



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2007

Location: Penrose Cancer Center
2222 N Nevada
Colorado Springs, CO

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present and Ted Foth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ted Foth, Council Chair, presented the agenda. Ted requested that the 2007 Biennial Plan be added to the agenda under New Business. Chief Dave Ury moved to approve the agenda as amended. Sue Kern seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. OFFICER ELECTIONS

Ted requested nominations for the position of Council Chair. Greg Griswold nominated Ted Foth. Sue seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, the question was called. Motion passed.

Ted requested nominations for the position of Vice Council Chair. Greg nominated Tim Dienst. Sue seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, the question was called. Motion passed.

Ted requested nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Sue nominated Lonnie Knudsen. Gary Beedy seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, the question was called. Motion passed.

The properly elected officers for 2007 are as follows:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Ury moved to accept the minutes of October 17, 2006 as presented. Cindy Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.



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IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents reflecting the financial reports for October and November 2006 were reviewed. Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, informed the Council that the December report was not available at this time. Due to numerous snow storms, the fiscal agent had to postpone meetings and the final documents could not be completed prior to the meeting. Kim informed the Council that he would have the report done this week and would forward it onto the Council via email for their review.

Eric Schmidt asked what the “funds in reserve” line item included. Ted explained the line item. Lynn Andersen asked if there was a deadline for use of the Pediatric Research Grant funds. Kim explained there is not a deadline. Greg inquired about the difference between El Paso County’s funds in reserve versus the other four Counties. Kim explained.

Chief Ury moved to accept the October and November financial reports as presented. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ted presented the request for funds from Kit Carson County to the Council for their review. No action required.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Kim presented a letter from Dawn James, NEAHR Public Health planner, regarding Pandemic Flu planning.

Kim presented a letter from Peggy Ray, Children’s Hospital, regarding PALS and/or PEPP training that is being offered to the Region. After discussion, it was decided by consensus to request a PEPP class to be held in Cripple Creek in April. Kim was tasked with contacting Ms Ray to get more information.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim provided a memo announcing the 6th Annual Plains to Peaks EMS/Trauma Conference to be held in Limon, April 28-29, 2007.

Becky Pope provided a Save the Date card for the Penrose Trauma Symposium to be held at the Sheraton in Colorado Springs, April 6, 2007.



VII. REPORTS

Officers

None at this time.

Regional Coordinator

Kim spoke briefly about issues regarding upgrading AEDs to the new AHA CPR guidelines. Kim explained that other items would be discussed throughout the rest of the agenda.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim explained that he was unable to attend the January 2007 SEMTAC meeting due to other training. He provided a copy of the most recent EMTS Section newsletter and explained that he would gather additional information about the meeting and forward it onto the Council.

Eric Schmidt was able to attend the meeting and offered to provide his written report to the Council. Kim will forward as soon as available.

Dr. David Ross, SEMTAC member, provided information about the meeting. He explained that the Formulary Task Force has completed its task and the Draft Formulary was approved by SEMTAC with minor spelling corrections. Kim provided a copy of the draft to the Council. Dr. Ross explained that the Draft Formulary will now be presented to the Medical Advisory Committee for their approval. Dr. Ross stated there was no further action from the Critical Care Paramedic Task Force at this time. Dr. Ross provided information about a waiver request from the Level III facility in Alamosa and the impact that request may have for Memorial Health System and Penrose/St Francis Health Services. Kim and Dr. Ross spoke briefly about work being done by the Transportation Committee regarding ambulance transport safety. Kim provided a draft document regarding use of lights and sirens. Dr. Ross explained that this document and additional information will become part of a "tool box" that will be made available to all ground transport services in the future.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim provided a document to the Council detailing the changes for Emergency Medical Technician Certification that took effect on January 1, 2007.



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C) Legislative Update

Kim reminded the Council that the Region is a member of the Trauma Care Preservation Committee. He was unable to attend the most recent meeting but Tim Dienst did and provided an update to the Council. Kim provided documents reflecting the position of the TCPC and work being undertaken at this time. Tim explained in detail the possible legislation that may be coming forward this session. Tim further explained that data from trauma facilities has been great but that pre-hospital data has been very limited. He encouraged all ground transport services to begin to gather data regarding the effect that recent auto insurance legislation has had on their agency. Tim and Kim will continue to participate with TCPC and will provide updates to the Council.

