

## CYBERSECURITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Hybrid Meeting

**Thursday, March 19, 2025, 1:30 p.m. MST**

In-Person at NM Gaming Control Board  
4900 Alameda Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113  
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

#### 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his appreciation for those making the time to participate.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

##### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jason Johnson, Chair  
Raja Sambandam  
Dr. Lorie Liebrock  
Robert Benavidez

William (Tim) Presley  
Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala  
William A. York  
Mark Leech

##### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Regina Chacon  
Michael W. Good  
Brigadier General Miguel Aguilar

Senator Michael Padilla  
Cassandra Hayne

##### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Melissa Gutierrez, OCS Cybersecurity Project Mgr.  
Todd Baran, OCS General Counsel  
Bryan Brock (OCS), Flori Martinez (OCS), Dan Garcia (OCS), Todd Glanzer (Deloitte), William Campos (Deloitte), Joshua Yadao (Deloitte), Cassandra Lynn Brown, Carter Mangas (Deloitte)

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION** Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Presley so moved, seconded by Mr. Benavidez. There being no opposition, the Agenda was approved.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION** Chair Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting. Dr. Liebrock so moved, seconded by Mr. Presley. There being no opposition the minutes were approved.

#### 5. Updates from State CISO – Raja Sambandam

a. Legislative Update – Two bills currently navigating through the process, one, on the DoIT side, addressing minor changes on the procurement side to gain some efficiencies and another concerning the Cybersecurity side regarding name change from Cybersecurity Office to Office of Cybersecurity, as well as changes to the composition of the Committee and a minor change from agency to state owned or state operated. These changes are being undertaken to meet notice of funding opportunities to get the federal grant and building in the flexibility to meet any potential future changes by the federal government.

b. Federal Policy Changes – Noted he does have some information but felt it more appropriate to hear from legal counsel, and deferred this to Mr. Baran. Mr. Baran reported he and Ms. Gutierrez met with leaders of MS-ISAC yesterday at CIS to get an update on their perceptions of the federal funding for their programs, and there are two functions being defunded immediately and they will be using their own resources to continue those functions. The remaining functions are subject to a grant agreement that expires in September, and unless a new NOFO is promulgated to continue that grant program, the

remaining functions will lose their funding in September, with currently no mechanism in place to replace that funding. Other state participants on the call were looking at options, one being to pivot to a member-funded model, but all options are in early stages of exploration. There will be a series of meetings in April when hopefully there will be more news about plans to continue the grant funding. There is a considerable risk that the MS-ISAC will become fully dependent shortly on state funding if the states can provide this.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that the impacted functions are the cyber threat Intelligence and the incident response activities. These will continue to be provided in the near-term using their own resources, but that time period was not specified. The functions not impacted were the Albert sensors, MDRBR, EDR, NCSR and the SOC.

Mr. Baran reported that they were also in conversation with representatives of CISA last week, specifically concerning the EPA critical infrastructure cybersecurity programs. The news here was more positive with those functions remaining funded and supported. There is also residual capacity, with the outlook for more water systems to participate in those offerings, which includes both scanning and risk assessment. The plan is to work with the water systems in the State of New Mexico to continue helping them get onboarded to the federal programs.

Mr. Baran stated that questions regarding other issues and programs were deferred. There is mixed news about funding and staffing for the CISA red-team. It has been confirmed that Russian threat intelligence is being discontinued, and there were rumors that the red-team was being disbanded, but there is now some confirmation that red-team is NOT being disbanded; things are still a bit murky regarding CISA status.

c. Cyber Incidents - Noted the Power School incident which is ongoing, with the true impact still being evaluated. Many parents may have received notification from their school district indicating the compromise. Encouraged parents to exercise due diligence, working with the schools and making use of all credit report monitoring activities, etc., and to protect any PII compromise. No information at this time on the federal level related to this incident. He also noted there had been a few other potential incidents but felt it was not appropriate to discuss those details at this time.

Mr. Sambandam stated he would have to leave the meeting at this point. Chair Johnson asked Ms. Gutierrez if this would cause loss of quorum. Ms. Gutierrez stated quorum would be lost because Mr. York had stated in the chat that he would also have to leave the meeting. Mr. Sambandam stated he could remain available by phone. Ms. Gutierrez asked Mr. Baran if the meeting could continue with loss of quorum, if no action items are undertaken. Mr. Baran stated no discussion could be undertaken and no votes could be taken. Chair Johnson asked the rest of the Committee members if it would be possible to adjourn the meeting until 2:30, when Mr. York would be available to rejoin the meeting. General consensus was to proceed in this manner. Mr. Baran stated there should be a motion to this effect. Due to members dropping out of the meeting the decision was made to entertain the motion when reconvening at 2:30 p.m.

Quorum was re-established at 2:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** Chair Johnson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting until 2:30 due to loss of quorum. Dr. Liebrock so moved, seconded by Mr. Benavidez. There being no opposition the motion passed.

Roll call was conducted by Ms. Gutierrez to reconfirm quorum status.

Meeting was reconvened at 2:34.

**6. Year 1 SLCGP Project Updates – Melissa Gutierrez**

**a. Project 2 – NCSR Completion**

Ms. Gutierrez deferred this report to the Deloitte team as Deloitte was the vendor selected for this project.

Mr. Glanzer gave the discussion/overview and actual closeout of the Year 1 Projects, the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review, the NCSR project, which has just been completed with submission of the report. He then introduced Carter Mangas, the project manager for this, who gave a detailed review of the results which were screen shared.

Mr. Glanzer added that the submission of the NCSR is normally a November to February window, so Deloitte was able to draw upon their experience with other clients in this work to facilitate completion within the compressed January – February window.

Ms. Mangas shared that since this will be an annual self-assessment one of the benefits will be the opportunity to observe progress year by year. To facilitate this process Deloitte would like to offer some recommendations; 1). Start the process earlier. 2). Consider collecting the offline survey results or signing an MOU to obtain access to those results for better visibility and identify overarching cybersecurity maturity all across New Mexico, which would feed back into the analysis of what needs to be done and what could be done from a more centralized point of view. Mr. Glanzer stated that some follow-up information was collected as the report was closed out, to help feed back into the Committee process and the planning process overall to help inform continued development of the plan and inform future projects. He noted that Ms. Mangas is referring to a situation where with more entities participating there will be a more informed way to provide the Committee and the Office with those gaps and efforts that can be jointly addressed to raise the cybersecurity posture for the State. Mr. Glanzer then deferred to Ms. Gutierrez for any questions regarding this report.

Ms. Gutierrez called for any questions.

Chair Johnson thanked the Deloitte team for their work and presentation of the report.

Ms. Gutierrez also thanked Deloitte for this and noted that this is the first completed project for the Committee other than the development of the plan. With this being the first project as well as the short turnaround time with 100% completion this is really good for the Committee and good to report to CISA and FEMA with reporting on the progress of the grant. She congratulated the Committee and the Deloitte team for getting this successful first project completed.

Chair Johnson asked about the sensitivity of this report; is it confidential, eyes only, public, etc. Ms. Gutierrez asked if he was referring to the Cybersecurity Report that the Committee developed. Chair Johnson stated he was referring to the findings just presented. Ms. Gutierrez deferred this question to legal counsel. Mr. Baran stated he would confer with subject matter experts about whether this disclosure would reveal any vulnerabilities. Chair Johnson agreed it is best to use caution but would like to be able to share evidence of the work being done. Mr. Glanzer stated this report did not give any specifics, it is very high level, and that the actual results completed by the entities participating are held by them and submitted to the CIS, but appreciates the concerns about reporting out and would also defer to Mr. Baran on what could be shared. Chair Johnson asked if the report could possibly be edited to enable members to share with other entities in discussions about the work being done, which would show value for the investment and effort, however, he realized the need to be mindful of the sensitive nature of this information.

**b. Project 3 – Vulnerability and Attack Surface Management**

Ms. Gutierrez explained that she did not have a visual presentation for this report and in the future she would like to bring in the vendor, Securin, to provide the information and potentially have quarterly meetings to provide details, which could be either a closed meeting or a small group to learn the details of what is being detected in these scans.

