

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