Eric informed the Council that during the recent SEMTAC meeting Randy Kuykendall, EMTS Section Chief, stated that the only items he was aware of regarding legislation this year were limited to refinements to current legislation. Two items noted were efforts to refine the fingerprint background check and air ambulance licensing.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim reminded those in attendance about the Provider Grant and pertinent dates. Ted requested volunteers to review Regional grant applications. Those persons volunteering include: Ted Foth, Lonnie Knudsen, Tim Dienst, Chief Dave Ury, Cindy Carson, Sue Kern, Lynn Andersen, and Dave Gwyn. Lynn also offered to host the grant hearing at Memorial Hospital. Discussion about a possible date and time ensued with March 13, 2007 from 9:00-12:00 AM agreed upon. Kim will contact the state to inform them and will email the volunteers regarding their duties for this hearing.

Kim noted that a grant workshop was held in Limon in December 2006. He offered to provide assistance to all agencies wishing to apply for this grant.

E) Emergency Medical Dispatch Project

Kim updated the Council on the progress of the project. He provided a handout detailing the goals and work accomplished to date. Kim expressed concern that this project has taken a large amount of his time to the exclusion of other issues. While the project has moved forward, he feels it is time to evaluate the commitment of the Region and each of the Counties to this project. After discussion, the Council encouraged Kim to meet with the BoCC from each of the Counties to gather their input regarding the future. The Council expressed strong support for the project and their continued support but would like to encourage the Counties to consider their position.

Kim noted that the El Paso/Teller 911 Authority has provided strong support to the project and will be hosting a tour of one of their facilities for personnel from Cheyenne, Kit Carson, and Lincoln Counties. Gary noted that commissioners from the Counties should be asked to attend



this tour also as it will include visits with the Medical Director and experts from El Paso/Teller 911. Kim offered to facilitate that.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A) Statewide EMS Data Conference

Kim and Ted spoke about the upcoming conference to be held in Longmont this month. Kim noted the state has the authority to require data from transport services and has been assured that request will become mandatory in the near future. He noted that many Regional agencies have taken steps necessary to comply and offered to assist every agency with this issue. Kim and Ted will provide information back to the Council regarding the conference.

B) Injury Prevention

Kim informed the Council that the Region will continue to work with Memorial and Penrose to bring their TNTT and SafeBET presentations to all Counties in the Region. Both facilities have provided Kim with the media necessary to move forward as requested by local stakeholders.

C) Recruitment & Retention Grant

Kim provided detailed information about the work he has done regarding this new grant opportunity. He provided a possible grant request to the Council. After discussion, Kim was tasked with providing the Council with a two pronged grant application to address both Recruitment and Retention. Due to the short time table, he will have the draft document back to the Council within a week so the Council can provide prompt feedback.

D) 2007 Biennial Plan

Kim informed the Council about the state required deliverable of a Regional Biennial Plan. He provided information about the 2003 and 2005 plans. He requested input from the Council regarding goals for the 2007 plan. After further discussion, Ted asked the Council members to provide preliminary input to Kim by the end of February. Kim will send a reminder email by the middle of February. At that point, Ted will convene a meeting of representatives from each County to discuss the plan so a final document can be provided at the April RETAC meeting.

E) Roundtable Discussion

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



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- 1) Tim Dienst, Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District
The new hospital is scheduled to open August 2007. UPRAD is building a substation in Florissant. For the year, UPRAD is up 49 calls but down 49 transports.
- 2) Karyn Wolfe, Lincoln Community Hospital
Karyn noted that there have been a large number of transports, ER visits, and special projects at LCH.
- 3) Chief Dave Ury, Black Forest FRPD
BFFRPD increased about 200 calls in 2006. They will be receiving a new ambulance in a couple weeks.
- 4) Lonnie Knudsen, Limon Ambulance Service
Lonnie noted they have had a slow 4th quarter.
- 5) Dave Gwyn, Kit Carson County Commissioner
Nothing at this time.
- 6) Cindy Carson, Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital TNC
KCCMH mentioned that trauma staff waited until after this meeting to implement some reorganization. The facility continues to plan for expansion.
- 7) Greg Griswold, Teller County OEM
Greg provided comments about ROSS and NIMS.
- 8) Ted Foth, Kit Carson County Ambulance Service
Call volume was lower until the recent winter storms. The County raised the mileage rate for transport this year.
- 9) Candy Shoemaker, SW Teller County EMS Director
Candy spoke about recent issues with Ford regarding their transport units. Ford will be paying to rechassis.
- 10) Sue Kern, Cheyenne County Ambulance Service Director
A new physician will be joining the staff at Keefe Memorial Hospital in April. One Ford ambulance is in for repairs at this time. During the blizzards, getting the road closed early helped to limit accidents and injuries.
- 11) Lynn Andersen, Memorial Hospital
Memorial opened the new ED this month. The new Briargate facility will start seeing patients in a couple months but not trauma patients.



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- 12) Becky Pope, Penrose/St Francis
Becky announced the hiring of Eric Schmidt into the Trauma Dept.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Ted adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.
The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 17, 2007 in Cheyenne County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator