



COLORADO

Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

MEETING MINUTES – June 13, 2022

Purpose: Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee (HSAC)

Date: Monday, June 13, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Members Present by Phone: Kevin Klein, Stan Hilkey, Mike Morgan, Amanda Hettinger, Ray Yepes, Lori Hodges, Meghan MacKillop, Jon Montano, Ian Anderson, Nicole Cantrell, Matthew Mueller, Eugene Wade, Kevin McElyea

Members Excused: Bruce Eisenhauer, Matthew Packard, Jon Barba, Kris Kazien, Ann Terry, Mike Willis, Jill Fraser

Members Absent: Pete Bangas, Ben Tisdell, Carole Walker, John Spezze, Doug Stephens, Don Brockus, Dave Hayes, David Callahan

Welcome Remarks and Determination of a Quorum

- Stan Hilkey called this meeting to order. The meeting started without a quorum. Thirteen members attended virtually.
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - May meeting minutes will be approved at the July meeting.

Briefings and Presentations

- N/A

Old Business

- **Legislative Update - Director Klein**
 - Working on the implementation of Senate Bill 206. Briefing June 13th on the current disasters with the Executive Committee and the Joint Budget Committee (JBC). In the process of developing our legislative agendas as state agencies for submission early next month. This is similar to what was done last year with the Cyber subcommittees; coming up with some ideas that are translated into budget requests. Submit legislative ideas to Kevin.
 - Director Hilkey – There is a chance that the legislature could change parties this year. Advise anyone considering a legislative concept to secure sponsors as early as possible.

New Business

- **Election Security – Director Klein**

Met with the Secretary of States (SOS) Office about creating a subcommittee to address election security with the counties leading up to the November elections. Election security is now one of the priorities for the Homeland Security Grant Program and how the locals apply for that. It would bring in a broader perspective than the Public Safety focus. This committee will be formed by volunteers and the Chief Election Official of the State has offered to be the Chair if Director Hilkey approves.

 - Matt Mueller – Supports the idea.
 - Ed Garner – Is there a statewide plan for election security?
 - Director Klein - The Secretary of State's Office has a plan for that and he will ask if this plan has been propagated to the counties.

The mission of the Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee is to advise the State's Homeland Security Advisor, provide strategic direction to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and best position the state to predict, prevent, and mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from those threats or hazards posing the greatest risk to Coloradans.

- Director Hilkey – He approves and will solicit volunteers and move forward.

- **Question about Title 42 – Matt Mueller**

El Paso Texas is reaching out to every jurisdiction within 750 miles of the border, and has contacted Denver to determine their capacity to take migrants as part of their non-profit effort. In 2019, the non-profits and Denver were able to help with a low-level response. Their concern in El Paso is that they are getting support from the State of Texas with security efforts but very little help with the humanitarian side. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided reimbursements to nonprofits for sheltering and food and is not doing much at this time. Their concern is if Title 42 goes away, they will see a two to three times increase in the number of people coming over the border and not be able to accommodate them. Is Colorado considering a plan to help with these efforts if needed?

- o Director Klein – He and Director Hilkey have been engaged in briefings with Department of Homeland Security (DHS). They anticipate a surge of 18,000 immigrants a day and then a decrease. They have looked at funding sources and combining it with the other refugee work that has been done in the past. They are waiting to see what actually happens there.
- o Director Hilkey – Title 42 was a memo issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that slowed down the natural civil immigration and asylum-seeking process into the country. It was a CDC/COVID focused method and as a result, the memo may now go away as those restrictions are lifted. If the memo goes away, it reverts us back to the normal system that we had prior to COVID. This signals those wanting to cross the southern US borders, and may increase the numbers of immigrants crossing exponentially.
- o Ray Yepes – He comes from Texas and has contacts with most every agency in Texas. Contact him with any issues regarding this in Texas.
- o Ian Anderson – Include him in any conversations that would be beneficial for Volunteers Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) agencies and any other VOAD networks. He can check in with Texas VOADs for needed feedback or assistance.