She noted that the entities that applied and are participating thus far include counties, municipalities, water and 911 services, and the schools which applied were covered by state funding until July 1<sup>st</sup>, when these will be picked up as additional entities in this project. Of the entities currently being covered, nine have been onboarded, with nine more in progress and one more for which onboarding has been delayed until April or early May due to internal issues. The nine entities that have been onboarded are actively being scanned and actively reported. She noted that there have been technical difficulties and Securin has offered some work-around solutions for these.

She then asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**c. Project 4 – Cybersecurity Training**

Ms. Gutierrez reported that 21 entities signed up for this training and the vendor for this training is KnowBe4, with only the licenses being purchased through them, with no specific project manager being provided by the vendor. However, this is being run in-house by Ms. Tracy Lopez. Of the 21 entities signed up for this there are 15 currently participating and onboarding. She stated that the office has offered to be the administrator for KnowBe4 if an entity does not have the resources or capability to run this program independently. She reported that the six entities which opted out of this training were already using some other form of training offered by a county affiliate, the Municipal League or some other organization. She added that there was one entity who had already contracted with KnowBe4 and decided to continue with that contract. There is one more entity that has been difficult to contact and her understanding is that they have a fairly new group of IT leaders and there have been other local community issues that have delayed their responses and onboarding, however, close contact is being maintained, offering as much support as possible. There is also an Advisory Committee member who is actively participating with this entity to facilitate onboarding them. At this time there are no entities that the Office is managing, as none have asked for this service. With the currently participating entities accounted for, there are still 2,485 licenses that have been purchased, and later in the meeting Mr. Benavidez and the Engagement Subcommittee will present some recommendations regarding this.

She then asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**d. Project 5 – Workforce Development**

Ms. Gutierrez stated that an RFQ was released in February to vendors across the state, including those from the statewide price agreement, DFA and NAFCO, with a total of 500+ entities being contacted. This RFQ was closed on March 12<sup>th</sup> with six responses received. The Procurement Subcommittee is reviewing these responses and hopes to bring a recommendation to the Committee at the next meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

She then asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**7. Engagement Subcommittee Updates and Recommendations – Robert Benavidez**

**a. Project 1 – Governance and Planning (Policy Development)**

Mr. Benavidez reported that recently the Subcommittee has been discussing ideas with respect to leveraging the governance and policy work currently underway with DoIT. He asked Mr. Baran if he would comment as he would have the best information to share.

Mr. Baran stated that they are exploring relationships that can be leveraged to accomplish the work of both the Office of Cybersecurity and the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee. He noted that one area of overlap is in the area of policy development, with OCS having responsibility for promulgating policies to be used by executive agencies and the Advisory Committee having responsibility for developing policies which can be adopted by local governments and educational institutions. Currently there is a project in process to develop policies for DoIT, with the hope being to use these to develop a more generic set of policies for OCS which could then become the foundational policies for executive agencies. The next phase would then be to modify these policies so they can be adopted by local

governments. This is all still in the preliminary phase, with OCS evaluating quotes from the vendor to have this work done. A quote will then be requested for the additional work required to develop policies for local governments, which will be brought to the Committee for a decision as to whether or not that is an initiative which should be funded. The following phase of the project would be to potentially help local governments implement these policies or at least adopt them for their own use, which ties back into what has been learned from the NCSR process, which revealed a lot of smaller governmental entities needing help with policy development. Quite a bit can be accomplished if the Advisory Committee can promulgate a set of policies and then the Planning Committee can set up a project, through the SLCGP program, which local governments can apply to for help customizing those policies for their operations.

Mr. Baran asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**b. Project 3 – Vulnerability and Attack Surface Management**

Mr. Benavidez reported that the Subcommittee has been working to try to cover the costs of this through the end of June 2026, however, there is going to be a bit of shortfall for all of the agencies receiving these services and funding recommendations related to this will be covered in the next agenda item.

**c. Funding Allocation Recommendations – Discussion and Vote**

Mr. Benavidez explained that the Subcommittee is recommending that some of the unused funding in the Governance and Planning Project and the Risk Assessment Project be moved to cover the VMaas and ASM cost shortfall to bring all the agencies to full services through the end of June 2026. Mr. Benavidez asked if Ms. Gutierrez would like to provide additional comment. Ms. Gutierrez responded that she could share the funding balance sheet if that would be helpful. Mr. Benavidez agreed this would be helpful.

