

Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group (UAWG)

PUEBLO ROOM

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY

LAS VEGAS NV 89106

FINAL MINUTES

Wednesday May 15 9:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

UAWG MEMBERS PRESENT:

FERNANDEZ LEARY, MICHAEL JOHNSON, CAROLYN LEVERING, DAN LAKE, RYAN TURNER, NICOLE HART, JANE SHUNNEY, RICK DIEBOLD, CHRIS SPROULE

UAWG ALTERNATES PRESENT:

DIMITRI THEODOROU, RICK RESNICK

UAWG MEMBERS ABSENT:

KEVIN NICHOLSON, PAUL GERNER, JOHN HIGLEY

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Fernandez Leary, UAWG Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. on Wednesday May 15, 2013. Quorum present.

II. Public Comments

No comments

III. Approval of the Minutes.

Motion, by Dan Lake: To accept the minutes as recorded.

Seconded, by Carolyn Levering.

No discussion, motion carried.

IV. Comments from the Chair

The Chair opened the meeting with a general comment about the length of the meeting and the amount that needed to be accomplished. He further provided the most current information about the UASI status and the anticipated timeline for the guidance to be dropped as well as what to expect should funding not be awarded.

V. Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) Policy on Grant Funding Discussion, Possible Modification and Approval of Final Draft.

Irene Navis presented the changes and thoroughly explained the process then opened it up to the group for questions.

Dan Lake asked for a clarification on the first bullet above the revision on the back page. Irene addressed Dan's question and explained in more detail the intent.

**Motion, by Ryan Turner: To approve
Seconded, by Carolyn Levering.
No discussion, motion carried**

VI. Presentation and Discussion of Analytic Software Discussion of Potential Analytic Software Use by SNCTC in Regard to Social media

Rachel Skidmore, SNCTC, presented a project change request in the amount of \$56,742.94 that was put forth to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Finance Committee in March. The purpose of the change was due to cost savings from a pre-negotiated rate for software, as well as the timing of the grant funds. With this cost savings the request was made to purchase additional analytic software for social media. Rachel further detailed the benefits of this new social media software and provided information on how having it would bolster capability. Rachel called for questions and answered those asked.

VII. Discussion FFY10 De-Obligation and Re-Obligation of Funds. Presentation of Project Requests for Re-Obligation use of FFY10 UASI Funds, Discussion and Possible Approvals by the UAWG

Diana Blake, CCOEM, advised the group that on May 3, 2013 she sent an announcement indicating that there was an opportunity for deobligated funds and applications in the amount of \$635,637.00 to date, at this time there is \$1,127,675.00 in requests which means there is an overage of approximately \$492,000.00 in deobligated funds requests. There is one request from Henderson at this time that is in the amount of \$545,056.00 for radios, Diana advised the group that she had spoke to Kelli Anderson and that they had already received a scope change for approval for InterOp equipment so that is not an issue moving forward. The only thing that will have to be done is to receive additional approval from DHS to spend funds up to this degree if it's determined that this will go forward. Diana advised that she asked each applicant to attend the meeting so they could present their individual projects, she further stated that Sunrise Hospital was in attendance at the meeting today with a request for \$10,000, and with that request Diana advised the UAWG to make that adjustment to the total dollar amount requested. Diana then referenced her spreadsheet (*see attached*) and asked to each applicant to present and explain their requests. Throughout the presentations Kelli Anderson provided clarifications as needed and questions were asked and answered by the project leads.

Discussion was had about the eligibility of hospitals to apply for funds and clarification was provided by Kelli Anderson. Calesha Johnson asked about Sunrise's status as she was informed that they weren't awarded previously with the understanding that they could apply this time. Diana Blake referred

the question to Carolyn Levering. Carolyn advised that it was unexpected that they wouldn't be eligible and that in the future the Hospital Association may be able to assist with these requests.

The Chair asked Mark Blomstrom to explain the process going forward. Mark advised that the UAWG would now rank the 9 valid projects. Dan Lake interjected and stated that a proposal should be on the table then if consensus cannot be reached then a ranking of the projects would be done. Nicole Hart clarified Dan Lake's intent by asking if a motion could be put on the table then discussion. Mark agreed with Nicole that would be an option and stated the issue was that there was more in requests than there is available funding.

Nicole Hart asked that the Chair entertain a motion, she specified what she would motion with the funding levels recommended and associated with each one. The Chair then stated his reasoning behind why he was suggesting the ranking and then agreed with Nicole's rationale.

Motion, by Nicole Hart: Going in order, item number 1 City of Las Vegas OEM to be fully funded at the 41,767.00 for their CERT Program, item number 2 for the procurement of 61 chairs to the Las Vegas Valley Regional Emergency Management Center with suggested funding change to \$7,500.00, number 3 the City of Henderson AVON masks the full request of \$22,440.00, number 4 City of North Las Vegas funding at \$64,325.00, number 5 Clark County full request of \$126,676.00 for the MCI Kits, number 11 full funding to San Martin Campus \$10,418.00 and the remaining balance for \$362,511.00 to the City of Henderson.

Nicole then stated the reason for not funding project 7 was because it was not completely vetted through all of the channels and it was ranked as number 3 by the NCSC, she felt that with the other projects on the table the number three ranking with the NCSC we can accomplish a lot more with other things already started and are a priority at this moment. The reason for number 8 the Las Vegas Valley Water District not being funded is because there is no possible way to accomplish everything before the grant expires.

**Seconded, by Jane Shunney.
No discussion, motion passed.**

The Chair called for a 15 minute break.
Upon reconvening from break, the chair recognized Chris Sproule as the City of Las Vegas Employee of the Month.

VIII. FFY13 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Discussion of Status, Process, and Possible Timing of UAWG Meetings in Conjunction with the Homeland Security Working Group

The Chair conveyed the intentions of DEM should UASI funding not happen and the direction with the roll over to SHSP funding, through the HSWG. The main point is that SHSP funding will be based upon the Commission priorities and then who will benefit most from the projects statewide, with the limited funding available that needs to be considered most. Business will not be the same as usual and things will change in the respect that funding will not be based on what is just good for the Urban Area but as a whole State. The hope is that the UASI funding will come through, and with that unknown the Chair advised presenters to be prepared to go to the HSWG with the funding based on SHSP only and be able to give the importance of the project clearly stated on a State level not just Urban Area.

IX. FFY13 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Presentation of UASI/Southern Nevada Proposed Projects for the FFY13 HSGP. This agenda item is to allow individuals that submitted a UASI/Southern Nevada project proposal in advance to the Nevada Division of Emergency Management up to 5 minutes to give an overview of their project proposal. Project proposals that were not submitted will not be heard. This item will also allow for questions and discuss any project proposal duplications, possible project proposal mergers, grant compliance issues, Nevada Homeland Security Commission priorities. Presentations must be based on the two page project proposal form

The Chair introduced the item. Discussion ensued about the process and Kelli Anderson spoke on behalf of DEM stating that more details about the process would be discussed at the HSWG meeting scheduled for May 16, 2013.

Dan Lake addressed the UAWG and stated that everyone needed to be cognizant that there is potentially zero dollars and that they need to prepare to reduce their requests and understand that would be the only way it would work. This happens every year that there are more requests than there are dollars available and every year the group attempts to fund everyone at least some, but this year Dan suggests everyone go in knowing that they have to reduce the scope of their projects and be prepared ahead of time to do so.

Nicole Hart suggested that since it was discovered earlier that hospitals couldn't receive funding that they be removed and could streamline.

Kelli Anderson advised that she would hesitate on pulling them because guidance hasn't dropped and even though they are for profit they may end up being allowed and to pull them would be premature. Carolyn Levering interjected and stated that the information provided was half baked at best and by virtue of that they likely wouldn't be ranked very high so they could

stay without much issue. The Chair agreed stating the projects were based upon merit and that all would be reviewed on that basis.

Mark Blomstrom then set the stage for the group that each presenter would have opportunity to answer questions and confirmed again that this was not a ranking meeting.

Ryan Turner asked for clarification on the process of ranking. The Chair qualified again to the UAWG that there will be no ranking today or tomorrow. He then called for project leads to begin in order their presentations. (see *attached list*) Each lead presented and answered questions about their proposals.

In conclusion of all presentations the Chair thanked everyone for their efforts and called one last time for any other additional questions, seeing none he moved to the next item.

X. Citizen Corp Council

- Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Bill Smith reported that he would like to tag onto Rick Diebold's comments about the CERT program and that ARES/RACES has been a beneficiary of the ICS courses hosted by CERT.

- Community Emergency Response Team
No report

- Medical Reserve Corps
No report

- Neighborhood Watch
No report

- Volunteer In Police Service
No report

XI. Public Comments

- Ryan Turner, thanked everyone for their time today.
- The Chair mentioned that although the 2010 deobligated funding was agreed upon and voted on today they still needed to go to the State for approval and that Kelli Anderson assured that she would be working on this as a priority.
- The Chair stated that it would be a good idea if everyone took a look at the questions on the 2013 proposals and be prepared to answer them when asked.

**Next Regularly Scheduled UAWG meeting: August 14, 2013, 11:00 AM CCGC
Pueblo Room**

XI. Adjournment

Motion, by Dan Lake: To adjourn

Seconded, by Nicole Hart.

No discussion, motioned carried.

In accordance to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this meeting was properly posted and electronically recorded.