



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2011

Location: Cheyenne County Ambulance Service
155 W 1st Street South
Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, Council Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Dave Ury moved to accept the agenda as presented. Gary Beedy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF 01/18/11 MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed by those present. Chief Ury moved to accept the minutes as presented. Judi Mitchek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for January, February, March 2011. Darcy Janssen moved to accept the financial report as presented. Judi seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim informed the Council that the Regional request to SEMTAC for an additional \$20,000 in base funding for FY12 was approved.

Kim provided the Council with a document showing the various purchases made by each County using their designated funds during the past quarter and a summary of the past twelve months.

Council Chair Rob Handley joined the meeting and assumed control of the meeting.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements at this time.



VI. REPORTS

A) Officers

Tim spoke about information provided by EMSAC that the state Medicaid cuts for ambulance reimbursement is expected to be less than 1%. Tim also spoke about a “meet and greet” meeting that the Chiefs, Managers, and Directors group had with around 12 state Senators and Representatives in January. The purpose of the event was to keep legislators knowledgeable about EMTS issues.

Judi noted that the Regional grant hearing went well and felt there were many good applications.

Rob spoke about the NW RETAC Leadership conference which he recently attended and encouraged others to take advantage of this event. He also spoke about the National EMS Memorial which will be held in Colorado Springs June 24-25, 2011 and asked that everyone consider volunteering and attending. After discussion about the event, Chief Ury made a motion to approve up to \$500 in RETAC funds to sponsor 1-2 families of honorees to attend the event. Bob Demetry seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim was tasked with following up with the Memorial committee to make the arrangements.

B) Regional Coordinator

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator indicated that most of his report would be covered during the agenda except for one item. Kim informed the Council about the RETAC support for the Pikes Peak MMRS MCI Field Guide project which is nearing completion. Kim further noted that the Region had submitted a 603 Funding Request to SEMTAC in the amount of \$10,280 to finish up the project in FY12. Approval of the request is still pending.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim informed the Council that the last SEMTAC meeting was held on April 6-7 in Denver. He reminded them that his notes from the meeting had been sent out via email. Kim reviewed some of the highlights from the meetings.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim provided information about the new pre-hospital national scope of practice and provided information showing the new level of Emergency Medical Technician and the initial and recertification process.



C) Legislative Update

Tim spoke about efforts at the national level to establish a federal agency which would be responsible for Emergency Medical Services. He indicated that if approved it will remain within the Department of Transportation.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided a brief update on the progress of the FY11 Regional grant for Pediatric Equipment.

Kim reminded those agencies with FY11 Provider grants to try and complete the projects and get their requests for reimbursement into the state office.

Kim and Tim provided a report about the Regional 603 Funding requests presented to SEMTAC at the most recent meeting. Kim explained each of the requests and that two of them had been removed from consideration in an effort to strengthen the other requests. Approval of the remaining three funding requests for the Rural Conference, MMRS Field Guide, and Regional Medical Direction/CQI are pending.

Kim spoke about the FY12 Provider grant progress to this point. He also informed the Council about a meeting of the Public Policy & Finance committee of SEMTAC on June 29-30 which will help to refine the FY13 grant processes as well as the RETAC Base Funding requests and 603 Funding requests into the future.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim, Rob, and Tim all attended the most recent Forum and provided a brief report. Kim indicated that the next Forum will be June 1-2, 2011 in Colorado Springs.

F) Pediatric Issues

Lynn Andersen, Memorial Health System, reminded everyone about the TEE courses on Pediatric care which are coming soon.

G) Drive Smart Colorado, CDOT Grant

Kim provided an update on the progress of the CDOT Occupant Safety grant.



VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Regional Medical Direction/CQI

Kim updated the group on the progress of the project. He noted that the six month funding from January 1-June 30, 2011 is progressing. He further stated that the funding request for FY12 was presented at the April SEMTAC meeting and the outcome of that request is pending.

B) Kit Carson County Consultative Visit

Kim provided an overview of the Consultative Visit and expressed that he felt it was very informative and worthwhile. The final report from the EMTS Section is pending but should be available in the near future.

C) 2011 Regional Biennial Planning

Kim reminded the Council about the required plan which will be due to the EMTS Section on July 1, 2011. He presented five proposed goals for the Council's review and requested additional input for the final plan. Rob requested volunteers from each County to form a task force which will meet by teleconference to finalize the goals. Those volunteers included: Sue Kern, Cheyenne County; Lynn Andersen & Bart Bachura, El Paso County; Judi Mitchek, Kit Carson County; Mark Morrison, Lincoln County, and Candy Shoemaker & Tim Dienst, Teller County. Kim was tasked with setting a meeting date for the group.

D) 10th Annual Plains to Peaks EMS/Trauma Conference

Kim and Rob updated the group on the pending conference and awards program. All were encouraged to attend if possible.

E) FY12 Regional Budget

Kim and Rob presented a proposed budget for FY12 based on history and projections for future needs. After discussion, Sue Kern moved to accept the budget as presented. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F) Governor's Taskforce on Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Kim provided a summary document which provided information about the recent meetings convened by the Governor. Kim also provided an email from EMTS Section Chief Randy Kuykendall responding to the report and any concerns about realignment of the RETAC Regions.



G) Roundtable

Darcy Janssen spoke about her recent efforts to get residents to fill out the Penrose-St Francis File of Life form. She is using her local MRC and CERT volunteers to accomplish this. She further noted that both Kit Carson and Cheyenne Counties have new equipment in their communication centers.

Judi Mitchek informed the group that KCCMH has a new Director of Nursing.

Bart Bachura spoke about the new format with Centura Health. Penrose-St Francis Health Services is in the South State Region along with facilities in Pueblo and Canon City.

Gary Beedy spoke about the new windfarm in Lincoln County and noted that they also have a lot of road construction at this time.

Mark Morrison noted that Lincoln Community Hospital's patient volume was up in March partly due to the construction mentioned earlier.

Chief Ury spoke about their File of Life program and the value of using 211 if possible.

Rob Handley informed the group that Limon Ambulance will be hosting a PEPP class June 11-12, 2011. All are invited to attend.

Kim Schallenberger reminded the group that the Regional IGA needs to be revised and that he has not had time to complete that project. He suggested that the task force who will be working on the Biennial Plan goals could also work on the IGA.

Candy Shoemaker noted that the Teller County protocols have been revised and are in place. She also mentioned that they continue work on the Teller County communications project. Lastly, she informed the group that there is a new Urgent Care center in Cripple Creek operated by Penrose-St Francis.

Diane Smith reminded the group that Pikes Peak Regional Hospital has a new Specialty Care Unit with ventilator capabilities and this has really help in their post-op programs.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Rob adjourned the meeting at 3:22 PM.
The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 19, 2011 in Teller County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator