



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2005

Location: Colorado Springs Fire Department
375 Printers Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present and Ted Foth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Lance Crummett moved to accept the agenda as amended. Lynn Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynn moved to accept the minutes of October 19, 2004 as presented. Gordon Hildebrant seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ted turned the election process over to Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator. Kim asked for nominations for the position of Council Chair. Lance nominated Ted Foth. Greg Griswold seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Kim declared Ted the Chair. Kim asked for nominations for the position of Council Vice Chair. Lynn nominated Gordon Hildebrant. Sue Kern seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Kim declared Gordon the Vice Chair. Kim asked for nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Ted nominated Lonnie Knudsen. Tonda Scott seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Kim declared Lonnie the Secretary/Treasurer.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents reflecting the financial reports for October, November, and December 2004 were reviewed. Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, answered any questions regarding the report. Gary Beedy moved to accept the financial report as presented. Lonnie seconded the motion. Motion passed.



V. CORRESPONDENCE

Kim explained the letter written by the Chair in support of the partnership entered into by the Western RETAC and the Colorado Rural Health Center. The project is to create a needs assessment tool that could then be used by all Regions in the state.

Kim also noted that the Regional office had received a letter from the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners reappointing their representatives to the Council.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Ray from The Children's Hospital in Denver was present and offered support to the Region regarding educational needs in the pediatric area. She also expressed their support for the Colorado Springs Children's Hospital at Memorial Hospital.

The Colorado Springs Children's Hospital at Memorial Hospital provided lunch at 12:00 and gave a presentation about their new venture. Nicole Burkhoff, Trauma Patient Care Clinician, reviewed that presentation and offered support for pediatric education and injury prevention across the Region. Memorial's Medical Star pediatric helicopter also landed before the meeting and was reviewed by the Council.

Kim informed the Council about some training being offered in the Region including: Limon ECG Class, Memorial WMD Class, and the Penrose Trauma Conference.

Dawn James, NE All Hazard Region Public Health Planner, was unable to attend the meeting but asked Kim to relay some information to the Council. Her group is planning a National Strategic Stockpile exercise in Cheyenne, Kit Carson, and Lincoln Counties this year. There will also be an eleven county exercise as well as another statewide virtual exercise this summer.

VII. REPORTS

Officers

Ted reminded the Council of a letter he penned regarding the possible realignment of Regions across the state. The Council again reviewed the letter and there was discussion regarding this issue. Lanced made a motion to send the letter to the appropriate agencies and persons. Tonda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regional Coordinator

Kim presented a written report and expanded on the issues addressed in it. That report is attached to these minutes. In addition, Kim spoke about the next statewide RETAC forum to be held February 23-24 in Denver and the new website regarding EMS Equipment retrieval.



VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim noted that Dr Dave Ross, Penrose Hospital, was appointed to the SEMTAC. Kim then presented a written report about the January 12-13 SEMTAC meetings. Tonda, Lynn, and other persons in attendance also relayed information about the meeting to the Council. Kim also presented handouts concerning the proposed changes to the National Scope of Practice and information about the Criminal History Background checks of EMTs being used by the state.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim offered two documents regarding Board of Health Rules. One regards proposed changes in the data collection process and one addresses rule changes already in place concerning the certification of EMTs in Colorado.

C) Legislative Update

Roxie Devers said that she would begin forwarding the CCI legislative update when it became available. Kim presented a document regarding potential legislation that would help the state investigate possible infractions by EMTs. Peggy Ray spoke briefly about potential legislation supported by several facilities that would address the 2004 changes in automobile insurance. Tonda also noted some other legislative proposals that are in the process.

D) Certification Update

Kim had no significant update regarding this issue. However, he did note that SEMTAC has formed a committee to address the issue of where EMT Certification will be housed. Scott Bourne, SEMTAC member, will chair the committee that will look at possible solutions including CDPHE, DOLA, DORA, or some other state agency.

E) State Provider Grant Process

Kim stated that the 2005 grant is available on line right now. He noted that grant workshops have been held in Teller and El Paso Counties with another to be held in Lincoln County soon.

Kim then informed the Council that the Regional Public Grant Hearing will take place on March 16, 2005 at the Colorado Springs Fire Department located at 375 Printers Parkway. The hearing will begin at 10:00 AM. Ted then asked the Council for volunteers to review the grants. Those include: Butch Hapes (Cheyenne), Gordon Hildebrant (El Paso), Ted Foth and Tonda Scott (Kit Carson), Lonnie Knudsen (Lincoln), and Chief Crummett (Teller).



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F) Research on Reimbursements

Kim presented the information collected by the Regional office regarding changes in reimbursements since the 2004 automobile insurance changes. This was limited information at this time and Kim asked the other transport services to send him the requested information.

Kim noted that Memorial and Penrose are both participating with the Mile Hi RETAC in their data collection regarding this issue.

G) Divert & Code 3 Reports

Kim presented the Council with Divert information for 2004. Kim also noted that information was included regarding the reasons for facility divert for the Council's review.

Kim informed the Council that he continues to work with Dr Ross regarding the Code 3 reports for AMR-El Paso County. Kim requested that other transport services provide the information that was agreed to in the Regional Biennial Plan to the Regional office.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A) Destination Guidelines

Kim presented the Council with a copy of the state Trauma Triage Algorithm. He reminded the Council that the Regional Destination Guidelines had been completed and submitted to the state over a year ago but were tabled due to changes in the Algorithm. At this time, the Algorithm has been approved but the submission template is still pending. Kim stated that he has obtained information to amend the guidelines to satisfy a request from Lincoln County. Kim offered to convene a meeting to review and update the Regional Destination Guidelines once the submission template has been approved.

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. Ted requested volunteers to assist Kim in the preparation of this document. Those volunteering include: Sue Kern (Cheyenne), Lynn Andersen (El Paso), Ted Foth (Kit Carson), Lonnie Knudsen (Lincoln), and Chief Crummett (Teller). Kim will set up a meeting date and inform the Council.

C) Injury Prevention

Lynn Andersen presented the Council with information about the first Injury Prevention committee meeting held January 4th. Members of the committee included representatives from each Trauma Facility. Kim noted that Teller County was not represented and by consensus, Kim



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will ask Candy Shoemaker to fill that position. Lynn informed the Council about the committee's work thus far and indicated that future meetings will coincide with the quarterly RETAC meetings.

D) Data Collection

Kim offered to send information obtained at the December 9th statewide data meeting to anyone who requested it. Kim also informed the Council that Eric Schmidt, Park County ES Council, had volunteered to participate in the state meetings regarding data collection. Eric will help to keep this Council informed.

E) Other

Kim informed the Council that the Region will be pursuing First Responder Training Center status to support the agencies that utilize these personnel. He also thanked Penrose/St Francis Health Services EMS Education for their assistance with initial and continuing education offered to EMTs across the Region.

Kim asked Ted to speak about the results that his agency had experienced after reviewing the base rate charged by the ambulance service. Thanks to work by the Kit Carson County Commissioners and personnel with Kit Carson County Ambulance Service, the service projects that no additional tax dollars will be required to support the service above the regular billing for service in 2004.

Kim addressed a rising problem regarding traffic accidents in eastern Colorado and cooperation among the numerous agencies that must respond to such incidents. He requested permission to convene a meeting among all agencies involved to help address the issue. Discussion regarding practices in other locations indicated that this is a concern and Council consensus was to proceed.

Tonda noted items not already covered during the state council report including EMD and interfacility destination guidelines that are being considered by the SEMTAC.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 19, 2005 in Lincoln County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator