial intent of such requests came through for Phase I, and those goals were accomplished, new requests to use monies for a totally new Phase II preclude other project requests from being considered. There is so much work done on working through investment justifications by the Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) that it appears this Committee has the ability to discount that work by moving forward these types of requests. Carolyn Levering indicated that the best way to handle these types of instances is on a case by case basis, and in this instance it may be a benefit to the State to move approval forward on these requests using the monies saved in Phase I. Chairman Gillespie indicated that he believes the City of Las Vegas has provided the information necessary to move forward.

Initial motion to approve both NCHS-52 and NCHS-53 was presented by Terry Bohl. An amended motion through Committee discussion was changed to reflect a motion to approve both requests with the stipulation that the City of Las Vegas bring forth to the NCHS on February 15, 2013 a more detailed line item budget justification for these requests. Motion was seconded by Stan Smith. Kelli Anderson indicated the federal department of Homeland Security still holds final review and approval over these requests. All were not in favor, with Angela Krutsinger voting nay. Motion passed.

NCHS-47: Silver Shield (Clark County, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

Lieutenant Jim Seebock, Program Manager briefed the Committee on this project with historical information detailing cost savings which are in turn are requested to be applied to the purchase of cameras for the Las Vegas strip. The Lieutenant has gone before the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) to obtain approval as directed by the Finance Committee.

Terry Bohl presented concern over the use of mesh technology that is not as current as he currently understands current platforms. Lieutenant Seebock indicated that the technology quoted works well with current technology in place. Chief Giomi thanked the Lieutenant for going back to the UASI for approval.

Motion to approve was presented by Chief Giomi to approve NCHS-47. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Levering. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gillespie opened discussion for public commentary. No commentary noted in either venue.

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7. **ADJOURN**

Chairman Gillespie adjourned the meeting.