



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2006

Location: Falcon FPD Fire Station
7030 N Meridian Road
Falcon, CO 80831

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present and Ted Foth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator requested an addition to the Agenda to discuss a meeting regarding Emergency Medical Dispatch. Chief Lance Crummett moved to accept the agenda as amended. Paul Lastrella seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Beedy moved to accept the minutes of October 18, 2005 as presented. Chief Crummett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. OFFICER ELECTIONS

Ted reviewed the Council By Laws that call for annual Officer Elections in January. Ted turned the meeting over to Kim to chair the election. Kim reviewed the current Council offices and persons in those positions. Kim requested nominations for the office of Council Chair. Tim Dienst nominated Ted Foth. Butch Hapes moved to cease nominations with a second from Mark Morrison. Motion passed. Kim turned the meeting back to Council Chair Ted Foth to complete the elections. Ted requested nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Paul nominated Tim Dienst. Chief Crummett moved to cease nominations with a second from Gary. Motion passed. Ted requested nominations for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Tim nominated Lonnie Knudsen. Chief Crummett moved to cease nominations with a second from Sue Kern. Motion passed. The Plains to Peaks RETAC officers for 2006 are:

Council Chair	Ted Foth
Council Vice Chair	Tim Dienst
Council Secretary/Treasurer	Lonnie Knudsen



IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents reflecting the financial reports for October, November, and December 2005 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. Greg moved to accept the financial report as presented. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Kim informed the Council that Tonia Salmans had forwarded an email to the Regional office submitting her resignation from the Council as the Representative for Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital. The Council accepted the resignation. Vicki Cox, alternate representative for the facility, informed the Council that a new appointment would be forthcoming in the near future.

Kim informed the Council that Trilby McDonald had resigned from the Council as the Representative for Penrose/St Francis Health Services. They accepted the resignation. Teri Mandell, alternate representative for the facility, informed the Council that she would soon be providing a letter to the Council appointing herself as the Representative and Jody Wallace as the Alternate.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time

VII. REPORTS

Officers

Ted thanked Memorial Star air ambulance for landing their helicopter at the meeting location and encouraged those in attendance to inspect this Regional resource.

Ted also informed the Council that his invitation to Senator Greg Brophy had been received but the Senator was unable to attend the meeting due to his schedule.

Regional Coordinator

Kim informed the Council about projects he has been working on. He indicated most of his time this quarter has been spent on numerous projects that are on the agenda and will be discussed in detail. In addition, he reported on a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training that he and Ted attended. Kim also informed the Council about the EMSC Research Project that is



being conducted by the Region, CDPHE, Memorial Hospital, and Penrose/St Francis Health Services.

The final item in Kim's report was about the vehicle provided to him by the Region. Kim reported that the vehicle currently has 130,000 miles but is running fine after a recent tune up. Discussion regarding replacement of the vehicle or the purchase of a new one ensued. Kim informed the Council that he was comfortable with the current unit and would recommend postponing a purchase unless the status of the current vehicle deteriorated. Consensus of the Council was to accept the recommendation.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim provided handouts reflecting the upcoming SEMTAC meetings on January 25-26. An additional handout provided information about the SEMTAC organization and Council membership.

Kim presented two documents to the Council. The first was the current edition of Rule 500 which defines the scope of practice for Emergency Medical Technicians as well as the Drug Formulary. He also provided the proposed changes to Rule 500 by CDPHE. Kim encouraged those in attendance to review the proposal and provide feedback to him as the topic will be discussed at SEMTAC next week.

B) Board of Health Rules

Nothing at this time

C) Legislative Update

Kim provided copies of the 2005 Legislative Report prepared by CDPHE. He encouraged the Council to review the document and provide comment if they have any questions or concerns.

Kim and Nicole Reinhardt provided an update and handouts regarding the efforts of the Trauma Care Preservation Coalition. Nikki also spoke about Senate Bill 19 that would address some concerns regarding automobile insurance.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim informed the Council that the current grant application is available on line. The deadline is February 15th at 5:00 PM. Discussion about a grant workshop was held. Kim was requested to



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schedule a workshop for the first week of February with a possible location to be Northeast Teller County FPD.

Kim then requested a date and location to be confirmed to hold the Regional Grant Hearing for the Provider Grant applications. Black Forest Fire/Rescue offered their facility again. The hearing will be Wednesday, March 8, 2006 beginning at 10:00 AM. Volunteers to review the grant applications will be requested at a later date.

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 updated the Council about the Injury Prevention grant request that was made to The Colorado Trust last quarter. The application was not accepted but the Injury Prevention Committee has decided to pursue other funders for this project. Kim and the committee will continue to update the Council.

F) HRSA Trauma/Burn MCI Cache

Kim updated the Council on the project and informed them that it was complete except for the final reimbursement from the Colorado Rural Health Center. He provided information about the location of all the equipment and thanked Lincoln Community Hospital for their valuable participation in the project.

G) Destination Guidelines

Kim provided copies of the draft Regional Patient Destination Guidelines and requested a decision to approve them as written so they could be forwarded on the CDPHE. Ted asked each County to indicate if the Guidelines were appropriate as written. After discussion, Gary moved to accept the Plains to Peaks Regional Patient Destination Guidelines as presented. Candy Shoemaker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A) Medical Director Meeting

Kim informed the Council that Randy Kuykendall, EMTS Chief, had requested the Plains to Peaks RETAC to host a statewide training for Medical Directors. Kim provided a brochure about the training. It will be held February 17th at the Memorial Administrative Center in



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Colorado Springs. Kim invited all agencies to encourage their Medical Director to attend this meeting. Chief Dave Ury asked if it would be appropriate for agency directors to attend with their Medical Director. Kim encouraged the concept.

B) Plains to Peaks Conference & Awards Program

Kim provided those in attendance with draft Conference brochure. He encouraged all agencies to consider attending again this year. The Conference will be held in Limon on April 29-30 at the Limon Community Center.

Kim spoke about the Regional and State awards programs. He invited everyone to consider making a nomination for the Regional program. The awards dinner program will be held again this year on Saturday night of the Conference.

C) Emergency Medical Dispatch

Kim provided a handout with the agenda for a meeting to be held on February 15th in Limon to discuss issues surrounding the provision of EMD in Cheyenne, Kit Carson, and Lincoln Counties.

D) 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 April
- ii) Lonnie Knudsen: Planning for MCI drill, grants, and NIMS training

b) Cheyenne

- i) Sue Kern: 800 megahertz training, NIMS training, Keefe Memorial Hospital trauma review in April, KMH remodeling
- ii) Kim Schallenberger: Psychiatric patient care concerns

c) Teller

- i) Tim Dienst: Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District was funded, buying equipment, and funding six FTE
- ii) Greg Griswold: Possible county wide grant for communications, discussion about Regional Ambulance Licensure
- iii) Cheyenne McGlue: New EMS Captain, pushing for more training and asking members to attend conferences

d) Kit Carson

- i) Vicki Cox: KCCMH looking for a trauma coordinator and a plan for patient movement when the airport is under reconstruction
- ii) Loren Lambert: Excited about EMD discussions, concern regarding airport reconstruction plans to go with asphalt



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- iii) Ted Foth: Youth-Med program is getting off the ground for teens with interest in any health care field, another large MCI handled by county agencies, KCCEMS has increased supply charges slightly
- e) El Paso
 - i) Franklyn Blaha: Looking for agencies to go together on Provider grant to purchase ambulances at discount, BFFR will have a couple stair chairs to sell
 - ii) Nicole Reinhardt: Memorial Hospital preparing for trauma review this year, "Vanished" is the new TNTT program
 - iii) Teri Mandell: March is the beginning of the ED expansion at Penrose Main and they are also preparing for their trauma review
 - iv) Jody Wallace: Penrose Trauma Symposium is April 7th at the Sheraton Hotel.
 - v) Chief Dave Ury: El Paso County upgrading 800 megahertz to APCO 25, South Central Homeland Security grant process underway

X. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, by consensus Ted adjourned the meeting at 3:08 PM.
The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 18, 2006 in Kit Carson County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator