Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)

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SAC Background

- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) guidance for FY14 included requirement for SAC
- EMC chartered study group to develop
  - Met multiple times
- No easy solution
- Expands coordination aspects to current business processes
- May require significant changes to current business processes without discernable benefit
- No charter developed
Interim Solution

SAC = EMC
Planning Assumptions

• SAC does not assume any responsibility assigned to the State Administrative Agency (SAA)
• Fiscal responsibility and grant guidance requirement compliance remain with the SAA
• SAC is a coordination body
• Management as used in the grant guidance does not mean inserting SAC/EMC into state or local funding decisions for sustainment or investment justifications
SAC Purpose and Functions

• SAC is advisory to SAA
• Integrate preparedness activities across all disciplines, the private sector, non-profit organizations, faith-based community, and all levels of government, including local, state, tribal and territorial, with the goal of building core capabilities, maximizing coordination and reducing duplication of effort.
• Create a cohesive planning framework that builds and implements preparedness initiatives that leverage Department of Homeland Security resources as well as other resources.
• Management of all available preparedness funding sources to enhance effective utilization of and elimination of duplication of effort across stakeholders and disciplines.
• Ensure that the application for SHSP and UASI funds align with the THIRA and work to fill capability shortfalls identified in the SPR.
• Assist in preparation and revision of the State, regional, or local homeland security plan or THIRA, as the case may be (added in FFY 17 Grant Guidance).
• Assist in determining effective funding priorities for SHSP grants (added in FFY 17 Grant Guidance).
Synopsized SAA/Grant Administrator Responsibilities

• Inform SAC annually regarding THIRA findings to include capabilities and shortfalls with recommended actions
• Inform SAC of SPR findings to include capabilities and shortfalls with recommended actions
• Deliver a financial report concerning project funding allocated and spent by grant year
• Determine what specific projects receive grant funding and how much is allocated
• Be responsible for fiduciary and programmatic compliance requirements of the grant program
Analysis

• SAC Requirements from grant guidance could number 50 independent members
• EMC members (17) can account for 27 of these requirements
• New members (19) could account for remaining 23 requirements
• A decision making body of 37 (EMC – 17, TAG, new members) is untenable
  --> SAC should function as a review, recommendation, and coordination body only
• Grant/Funding management belongs to the SAA per 2 CFR 200
• Federal Guidance concerning SAC is contradictory to other Federal Guidance concerning grant management and should not be given precedence over other guidance
Courses of Action

• EMC=SAC (leave current structure in place)
  • Risk: this concept does not fully comply with the intent of grant guidance

• Establish a sub-committee of the EMC to perform SAC functions
  • All current EMC members are members of SAC
  • 19 new subcommittee members join with EMC members to form SAC
  • Meet twice a year

• Adjust Law (RCW 38.52)
  • Add new members to EMC to address shortfalls in representation
  • Requires significant investment of resources to change law
Recommendation

• Create SAC sub-committee to EMC
  • Eliminates need for RCW changes for additional members
  • Carve out portion of EMC meetings to address specific SAC functions or create SAC meeting immediately after EMC meetings
    • Recommend twice a year
      • Mar or May – review previous year SHSP Investment Justifications, EMPG Work Plan, fiscal commitments, recommend core capabilities priorities, review preparedness information submitted in BSIR from Jul to Dec
      • Nov -- review THIRA/SPR, review preparedness information submitted in BSIR from Jan to Jun
    • Additional functions as desired/required by SAA