

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WebEx Meeting

Stephen Cox – Chair

Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Barnes, Tracey – Indiana Office of Technology Executive Director
Beier, Bernie – Allen County Homeland Security Director
Cain, Steven – Purdue University Extension Manager
Cox, Stephen – Indiana Department of Homeland Security Executive Director
Fay, Sally – Integrated Public Safety Commission
Johnson, Phil – University of Notre Dame
Turner, Larry – Indiana State Police

Members Absent:

Elcesser, John – Indiana Non-Public Education Association Executive Director
Kaufmann, Dr. Michael – Indiana Department of Homeland Security EMS Director
Wilson, Michael – Warsaw-Wayne Fire Department Chief

Call Meeting to Order and Quorum

Stephen Cox, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Executive Director called the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that there was a quorum.

Approve Minutes from April 17, 2020 Meeting

Chairman Cox presented the April 17, 2020 SAC meeting minutes for approval.

Motion:

Phillip Johnson motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the April 17, 2020 SAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Turner. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

All in Favor:

Barnes, Tracey
Beier, Bernie
Cain, Steven
Cox, Stephen
Fay, Sally
Johnson, Phil
Turner, Larry

Opposed: NA

Presentation of 2020 Approved and Denied Projects

Kim Snyder, IDHS Grants Section Chief, and Rachel Cosner, IDHS State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Manager, gave a presentation to the committee detailing the approved and denied projects along with the funding priorities.

SHSP Requirements

IDHS, as the SHSP grant pass-through entity, is required to award 80% of the federal award while maintaining 20% for internal projects. IDHS must ensure 25% of the federal award is used for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). IDHS must make these subawards available within 45 days. Lastly, the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) is a requirement of SHSP.

National Priorities

The FEMA identified national SHSP priorities, or Investment Justifications, are as follows: Enhancing Cybersecurity – Election Security, Enhancing Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places, Enhancing Information and Intelligence Sharing, and Addressing Emergent Threats.

Addressing National Priorities

IDHS sent an information bulletin to the locals to ensure their projects aligned with the identified national priorities, funding cap, application cap, and SHSP requirements.

SHSP Snapshot

IDHS was awarded \$4,287,500.00 in total and retained \$214,375.00 for the management and administration of the award. Overall, 44 organizations applied for SHSP funds, which totaled \$6,309,115.61. In conclusion, 38 projects were awarded totaling \$4,073,125.00. The amount of LETPA

projects totaled \$2,823,146.73. 36 of the total projects were fully funded and two (2) were partially funded. Six (6) of the 38 projects underwent the Enhanced Effectiveness Review, a requirement of the National Priority Area Investment Justifications. Two (2) projects had holds placed by FEMA until a more detailed project and budget plan was submitted for review.

Enhancing Cybersecurity – Election Security (Investment Justification #1)

The two (2) projects that identified cybersecurity as their focus are Lawrence County EMA (\$160,000.00) and Rush County (\$60,995.00). Lawrence County EMA currently has a FEMA placed hold pending a more detailed project and budget description.

Enhancing Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places (Investment Justification #2)

One (1) local project, Syracuse Police Department (\$214,375.00), identified soft targets as their focus.

Enhancing Information Sharing (Investment Justification #3)

The Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (\$643,125.00) project was awarded with a focus on information sharing. The Fusion Center currently has a FEMA placed hold pending a more detailed project and budget description.

Addressing Emergent Threats (Investment Justification #4)

The two (2) projects that identified addressing emergent threats as their focus are Fort Wayne Police Department Air Support Unit (\$212,750.00) and Evansville Vanderburg (\$6,815.00).

Local Projects (Investment Justification #5)

The category of local projects totaled 32 projects (\$2,775,065.00). Five (5) projects identified cybersecurity as their focus. Twenty (20) projects identified soft targets and crowded places as their focus. Seven (7) projects identified addressing emergent threats as their focus. These projects were approved by the SAC during the April 17, 2020 meeting to include in the federal grant application.

Decline Award

The Review Committee recommends denying six (6) applications totaling \$1,112,938.92. Marian High School (\$44,734.00) was recommended to deny due to being an ineligible organization. Fort Wayne Police Department Air Support Unit (\$89,465.00) and St. Joseph County EMA (\$40,000.00) applications were recommended to deny due to submitting more than one application. Jasper County Sheriff's Department (\$422,292.92), Wayne County EMA (\$240,625.00), and City of Logansport (\$275,822.00) applications were recommended to deny due to applying for more than the identified grant cap of \$214,375.00.

Motion:

Steven Cain motioned to deny the six (6) applications identified by the Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Phillip Johnson. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

All in Favor:

Barnes, Tracey
Beier, Bernie
Cain, Steven
Cox, Stephen
Fay, Sally

Johnson, Phil
Turner, Larry
Opposed: NA

Report on Cybersecurity

Chetrice Mosley, IOT Cybersecurity Program Director, presented to the committee information on cybersecurity. The slide show is available on the DHS Senior Advisory Committee Teams channel.

Next meeting time and location:

The next meeting will occur on November 12, 2020 or November 19, 2020 via WebEx. Rachel Cosner will send the committee these dates via email and the committee shall respond with the date of their choice. The date that meets quorum will be selected as the next SAC meeting date. The meeting will be led by the IDHS State Planning Officer to discuss the THIRA and SAC next steps. The committee is also encouraged to volunteer to present relevant topics to the SAC, please email Rachel Cosner if interested.

Adjournment:

Following no further discussion or business, IDHS Executive Director Stephen Cox thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The SAC meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.