Ms. Gutierrez screen shared the funding balance sheet and reviewed this in detail, reminding the Committee that this is Year 1 grant funding. She explained that the recommendation from the Subcommittee is to transfer \$192,000 from NCSR and \$262,000 from Governance and Planning, for a total of \$455,000, to cover VMaas and ASM until June 2026. Due to requirements related to the NOFO, budget transfers or reallocation requests must be reported to CISA and FEMA immediately to get those approved in order to issue the necessary POs. She added that the remaining balance in Project 1 will be \$187,000, and based on the quotes for the project described by Mr. Baran, this should be enough to cover that project. Ms. Gutierrez asked Mr. Benavidez if there was anything else he would like her to cover. He replied he did not.

Mr. Benavidez then asked if there were any questions as the Subcommittee would like to proceed to a vote by the Committee.

Mr. Baran commented that Ms. Gutierrez is correct, the residual funds for Project 1 would be enough to fund the project for developing generic policies for local governments, based on current quotes.

Mr. Leech asked how the deficit occurred. Ms. Gutierrez explained that in the first year of the NOFO and first year of the grant program, projects had to be identified in advance, at the onset of the application, and dollar amounts associated with each project had to be allocated. This was challenging to work with an allocated dollar amount being unsure of the number of applications that would be received. She added that in Year 2 and Year 3 this requirement has been done away with and the application allows for the dollar amounts to be listed as “to be determined”. This will allow for the Project Application to be sent out to local governments to determine how many want services and then the total cost can be determined before requesting funding allocations. Mr. Leech thanked Ms. Gutierrez for this explanation. Mr. Benavidez thanked Mr. Leech for his question.

Mr. Benavidez then asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

**MOTION:** Mr. Benavidez proposed the motion to transfer the \$192,702.06 out of Project 2, NCSR and \$262,251.76 out of Project 1, Governance and Planning, into Project 3, VMaas and ASM, for the purpose of fully funding agencies through the end of June 2026. Mr. Leech so moved, seconded by Dr. Liebrock. Chair Johnson called for additional discussion. There was none. Chair Johnson then noted for the record that this will be \$455,953.82. He then called for any additional discussion. There was none. Ms. Gutierrez then proceeded with a roll call vote, resulting in 6 votes in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions. Motion passed. Ms. Gutierrez stated that the work will begin to get this funding reallocated as described.

d. Project 4 Cybersecurity Training Application – Discussion and Vote

Mr. Benavidez noted that, as previously mentioned by Ms. Gutierrez, there are still licenses available from KnowBe4 for cybersecurity training, and the Subcommittee would like to take a vote with respect to using those remaining licenses to open a short application window for other entities to use those licenses to consume these or make a decision to reduce the licensing. He asked if there were any questions about this.

Ms. Gutierrez explained that there are approximately 2,000 licenses available and the reason for the short application window is to get these used as soon as possible. She has been contacted by entities that did not apply previously asking if anything would be opened up, so there is some interest. She stated that the timeline for the application window would be approximately one month, which would give enough time for entities to apply and provide the consent form. A requirement of the application would be that entities are prepared to onboard immediately and start using the licenses within one week of their approved application.

Chair Johnson thanked Ms. Gutierrez for this additional information. He then called for any further questions. There were none.

**MOTION:** Mr. Benavidez moved to create a small application window to allow other agencies to participate in the project for cybersecurity training. Dr. Liebrock seconded the motion. Chair Johnson called for any additional conversation or discussion. There was none. Ms. Gutierrez conducted a roll call vote with 7 in favor and 0 opposed. Ms. Gutierrez stated that there is an approved motion to open a short window of opportunity for the cybersecurity training.

Mr. Benavidez stated that this concluded all of the items for the Engagement Subcommittee.

Chair Johnson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Benavidez and the Engagement Subcommittee for all of their work. Mr. Benavidez thanked him and assured him that he would convey this message to the Subcommittee members.

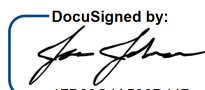
**8. Public Comment**

- None.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION** Chair Johnson called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Liebrock so moved, seconded by Dr. Mukkamala. There being no objection and no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

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