Meeting Minutes
Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance			
	DATE	Monday, June 18, 2018	
	TIME	10:00 a.m.	
	LOCATION	Division of Emergency Management State Emergency Operations Center 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	METHOD	Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	**Present**	**Legislative & Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others**	
Governor Brian Sandoval	X	Karen Burke	X
Joseph Lombardo	X	Caleb Cage	X
Chuck Allen	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Gregory Cassell		Aaron Ford	
Lisa Christensen		Chris Ipsen	X
Mitch Fox	X	William McCurdy	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	X
Mark Hutchison		Aaron Rouse	
Ikram Khan	X		
Tom Lozich	X	Samantha Ladich – Sr. DAG	X
William McDonald	X	Karen Hall (NCHS Staff – Carson)	X
Charles Moore	X	Bud Marshall (DEM Staff – LV)	X
Richard Perkins			
Rosemary Vassiliadis			
Bill Welch	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Brian Sandoval, Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Karen Hall, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary. No public comment presented in either venue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Commission meeting held May 9, 2018. A motion to approve was presented by

Chief Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, and a second was provided by Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Governor Sandoval welcomed the participation of the membership in the meeting today noting the importance of the agenda schedule.

5. BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT STATUS AND DELIVERABLE OUTCOMES OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) CYBERSECURITY PROJECTS

Chief Cage, DEM/HS, provided an overview on HSGP funding awarded to 14 cybersecurity projects from 2015 through 2017 including current balances, expenditures, and deobligations. Emphasis was placed on 2016 funding awards, and several statewide projects showing significant balances to date including the University of Nevada (UNR) Reno's Cyber Statewide Capacity and Needs Assessment project and the Nevada Department of Administration's (NDOA) Information Security Management System project. Currently, the UNR project is being reviewed for legal and fiscal compliance, and the NDOA project has a pending quarterly financial report denoting an additional $45,000 in expenditures that is not addressed in the balance shown on the handout.

Administrator Shaun Rahmeyer, Office of Cyber Defense Coordination (OCDC), spoke to efforts that will be applied moving forward in regard to cybersecurity project review as his office was not yet in existence when the 2016 projects were initially funded. The Administrator emphasized the U.S. Council of Economic Advisor's report of $57-$109 Billion in loss during 2016 alone due to malicious cyber activity. The global cost of cyber-related crime is set to eclipse $2 Trillion by 2019. Attacks continue to evolve in size and scope, and agility along with secure security practices must be addressed. The OCDC will focus on approved methods and use of funding received to address cyber threats in Nevada.

Chief Cage spoke to considerable grant funding applied to cyber projects within the past three years in addition to match received from the state, local, and tribal governments as well. The ongoing work of the Cyber Security Committee and the Commission will continue to be an important part of the process moving forward. Governor Sandoval expressed concern on the available options for those 2016 projects that have stalled and an interest in how long to wait for resolve of the issues preventing expenditure of awarded funding. Chief Cage spoke to efforts of DEM/HS in addressing UNR's project and the resulting deobligation of funding due to compliance issues with contracting and bidding requirements. It has not been the practice of the DEM/HS to revoke funding due to performance issues, and currently there is no date set for return of this federal funding. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to the performance period of the 2016 awards, noting that subgrantees have until August 31, 2018, to complete their projects. That activity is being monitored and reviewed by grant staff currently for compliance. The only issue with the 2016 grant is with a current NDOA grant extension request, and determining if there is time to complete the scope of work within that timeframe.

The Governor presented concern that if the extension is granted, and the work still is left uncomplete, that there may not be enough time to re-obligate the funding. Kelli Anderson indicated that the performance period allows for another 12 months after the August 31, 2018, deadline and completion would be dependent on the depth and scope of the project in addition to looking at other projects not funded that could support reobligation of funding in that timeframe. Due to the complexity and technicality of cyber-specific projects, it may be the case that a cyber-related project could not meet the performance period required, and other non-cyber projects may have to be looked at to receive deobligated funding in that event. Ms. Anderson also added that if the scope of work is followed for a project, it is possible to attain an additional extension for projects that need more time, and she could provide an update on the projects in question during the August 15, 2018, Commission meeting. The Governor emphasized that he does not want to wait long in addressing these issues. If there are other entities with limited resources that require these valuable funds, he would rather see the money directed to those that can use it right away, and recommended DEM/HS provide recommendations on the use of potential deobligated funding and actions that can be taken right away rather than granting another extension.

