



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2005

Location: Limon Ambulance Service
110 A Avenue
Limon, CO 80828

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present and Ted Foth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Lance Crummett moved to accept the agenda as presented. Gary Beedy seconded the motion. Motion passed

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Crummett moved to accept the minutes of January 18, 2005 as presented. Tonda Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents reflecting the financial reports for January, February, and March 2005 were reviewed. Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, answered any questions regarding the report. Tonda moved to accept the financial report as presented. Tim Dienst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Kim and Ted explained several correspondence regarding regional maps. These included letters from Representative Greg Brophy and letters to the Council, CDPHE, and Senator Mark Hillman and Representative Brophy.

Kim reported on correspondence regarding a meeting with numerous agencies including CDOT and CSP in January. A letter from CDOT was presented. Kim noted that the meeting had been productive and communication was improving evidenced by another scheduled meeting in May to discuss highway engineering issues.

Kim informed the Council that additional correspondence was received regarding the issue with High County EMS in Lake George. The correspondence was tabled until later in the agenda.



V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim informed the Council about three training opportunities available in the Region. These included the Plains to Peaks EMS/Trauma Conference in April, the Penrose/St Francis Trauma Symposium in May, and the Memorial Trauma Symposium in September.

Ted asked Tim about the status of the Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District. Tim explained the current issues and the planning involved for the future.

VI. REPORTS

Officers

Ted reminded the Council of the correspondence already discussed earlier in the agenda.

Regional Coordinator

Kim presented a written report and expanded on the issues addressed in it. That report is attached to these minutes

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Tonda gave a report on the most recent SEMTAC meeting. That report is attached. Kim added some additional comments and once again noted that Dr. David Ross from Penrose/St Francis Health Services is the newest member of SEMTAC.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim spoke about the Ground Ambulance Licensing process. The final document was approved by the Task Force, the EMS Transportation Committee, and SEMTAC. It will now go to the Board of Health for consideration in July. The Air Ambulance Rules have been placed on hold pending the outcome of HB 1302 in the state legislature.

C) Legislative Update

Roxie Devers has been providing the CCI Legislative update to Kim who has been passing in along to the Council. Tonda spoke about several bills being considered. These are also included in her SEMTAC report. Discussion occurred about the EMS Oversight bill that is being considered as a late addition to the session. This bill would provide subpoena power to CDPHE for investigations of possible EMT misconduct.



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D) Certification Update

Kim informed the Council that Dave Miller, CDPHE Certification Manager, has installed new software for the program. In addition, Dave had told the SEMTAC meeting attendees that the final Certification Application is on line and he anticipates no additional changes to it.

E) State Provider Grant Process

Kim thanked the Council members who reviewed grants during the Regional Grant Hearing process. He also thanked Colorado Springs Fire Dept for hosting the review. Kim noted that the SEMTAC review will be completed in April and May. Randy Kuykendall, EMS Section Chief, attended the Plains to Peaks Hearing and stated that award notifications may occur in May and June rather than the usual July 1st date.

Kim thanked the agencies that did apply and encouraged all in attendance to consider applying next year.

F) Divert & Code 3 Reports

Kim apologized to the Council for not having prepared reports this quarter. While the review of Divert and Code 3 Returns continued, he did not have time to prepare proper reports. Kim will provide said reports at the next Council meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Destination Guidelines

Kim provided the Council with information about the “right side” of the Trauma Triage Algorithm approved by SEMTAC. The left side of the document defines what a trauma patient is and the right side will define where that patient should be transported for care. It is the responsibility of the RETACs to develop guidelines for where patients should be transported within the Region. Kim reminded the Council that the Plains to Peaks Region already completed this process and at this point we are just waiting on the state to define what the template will look like to input that information. Kim will continue to update the Council on progress and potentially will request a meeting of Council volunteers to complete the template when it becomes available.

B) 2005 Plains to Peaks Biennial Plan

Kim reminded the Council that the next Biennial Plan is due to the state on July 1, 2005. At the last Council meeting, volunteers from each County offered to assist with the process of developing the Plan. Kim will request a meeting of those persons in May or June to review the Plan progress and to make suggestions.



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C) Injury Prevention

Kim informed the Council that the Injury Prevention Committee did not meet this Quarter. The committee is awaiting the results of a grant application that Kim wrote for the Region. The committee will keep the Council updated on progress and any plans for the Region.

D) Other

Kim spoke to Council about the demise of High Country EMS in Lake George, Colorado. While the ambulance service was based in Park County, they had a significant response area in Teller County. Local Teller and Park County stakeholders, CDPHE, and the Regional Coordinators from both the Plains to Peaks and Central Mountain RETACs have been working to decide the best way to divide the state assets that had been awarded to High Country EMS through EMS Provider Grants. Kim provided copies of numerous correspondences regarding the issue. Tim Dienst and Chief Crummett provided additional information pertaining to the issue. Kim noted that a meeting scheduled for April 27th will occur in Divide to finalize the disposition of the assets. That meeting will involve all of the previously mentioned stakeholders.

Paul Lastrella informed the rest of the Council that he has obtained significant training regarding the HIPAA. He offered his new expertise to anyone in the Region.

Tim Dienst informed the rest of the Council that the El Paso/Teller Regional protocols have been completed. Paul Lastrella and Julie Kiselich, Colorado Springs Fire Dept, provided insight about the process that allowed for this to happen. The Council congratulated them on their efforts. Discussion occurred regarding bringing this model to the rest of the Plains to Peaks Region.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Chief Crummett moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM. Mark Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 19, 2005 in Teller County at Woodland Park Ambulance Service.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator