

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Indiana Government Center-South Conference Room E-208 and Microsoft Teams

Joel Thacker – Chair

MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. EST

MEMBERS PRESENT in PERSON:

Cain, Steven – Purdue University Extension

Fay, Sally – Integrated Public Safety Commission Executive Director

Thacker, Joel – IDHS Executive Director

MEMBERS PRESENT via TEAMS:

Barnes, Tracey – Indiana Office of Technology Executive Director

Beier, Bernie – Allen County Homeland Security Director

Bilkey, Matt – Indiana State Police Assistant Chief of Staff/Operations

Rogowski, Peri – IDHS Project Manager

Johnson, Phil – University of Notre Dame, retired

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elcesser, John – Indiana Non-Public Education Association Executive Director

Wilson, Michael – Warsaw-Wayne Fire Department Chief

Guests:

Anderson, Elliot – Director of Administrative Services

Cosner, Rachel – IDHS Grant Coordinator

Shute, Kristi – IDHS Legal

Sims, Bonnie – IDHS AA, scribe

Yazel, MD, Eric – IDHS Medical Director

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND QUORUM

Chairman Joel Thacker, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Executive Director, called the SAC meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that there was a quorum.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM June 8, 2022 MEETING

Joel Thacker presented the June 8, 2022, SAC meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION:

Sally Fay moved to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2022, SAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Cain. Chairman Joel Thacker asked for a roll-call vote. Rachel Cosner gave the roll call:

ALL IN FAVOR:

Barnes, Tracey
Cain, Steven
Johnson, Phil
Rogowski, Peri
Bilkey, Matt
Barnes, Tracey

ABSTAINED:

Thacker, Joel
Beier, Bernie

OPPOSED: N/A

MOTION - PASSED

PRESENTATION OF DESIGNEE FOR OPEN POSITION

a. Dr. Eric Yazel – Indiana State EMS Medical Director

Rachel Cosner presented the motion to approve Dr. Eric Yazel's membership to the Committee. Dr. Eric Yazel is the new Indiana State EMS Medical Director replacing Dr. Michael Kaufman.

Dr. Eric Yazel spoke and stated he has been here for about four months now. He lives in southern Indiana and had worked in public health, health systems and emergency medicine. He was a former Clark County Health officer and emergency room physician at University of Louisville Hospital. He worked with the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Committee, before being asked to be the Indiana State EMS Medical Director.

Chairman Joel Thacker asked for a roll-call vote to approve Dr. Eric Yazel as a new Committee member.

MOTION:

Steve Cain made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Bernie Beier. Chairman Joel Thacker asked for a roll-call vote. Rachel Cosner gave the roll call:

ALL IN FAVOR:

Thacker, Joel
Fay, Sally
Barnes, Tracey
Cain, Steven
Wilson, Mike
Beier, Bernie

Johnson, Phil
Rogowski, Peri
Bilkey, Matt

OPPOSED: N/A

MOTION - PASSED

IN REVIEW OF STATE HOMELAND AND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) FEDERAL AWARD LETTER

Rachel Cosner presented to the committee

SHSP Requirements

1. Pass-through 80% / 20% split
2. Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)
 - a. 30% award
3. Funding Availability
 - a. 45 days
4. Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)

NATIONAL FUNDING PRIORITIES

Requirements – 30% of Award Across the National Priorities

1. Cybersecurity
 - 0% award - \$0 – encouraged but not required
2. Soft Target/Crowded Places
 - 3% minimum of award - \$145,425.00
3. Information and Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation
 - 3% minimum of award - \$145,425.00
4. Domestic Violent Extremism
 - 3% minimum of award - \$145,425.00
5. Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience
 - 3% minimum of award - \$145,425.00
6. Enhancing Election Security
 - 0% award - \$0 – encouraged but not required

Question from Steven Cain – “What if someone does not want the money that is allowed?” Rachel responded, “We talk to FEMA, and they let us know how to take care of that situation”.

Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity investments must support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to preventing, preparing for, protecting against, or responding to acts of terrorism.

Enhancing Protection

Soft targets and crowded places are increasingly appealing to terrorists. They are relatively accessible and there are many potential targets. This is complicated by the prevalent use of simple tactics and less sophisticated attacks. Public and private sectors should collaborate to enhance security.