Standing Reports

- Colorado Emergency Planning Commission (CEPC) – Director Willis
 - o No report
- Public Safety Communications Subcommittee (PSCS) – Pete Bangas
 - o No report
 - o Director Klein - The Digital Trunk Radio System (DTRS) is moving from the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS). There is a planning group in place and they are considering an Interagency Agreement.
- Private Sector Subcommittee – Eugene Wade
 - o The next meeting is in July. No other updates.
- Cybersecurity Subcommittee – Mattie Gullixson
 - o The group met and Ben Edelen was voted as the new chair. He is currently the Chief Information Security Officer at Boulder County. They will meet again later in June and Ben will give this group updates going forward.
 - Nicole Cantrell – What is the schedule for the subcommittee meetings and where will the information be posted?
 - Mattie Gullixson – The meetings will be the last Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am and posted on the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) website.
 - o Ray Yepes – He is meeting with the Cybersecurity group the week of June 13th. OIT will start a self-insuring program for the state that will ensure better benefits, lower cost to the agencies, and a savings if they do not have any incidents.
- Information Sharing Subcommittee – Kevin McElyea
 - o The last meeting was May 27th with 13 members attending. Concerns mentioned were the ghost gun uptick, for which a Situational Awareness Bulletin (SAB) is being drafted. Also discussed were auto theft increases, energy sector collaboration efforts and fentanyl overdose increase. The Colorado Information Analysis Center

(CIAC) is monitoring Juneteenth celebration threat checks, Stanley Cup finals, and creating a SAB for the Patriot Front group that were arrested over the weekend for planning to commit riots.

- First Responder Safety Task Force – Jon Barba
 - No report
- Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Subcommittee – Sadie Martinez
 - The Emergency Response Interpreter CMIST Response Team is trying to work out a contract for an American Sign Language (ASL) coordinating agency to support emergency managers across Colorado.
 - The Media Communications CMIST Response Team is getting trained on the TVU (not an acronym it's the name of the unit) Unit.
 - The State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) accessibility support workgroup is working towards providing recommendations to support the gaps in accessible effective communication in Emergency Alert Systems (EAS).
 - The Access & Functional Needs Conference Planning Committee is identifying potential dates and locations for the 2023 conference.
- By-Laws Subcommittee – Ann Terry
 - No report
- State Resource Mobilization Subcommittee
 - No report
- IMT Subcommittee – Dwight Henninger
 - Incident Management Teams (IMT) members continue to assist the Department of Agriculture with avian influenza.
 - Working on an IMT workshop September 20th and 21st in Grand Junction.
 - The job announcement for the State IMT Unit Supervisor position is posted.
 - Continued work on unsponsored IMT members throughout the State.
 - Many of the members have had training this spring that has gone well.
 - The IMT grants are open now for the IMTs to participate in.
- Funding Formula Subcommittee
 - Kevin Klein – Lin Bonesteel returned to a position at the City and County of Denver, whether she will continue her role as the chair of this committee is yet to be determined.
- Training & Exercise Subcommittee – Chris Bornholdt
 - Looking at the next steps for this subcommittee as the other HSAC appointed projects have been completed.

Administrative/Public Comment Period

- Due to the resurgence of COVID, meetings will continue to be virtual until further notice.

Closing Remarks and Motion to Adjourn

- Next meeting is July 11, 2022.
- Ed Garner – Is a subcommittee being established for the Homeland Security Strategy for the state which is expiring in 2023?
- Nicole Cantrell – Per the bylaws under “Section 2.9: Voting - Only voting members of the Committee are permitted to participate in the Committee’s formal decision-making process, specifically making motions, seconds of motions, discussion of formal motions, votes, and to chair sub-committees.” Will the appointed chairs for the Election Security, Homeland Security Strategy, and Cybersecurity subcommittees be voting members? Will the bylaws need to be amended to accommodate this change?
 - Director Hilkey – They will look at the prerogative of the chair to make an exception where needed and add an agenda item to next month’s meeting to discuss the Homeland Security Strategy.