Sheriff Lombardo presented concern on the delay of software purchase for the NDOA project, with Kelli Anderson indicating the delay is contractual in nature for a service, not equipment. Funding was available for 18 months, but the contract was not approved until recently. The additional extension would allow for the purchase of the software in question. Contractual and programmatic expenditures and/or services take a long time to show up in reimbursement process. Sheriff Lombardo also questioned whether Phase III of the NDOA project was tied to Phase II, with Kelli Anderson indicating her understanding is that Phase III may not be tied to Phase II, but a separate part of the project. Additional discussion was presented as to whether Phase III was included in the original funding request, and possible deobligation totals as a result. Sheriff Lombardo also asked Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas, if there were any cyber-specific projects for the city that were left unfunded in 2018, with Ms. Levering indicating there were not any cyber-specific projects unfunded this year. Deputy Chief Steinbeck also indicated that the county funded their cybersecurity project this year as well. Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association, presented concern on the certainty of grant extension and possible loss of funding as a result. Kelli Anderson reiterated that for the 2016 grants, the deadline for project completion is August 31, 2018; however the State Administrative Agent has an additional 12 months after that date to expend the funding in addition to the possibility of asking for another 6-12 month extension based on additional scope justifications. These types of extensions are not easy in the HSGP. Mr. Welch wants to ensure action on this issue soon. Chief Cage will follow up on the connections between NDOA's Phase II and Phase III projects for clarity, and will work with Ms. Anderson on the possibility of further extensions. The Commission should expect to hear recommendations addressing the stalled 2016 projects as well as potential recipients of any deobligated funding as a result of performance issues with those projects. The Governor emphasized his earlier request that any unused funding be applied to other qualified project needs.

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

Stacey Giomi, Finance Committee Chair, presented an overview of the June 13, 2018, Finance Committee meeting addressing two change requests received by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD). Request Numbers NCHS-139 and NCHS-140 sought to move $147,272.48 of UASI funding in addition to $129,636.16 of SHSP funding to the first year of an annual subscription for a mass communication system for use by all public entities in Clark County. These reobligation requests are presented due to savings obtained by LVMPD in other budgetary line items, and are meant to address an area of need within Clark County. Preliminary work on a Request for Proposal (RFP) is underway and LVMPD is committed to investigating the full capability of the City of Las Vegas's communication system as to whether it would meet the specific needs of LVMPD. If that is the case, the funding expenditure requests will be withdrawn and funds will be deobligated. Approval of the project change requests is contingent on the Department of Homeland Security approval, approval of the UASI, and LVMPD has been given 30 days to review the capability of the City of Las Vegas's system. The Governor called for a motion to approve the reallocation requests as presented. A motion to approve was presented by Tom Lozich, MGM Resorts International, and a second was provided by Chief William McDonald, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

7. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2018 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS

Chief Cage provided a brief overview of the FFY 2018 HSGP state process speaking to the funding recommendation of 28 statewide projects addressing capacity and capability in Nevada. Chief Cage spoke to the condensed meeting cycle including inputs from the Nevada Homeland Security Working Group, Urban Area Working Group, Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee, and the Cyber Security Committee. In FFY 2018, the HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity was delayed; however Nevada received a slight increase in state funding, and a larger increase in urban area funding. Chief Cage emphasized the work done by DEM/HS staff to review, refine, and address compliance issues on projects received.

Deputy Chief Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, provided an overview of the FFY 2018 HSGP Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) process leading to the funding recommendation of 21 projects addressing sustainment and capability gaps within the urban area. Additional emphasis was placed on the significant movement in the Metropolitan Statistical Area ranking received for 2018, moving the Las Vegas urban area from a ranking of 22 to 17. This upward movement may have contributed to the increase in UASI funding in 2018 to combat terrorism in Clark County. Adjustments in the risk formula and increased Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) for several large events are also a contributing factor in the upward movement. Such an increase is in no small part due to Governor's efforts and that of the Nevada delegation. The updated MSA ranking is not

indicative of an increased threat, just a factor in more accurate measurements than in years past. After the 1-October event, a significant focus was and is still being applied to After Action Report data to identify gaps and prioritize projects supporting increased capability. The initial steps of the Resiliency Plan have been implemented as a requirement of Executive Order 2018-4, and remaining steps are on track for completion. Additional emphasis was placed on the challenges in addressing patient tracking during large scale events, and the efforts applied to that issue. With policy and procedural issues being addressed, a system also was required to track data received. In 2018, the urban area approved such a system to be developed as a national best practice and model for other states.

Chief Cage and Deputy Chief Steinbeck praised the input provided by the working groups, advisory committees, staff, and whole community inputs for the successful 2018 HSGP statewide and urban area process.

8. REPORT ON THE JUNE 13, 2018, MEETING OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FFY 2018 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROJECTS

Stacey Giomi, Finance Committee Chair, presented a review of the June 13, 2018, Finance Committee meeting addressing the Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) funding recommendations for 2018. Chair Giomi emphasized the tremendous effort applied by the HSWG membership in matching available funding to quality projects, and put forth the Finance Committee's recommendation to fund the 2018 HSGP project submissions as presented with a balanced budget. The Governor praised the massive amount of administrative and HSWG effort applied to this process, and indicated his support of the outcome of the 2018 HSGP funding recommendations. The Governor called for a motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendations as presented. A motion to approve was presented by General (Ret.) Frank Gonzales, Nevada Selective Service, and a second was provided by Sheriff Lombardo. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval opened discussion on public comment. Sheriff Lombardo commended Stacey Giomi for his work on the Finance Committee throughout the year. No other public comment presented.

10. ADJOURN

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was presented by Sheriff Lombardo, and a second was presented by Tom Lozich. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.