Information and Intelligence Sharing

Fusion Center

Cooperation and information sharing among state, federal and local partners across all areas of the homeland security enterprise, including counterterrorism, cybersecurity, border security, immigration enforcement and other areas is critical to homeland security operations and the prevention of, preparation for, protection against and responding to acts of terrorism.

Domestic Violent Extremism

Domestic violent extremism Investment Justification (IJ) must be in support of the state's efforts to combat the rise, influence and spread of domestic violent extremism.

Community Preparedness and Resilience

Bolster community preparedness and resilience by investing in local, community-driven capabilities. It enables community organizations to have the capabilities to withstand acts of terrorism and provide essential services, especially to members of underserved communities, in the aftermath of an attack. It addresses the needs of underserved, at-risk communities to help ensure consistent and systematic, fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals before, during, and after a disaster.

Enhancing Election Security

Securing election infrastructure and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation.

ADDRESSING THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Priority Funding Info Bulletin

- Send IB to local applicants to address these national priorities and local priorities
- Purpose of the IB is to solicit local applications
 - a. Attempting to meet five of the priority investment justifications to help meet the 80% / 20% pass-through requirement.
- Applications were reviewed based on fit of terrorism nexus, national priority and Indiana core capability ranking.
- Projects were capped at \$150,000.00 for all projects
 - a. Allows more projects and more equity
 - b. Also minimum per IJ is lower allowing caps to be lower and still meet IJ minimums
- Only one priority application and one nonpriority application per organization

- a. Two total applications per organization
- Local applications were due June 1, 2022

Applications Received Breakdown

Received 109 applications total

- 77 Priority applications
- 32 Non-Priority applications
- Total amount requested: \$13,038,229.79

Applications Review Process

- Each application was reviewed by three reviewers by the approved rubric and the totals were averaged.
- The applications were then ranked by score for each IJ and evaluated for the best fit of the IJ.
- Finally, all communications projects were reviewed by the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator as outlined on page 32 of the Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity and all cyber projects were reviewed by the Indiana Office of Technology.

SHSP Funding Breakdown

FFY 2022 SHSP Target Allocation = \$4,847,500.00

- **Funding retained by State (19.19%) = \$930,325.30**
 - a. Management and Administration = \$242,375.00
 - b. Fusion Center = \$543,125.00 SHSP and \$100,000.00 Urban Area Security Initiative
 - c. Indiana State Excise Police = \$144,825.30
- **Available funds for local awards (80.81%) = \$3,917,174.70**
- **LETPA Requirement = \$1,454,250.00**
 - a. Actual = \$3,202,108.27
- **National Priority Requirement = \$1,454,250.00**
 - a. Actual = \$2,484,899.09

Review Committee Recommendations: Fund

National Priorities

1. Enhancing Cybersecurity – 2 projects
2. Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets – 10 projects
3. Enhancing Information Sharing – 1 project
4. Domestic Violent Extremism – 1 project
5. Community Resilience – 4 projects
6. Enhancing Election Security – no applications

Local Projects

1. Local Projects – 19 projects

Review Committee Recommendations: APPROVED

Approved = \$3,917,174.70 (i.e., **34** applicants)
Indiana State Police Fusion Center = \$543,125.00
Indiana State Excise Police = \$144,825.30

Review Committee Recommendations: Denied

Declined to award = \$8,328,330.12 (i.e., **73** applicants)

SHSP APPLICATION FEEDBACK FORM

1. Purpose is to give feedback on SHSP applications when requested.
2. Provides general areas where improvement was needed and where application was strong.

2023 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Please let Rachel know if there are any amendments you would like to propose for the 2023 charter by January 2023.

Expected Amendments:

1. Change of year to 2023
2. Update to match the FFY2023 NOFO
3. Update the list of members

NEXT MEETING - TBA

Rachel Cosner will send an invite to the next SAC meeting closer to the date once one is established.

ADJOURNMENT

Following no further discussion or business, Joel Thacker thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Tracy Barnes moved for the meeting to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Steve Cain.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Unanimous

The SAC meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.