

Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council

SPECIAL Council of Chairs Meeting

April 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security
2200 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

Call to Order:

HSAC Chair Jim Page greeted everyone and called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

Alicia Tate-Nadeau – Homeland Security Advisor/IEMA-OHS Director

Jim Page – HSAC Chair

Clayton Kuetemeyer – IEMA-OHS Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management

Claire Moravec – IEMA-OHS Deputy Director, Office of Homeland Security

Committee Chairs

Communications:

- Matthew Miller – Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security

Critical Infrastructure:

- Mark Doerfler – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network
- Gene Felchner – Illinois Department of Transportation

Cybersecurity:

- Jennifer Rominger – Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology

Emergency Management:

Fire Mutual Aid:

- Glenn Ericksen – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

- Larry Evans – Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System

Prevention:

- Eric Arnold – Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

Public Health:

Urban Area:

Staff/Members:

Aherns, Scott – ISP

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU

Elzie, Bobby – IDPH

Evans, Bob – IEMA-OHS

Gasparich, Joe – IDOT

Gilkes, Angela – Cook County EMRS

Gutierrez, Natalie – Chicago OEMC

Khayyat, Adnan – IEMA-OHS

Lyons, Bernie – MABAS

Moore, Heather – IFSI

O'Connor, Ellen – Cook County EMRS

Seraphin, Bryant – ILEAS

Bria Scudder – Governor's Office

Starr, Matthew – IEMA-OHS

Public Comments:

No members of the public were present.

FFY24 HSGP Projects:

Chairman Page introduced the meeting's only agenda item – the discussion and approval of project submissions for the FFY24 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to present to the full HSAC on April 24.

Page explained how this year's HSGP funding award, which includes the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), is approximately 10% less than in FFY23. He took into account all HSAC committee requests, along with the mandatory conditions of the grant, which include state/local split, personnel cap, and minimums for law enforcement, national priorities, and election security. Page presented a budget proposal for discussion, which had been shared with the Council of Chairs prior to the meeting. Organizations offered feedback and additional information on project requests, explaining that the cuts this year will have substantial impacts, including the elimination of positions through attrition, reaching a tipping point with mutual aid systems, and effects on special teams and Illinois' Strategic National Stockpile.

Bob Evans, IEMA-OHS Division of Preparedness and Grants Administration, reminded organizations with open grants from past years that they can re-prioritize projects to best meet their needs. He also emphasized the importance of notifying IEMA-OHS as soon as an organization is aware they might not be able to spend all grant funds in order to allow adequate time for reallocation.

Motion to approve FFY24 HSGP project submissions and recommend to the full HSAC with revisions from the HSAC chair.

Motion to approve: Glenn Ericksen, MABAS

Seconded: Mark Doerfler, IPWMAN

Motion passed.

Other Business

- Regarding the SFY25 Preparedness and Response (PAR) Grant Program, Chairman Page explained that while it is expected IEMA-OHS will receive an allocation of \$7.5 million from the Illinois General Assembly for PAR, he wants to be prepared with a \$5 million budget proposal, as well.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - HSAC Full Membership Meeting – April 24, 2024, 10 a.m.
 - HSAC Council of Chairs Meeting – May 22, 2024, at 10 a.m.
 - HSAC Council of Chairs Meeting – June 26, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Eric Arnold, ILETSB

Seconded: Matt Miller, IEMA-OHS

Motion carried.