



Draft Meeting Minutes
Subcommittee on Incident Response
April 14, 2022
Virtual Meeting
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Member Attendance (6/11)

Secretary Michael Leahy (Chair), Barry Boseman, Major Tan Gregory (for Colonel Jones), Mark Hubbard (for Pete Landon), Linda Lamone, and Anthony Lisuzzo.

Staff Attendance

Dr. Greg von Lehmen (University of Maryland Global Campus, Assigned Staff to the Maryland Cybersecurity Council)

Meeting Summary

1. Secretary Leahy welcomed members of the subcommittee and thanked them for their commitment to the Council and its work.
2. He opened the agenda by providing cybersecurity updates at the national and state levels. He noted:
 - a. The federal government is providing funding for state and local cybersecurity with a state matching requirement and 80% of the funding going to local governments. The Secretary mentioned that it is important that local governments assess first before deciding on where best to invest in their security.
 - b. On March 18, the White House published a letter to the state governors about cyber preparedness in light of the Ukraine conflict. The Critical Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has a broad catalog of tools, and Maryland has asked for access to all of them. The Secretary observed that the heightened state of alert has given even greater impetus to zero trust as a security strategy.
 - c. In July of last year, the Governor signed two key documents. One was an MOU with UMBC to establish the Maryland Institute for Innovative Computing to assist the State with pressing cybersecurity and data analytic needs, develop scaleable solutions to IT challenges, and accelerate cyber workforce development. The other document was an executive order creating the position of State Chief Data Officer and mandating the designation of a data officer in each of various State departments.
 - d. The Secretary noted that the State was able to respond to the attack on the Department of Health within 16 minutes. The incident put in focus how data is stored, and the Secretary noted that the State will not be at risk in the same way again.
 - e. The State Office of Security Management is in the process of revising the State Security Manual to remain current with the recently published revision of NIST SP 800-61.
3. The Secretary then turned to the last session of the General Assembly:
 - a. In its last session, the General Assembly passed three bills (HB 1346, HB 1202, and HB 1205) that especially affect DoIT, MDEM, and their relationships to local

- governments. A matrix will be developed that will capture the distinct roles and responsibilities.
- b. Funding for cybersecurity for the State in upcoming years will see a marked increase.
 - c. As a result of legislation in 2021 and the current session, the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is responsible for providing security policy guidance and other assistance to local governments in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM). A priority is to develop a practical ‘how to’ manual that local governments can easily implement. The Secretary asked the subcommittee members for any input that they might have in compiling such an aid.
 - d. The Secretary stated that it is important that State and local government and the private sector work together and asked what this might look like as a governance structure.
4. In other comments, the Secretary noted that he had an upcoming meeting at the NSA with Mr. Boseman. He thanked him for the NSA Fellow who was current working in DoIT.
 5. The Secretary concluded by asking for any discussion occasioned by his comments. Dr. von Lehmen mentioned that the Secretary’s broader governance question was an important one that was discussed in the Council’s ad hoc committee’s [report](#) on State and local cybersecurity but was not addressed by a specific recommendation. Mr. Lisuzzo mentioned that zero trust architecture has been implemented in the financial sector and that AI is critical to it. Mr. Boseman noted that CYBERCOM was a proponent of implementing zero trust across all DoD networks. The Secretary asked that any information Mr. Lisuzzo or Mr. Boseman would want to share with the subcommittee be emailed to Dr. von Lehmen for distribution.
 6. With no other business, the Secretary asked that the meeting be closed, suggesting that the subcommittee convene again in June after the recent State legislation had been fully digested. This would enable him to bring questions to the subcommittee that it might be able to assist with.
 7. The meeting was duly adjourned at 3:35 pm.