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To: A-CEAB::

Subject: CEAB- Suggestion for Non-Agency Representation on the Standing Working Group

Dear All,

Before we hold the call pertaining to non-agency representation, I would like to offer an alternative to what has been put forth.

Please note that, if have counted correctly, the statutory representation on the Board includes

- 1) Six (6) agency representatives
- 2) Three (3) gubernatorial non-agency representatives
- 3) Six (6) legislative non-agency representative

The proposal under consideration for 2 members from the non-agencies to be on the Standing Working Group (SWG) is not proportional compared to the 9:6 ratio of the general CEAB membership. I do not think the issue of inadvertently having a quorum of the ECMB on a call or at a planning meeting needs to be a factor. That can be avoided and I offer the suggestions below to provide parity between public members and avoidance of an inadvertent quorum for the SWG:

- 1) Limit the number of staff agency members on the SWG to four (4) at any given time
- 2) Limit the number of non-agency members on the SWG to four (4)

The aforementioned automatically prevents an inadvertent quorum yet provides adequate representation to departments. A valid question is how many state staff agency members attend these meetings regularly anyhow? Also, the state positions on the SWG can be rotated either by term or by need of a representative of a specific agency for expertise at any given meeting. Two other points might also be considered:

- 3) Limit the non-agency working group to two legislative appointees and two gubernatorial appointees to, again, provide a greater degree of proportional representation.
- 4) Also, it may be wise to have the CEAB chairperson and the chairperson of the Standing Working Group come from different agencies so that too much power is not vested in any one agency or lead to a conflict of interest or perception thereof.

Best Regards,

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