



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2006

Location: Kit Carson County Ambulance Service
257 15th Street
Burlington, CO 80807

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present and Ted Foth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ted Foth, Council Chair, requested an addition to add the Roundtable discussion under New Business. Tim Dienst moved to accept the agenda as amended. Butch Hapes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim moved to accept the minutes of January 18, 2006 as presented. Sue Kern seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, informed the Council that a historical record of attendance was included with the minutes. Council members discussed the absence of the Keefe Memorial Hospital representative. Sue offered to speak with the representative about the issue.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents reflecting the financial reports for January, February, and March 2006 were reviewed. Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, answered any questions regarding the report. Kim reviewed the Special Operations Financial Summary in detail to inform the Council about different grants and County Designated Funds. Tim moved to accept the financial report as presented. Vicki Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim and Ted presented the Council with a document comparing the budgets of all eleven RETACs in the state. Kim noted that the budget preparation for FY06-07 is underway and asked that the members review not only the document but also past financial reports and offer suggestions about the pending budget. Ted asked that comments be provided back within a month.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE



Kim read a letter from Penrose/St Francis Health Services appointing Teri Mandell as the representative to the Council with Jody Wallace as the alternate. Becky Pope, Penrose/St Francis Trauma Program Manager, informed the Council that another letter will be forthcoming to appoint her as the representative and Teri as the alternate. The members welcomed Becky to the Council.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim informed the Council about four announcements.

- 1) Report from the Northeast All-Hazard Region Public Health Planner
- 2) Enhancing Medical Surge Capacity Conference
- 3) Colorado EMS Week Awards Gala
- 4) EMS Agency Managers Seminar

VI. REPORTS

Officers

None at this time.

Regional Coordinator

Kim informed the Council that his report would be covered within the Agenda.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim reminded the Council about a written report he had forwarded after the April 5-6 SEMTAC meetings. In addition, Kim provided information about the state EMS Data Project.

Kim provided the Council with an application and information for SEMTAC membership.

Kim also provided a handout reflecting data from the Colorado Department of Transportation. The document showed the number of fatal crashes per County since 1995.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim provided a copy of draft 7.0 of proposed changes to Rules Pertaining to Emergency Medical Services. Kim indicated that the rule changes were tabled at the last SEMTAC meeting for more discussion. The two main issues are certification of out of state students and the grace period for recertification.



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Kim also informed the Council that the changes to Rule 500 regarding the EMS Formulary will also be discussed at a meeting in the near future. Kim will keep the Council and all stakeholders informed about the status of both meetings.

C) Legislative Update

Kim provided a letter from the Trauma Care Preservation Coalition regarding SB 221. Lynn Andersen provided more information about the auto insurance issue and the direction for the TCPC.

Lynn also spoke about HB1125. This is a primary seat belt law working its way through the state legislature.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim thanked Black Forest Fire/Rescue for the use of their facility during the Regional Provider Grant hearings. Kim informed the Council that SEMTAC will be reviewing the grants in May with awards being presented in late June.

E) Injury Prevention

Kim spoke about the current Regional Provider Grant that has brought the “Trauma Nurses Talk Tough” the “Safe BET” programs to the rural Counties in the Region. Kim thanked Memorial Hospital and Penrose/St Francis Health Services for their tireless efforts to make this program a success. Kim noted that the program is coming to a close with only a few presentations yet to complete.

F) HRSA Trauma/Burn MCI Cache

Kim updated the Council on the project and informed them that it was complete except for the delivery of the MCI trailer to Cheyenne County. Paul Lastrella informed the Council that El Paso County is in the process of obtaining a trailer to house the equipment they received. Kim informed the Council that some of the donations that El Paso County will be receiving for this project will be coming through the Region and passed back to El Paso County.

G) EMSC Research Grant

Kim updated the Council on the project. It is nearing completion and Dr. David Ross, principal investigator, made a final presentation to SEMTAC in April. Any funds remaining from project will be held to support future research on this topic.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS



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A) Emergency Medical Dispatch

Kim updated the Council on the issue of EMD in the eastern Counties. The February meeting was a success with over 40 attendees. Within two weeks, each of the Counties had met individually and voted to adopt the Priority Medical Dispatch system in their centers. Kim further informed the Council that the grant request to Colorado Rural Health Center for training and equipment for the project had been approved in the amount of \$15,000.

A lengthy discussion about various issues in local dispatch centers was also held. After a time, Ted asked the Council for suggestions for addressing the concerns. By consensus, the Council tasked Kim with creating and completing an agency profile for dispatch centers. This is viewed as the first step to invite and include dispatch centers in the Regional landscape.

B) Roundtable

Ted asked each Council member and audience member to provide an update on issues and events occurring in their community and agency.

a) Lincoln County

- i) Mark Morrison: Lincoln Community Hospital trauma review in May. LCH is also implementing a new electronic charting system. Lincoln County will be having a MCI exercise on April 21st.
- ii) Roxie Devers: Lincoln County is in the process of receiving new 800 megahertz radios. She is working on the Continuity of Government planning. A local HAM radio operator is looking for tower sites within the area.

b) Cheyenne

- i) Sue Kern: New building construction in Kit Carson to house west end ambulance service. Applying for an R&R grant. The facility is preparing for Trauma Designation Review in May.
- ii) Butch Hapes: NIMS training going on in the County with CW Fire Department 100% compliant.

c) Teller

- i) Tim Dienst: Pikes Peak Regional Medical Center will be breaking ground on Friday the 21st with a projected completion in 18 months. Teller County considering a consolidated dispatch center to combine the current three PSAP.
- ii) Candy Shoemaker: everything going fine at this time

d) Kit Carson

- i) Vicki Cox: KCCMH still looking for a trauma coordinator. Trauma Designation Review scheduled for May.
- ii) Loren Lambert: The airport reconstruction will be including new concrete starting in July with a projected completion in three months.



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- iii) Ted Foth: May 5,6,7 will be the Boy Scout Camporee north of Bethune. The Youth Med program has 10 kids in it and they held a 9News Kids Health fare at the high school. KCC Ambulance Service raised their base rate another \$100 recently.
- e) El Paso
 - i) Paul Lastrella: AMR contract with ESA was extended one year to December 2007. The ESA is possibly going to expand from 5 to 11 members.
 - ii) Lynn Andersen: Memorial Hospital is implementing a new electronic documentation system. They are preparing for Trauma Designation Review in July. They will be hosting a two day trauma conference September 22-23
 - iii) Becky Pope: Penrose/St Francis is building a new facility at Powers and Woodmen in Colorado Springs
 - iv) Chief Dave Ury: Nothing at this time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, by consensus Ted adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM. The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 18, 2006 in Teller County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator