



## **Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Misinformation & Disinformation Subcommittee Meeting June 7, 2022**

### **Purpose of Meeting**

- The purpose of the CISA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee (CSAC) Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Misinformation & Disinformation (MDM) Subcommittee meeting was for Subcommittee members to review and discuss the draft recommendations to present during the CSAC June Quarterly Meeting.

### **Discussion**

- Ms. Kirsten Heidelberg, Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO) for the MDM Subcommittee, brought the meeting to order and turned the call over to Dr. Starbird.
- Dr. Kate Starbird, Associate Professor, Human Centered Design & Engineering, University of Washington, MDM Subcommittee Chair, welcomed the members and reviewed the subcommittee's current status. She identified her goals of the meeting to include reviewing the subcommittee's current work, obtaining feedback on items she should discuss during the CSAC June Quarterly Meeting, and identifying next steps. Ms. Megan Tsuyi, CSAC Designated Federal Officer, reviewed the timeline of the CSAC recommendations and immediate next steps to note that following the vote at the June meeting, the final recommendations will be posted to the CSAC website, she asked the Subcommittee not to share the recommendations until they are voted on by the full Committee. Subcommittee members confirmed their next meeting as Tuesday, June 14 to discuss the draft recommendations to present during the CSAC June Quarterly Meeting.
  - Dr. Starbird informed the group of her upcoming meeting with Jameel Jaffer, Columbia Law Professor, to socialize the existence of the subcommittee and their taskings. Ms. Vijaya Gadde, Legal, Public Policy, and Trust and Safety Lead, Twitter, noted that she sent the group a list of civil society groups Twitter has partnered with in the past in the event the group would like to reach out to any additional individuals. Ms. Gadde recommended that the group reach out after the recommendations are made public.
- Subcommittee members discussed the logistics of how CISA plans to rollout the materials following the CSAC June Quarterly Meeting and best practices for socializing the recommendations once they are final.
  - Ms. Tsuyi explained that CSAC Support will work with CISA's External Affairs team to inform any public materials such as press releases, and the recommendations will be posted on the [CSAC website](#) once they are approved by the Director.
  - Dr. Starbird asked if there was value in socializing the recommendations following their release. Ms. Tsuyi took for action to meet with CISA's External Affairs team to determine best practices.
  - Dr. Starbird identified a next step of recruiting additional subject matter experts (SMEs) to help inform the next recommendations for the CSAC September Quarterly Meeting.
  - Ms. Suzanne Spaulding, Senior Advisor for Homeland Security and Director of the Defending Democratic Institutions Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), suggested that the subcommittee contact civil society groups prior to the June Meeting to notify them of the subcommittee's interest and intent in seeking their input in the future. Dr. Starbird took for action to start reaching out to groups to socialize the existence of the subcommittee.



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- Dr. Starbird asked for additional feedback on items to share with the full Committee and ideas of individuals to invite to future subcommittee meetings.
  - Ms. Spaulding recommended that Dr. Starbird solicit recommendations for additional SMEs during the June Meeting. Dr. Starbird noted her intent to solicit feedback from the full Committee on the difficult aspects of the subcommittee's scoping questions.
  - Ms. Gadde recommended that the subcommittee focus on the scoping questions and topics they were charged with but did not target for the June Meeting.
  - Ms. Tsuyi commented that any additional work will come in the form of a formal tasking from Director Easterly. Ms. Tsuyi stressed that the CSAC and individual subcommittees are not operational, meaning that CISA is not seeking the subcommittee to implement the recommendations.
  - Ms. Spaulding recommended that Dr. Starbird ask the full Committee whether the group correctly outlined the scope of this work and correctly targeted MDM that threatens critical functions and democratic institutions that are core to CISA's mission.
  - Ms. Spaulding suggested asking the Committee how to socialize this work with their individual connections in Congress.
- Subcommittee members continued to discuss how to socialize the recommendations.
  - Ms. Spaulding suggested that CISA socialize the existence and charter of the subcommittee prior to the June Meeting, then continue to keep necessary parties informed as it progresses.
  - Mr. Hale took for action to determine, internally with CISA, the best way to socialize the subcommittee's actions with Congress once they are finalized.
  - Subcommittee members discussed the option to pull back the recommendations given the current landscape, as offered by Director Easterly.
    - Dr. Starbird, Ms. Gadde, and Ms. Spaulding all agreed not to pull back the recommendations that they've put forth for the June Meeting and encouraged the group to present the set of recommendations for full Committee vote during the June Meeting.
- Dr. Starbird asked the group to identify the next meeting date following the June Meeting and future briefers. Dr. Starbird thanked the subcommittee members and adjourned the meeting.

### Action Items

- CSAC Support will send out the meeting information for Tuesday, June 14 from 4:30 to 5:30pm ET and cancel the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 21.
- MDM Subcommittee members will identify the next meeting date for late July 2022 and develop a list of future briefers.
- Mr. Hale will determine the next steps for outreach to Congress on the Subcommittee's work.
- CSAC Support will meet with CISA's External Affairs Team to determine guidance on if / how Subcommittee members should share and amplify the recommendations and work of the Subcommittee following the CSAC June Quarterly Meeting.



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### Attendees\*

#### Participants

Name	Organization
Dr. Kate Starbird, Chair	University of Washington
Ms. Vijaya Gadde	Twitter
Mr. Geoff Hale	CISA
Ms. Suzanne Spaulding	CSIS
Ms. Alicia Tate-Nadeau	Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
Ms. Kim Wyman	CISA

#### Other Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
Ms. Gwen Hess	CISA
Ms. Devi Nair	CSIS
Ms. Allison Snell	CISA
Ms. Claire Teitelman	JP Morgan Chase

#### Government and Contractor Support

Name	Organization
Ms. Megan Tsuyi, DFO	CISA
Ms. Kirsten Heidelberg, ADFO	CISA
Ms. Mariefred Evans	TekSynap
Mr. Xavier Stewart	TekSynap

*\*Meeting was held via Teams/teleconference*