



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2005

Location: Kit Carson Fire Station
306 W Highway 287
Kit Carson, CO 80825

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

Mark Morrison moved to add a report from each member County during the Announcements portion of the agenda. Gary Beedy moved to accept the agenda as amended. Chief Lance Crummett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynn Andersen moved to accept the minutes of July 19, 2005 as presented. Paul Lastrella seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents reflecting the financial reports for July, August, and September 2005 were reviewed. Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, answered any questions regarding the report. Kim explained that fuel prices are going to adversely affect the budget. Chief Crummett moved to accept the financial report as presented. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim provided the Council with documents reflecting the FY04-05 Financial Review provided to the state. Kim further provided a document explaining the Regional Funding Program. He explained the figures as broken out on the pages and further noted that these documents were deliverables to CDPHE under the new contract. Sue Kern moved to accept the documents as presented. Chief Crummett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Kim read a letter of resignation from the Council by Tonda Scott, Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital representative. The Council accepted the letter with best wishes to Tonda.



V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim informed the Council that two letters of Council appointment had been received from Penrose/St Francis Health Services and Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital. Trilby Butler will be the representative for Penrose/St Francis Health Services and Teri Mandell will be her alternate. Tonia Salmans will be the representative for Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital and Vicki Cox will be her alternate.

Cheyenne County:

- A) Sue reported on the traffic construction and two railroad derailments in the County recently.
- B) Darcy Janssen, Cheyenne County OEM, reported that 92 NOAA weather radios have been purchased with pre-disaster mitigation funds. They will be placed in strategic locations around the County.

El Paso County:

- A) Paul reported on the El Paso County AED program and the recent purchase of 10 new AEDs.
- B) He gave an update on the issue surrounding who will provide ground transport in El Paso County. The current American Medical Response (AMR) contract with the Emergency Services Agency (ESA) will expire in December 2005. However, the Pikes Peak Chiefs Forum and the ESA both voted to extend the current contract to December 2007. The issue will be reviewed again prior to that date.

Kit Carson County:

- A) Darcy Janssen, Kit Carson County OEM, reported on the Mass Vaccination Exercise scheduled for October 28, 2005. It will be at three sites and will provide flu shots to residents of the County while testing the system for its ability to provide mass immunizations.
- B) Loren Lambert informed the Council that the Kit Carson County Airport runways will be torn up and replaced. The reconstruction will begin May 1, 2006 and will be replacing the current concrete with asphalt. Area hospitals will be kept informed about the progress of the project.
- C) Ted thanked Memorial Hospital for their Trauma Nurses Talk Tough presentation last week. He further informed the Council about a "Youth Health Medical" program he is piloting in the area. The program encourages young adults in their pursuit of medical careers.
- D) Ted announced that Kit Carson County EMS will be hosting an EMT Basic class starting in January, an EMT Basic IV class starting November 9th, and an EKG for Basics class in the near future. He will keep everyone informed about the dates.



Plains to Peaks

Emergency Medical & Trauma Service Region



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Lincoln County:

- A) Roxie Devers reported that she also will be using pre-disaster mitigation funds to purchase NOAA weather radios for the County. She went on to explain that 800 megahertz radios purchased through the NE All Hazard Region will be delivered in the near future.
- B) Roxie reported that NE Lincoln County FPD will be obtaining additional extrication equipment to provide rescue in their district.
- C) Roxie also presented two requests for classes in Lincoln County. The Limon Fire Department would like a First Responder class and Hugo Volunteer Fire & Ambulance service would like to host a “scene safety” class. Roxie will be working to help provide this education.
- D) Kim informed the Council that Lonnie Knudsen will be providing a case study in Colorado Springs in the near future regarding a serious trauma case that Limon Ambulance, Penrose Flight for Life, and Penrose Hospital worked on together.

Teller County:

- A) Tim Dienst reported that the Pikes Peak Regional Medical Center had obtained a USDA grant and will begin construction in March 2006.
- B) Tim provided a handout with information about the USDA grant opportunity for rural areas.
- C) Tim reported on the pending ballot issue proposing a mill levy for the Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District.

VI. REPORTS

Officers

Ted informed the Council that he will be inviting Senator Greg Brophy to attend the next Council meeting. Ted explained that Senator Brophy supported the Region regarding the boundary issue.

Regional Coordinator

Kim presented a written report and expanded on the issues addressed in it. That report is attached to these minutes. Kim answered questions and encouraged the Council to contact him with any questions.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report



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Kim reminded the Council that he had sent a report via email regarding the SEMTAC meeting of October 5-6. Kim then highlighted some of the issues from that report.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim provided the Council with handouts regarding proposed changes to Colorado Department of Health Rules. Kim informed the Council that he would keep them updated as meetings and further actions come up.

C) Legislative Update

Kim spoke briefly about the recently approved Air Ambulance Rules and Ground Ambulance Rules.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim informed the Council that the next grant application will be available December 15, 2005. He encouraged all in attendance to consider applying. Kim further noted some changes to the program this year regarding funding amounts that will be allowed for vehicles, training, and defibrillators.

E) Injury Prevention

Kim reminded the Council of the successful provider grant application for injury prevention. He told the Council about recent programs completed and upcoming presentations to be done. This included both the Trauma Nurses Talk Tough and Safe Bet programs provided by Memorial Hospital and Penrose/St Francis Health Services.

Kim provided the Council with a grant opportunity to expand the Regional injury prevention program. The scope and time of the proposed project were discussed by the Council. Gary Beedy moved to ask the Injury Prevention committee to review the proposal. Chief Crummett seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim will work with the Injury Prevention committee to quickly decide the future of this project.

F) HRSA Trauma/Burn MCI Cache

Kim reported to the Council that the \$30,000 grant project was nearly complete. The grant provided equipment in all five counties to enhance their existing pre-hospital MCI capabilities. Kim further informed the Council that the cost of overhead for the grant was not included within the grant. He asked that each County consider funding that amount from their County Designated funding.



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- G) Rick Labishak and Mike Wagner from El Paso County Department of Health and Environment reported on the effort in El Paso County to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Trauma Care Preservation Coalition

Dr. Andrew Berson, Memorial Hospital, reported on the work being done by the TCPC. Dr. Berson is the Vice Chair of the coalition that is working to mitigate the effects of the new auto insurance. He stated that a grass roots effort will be required to effect the changes necessary to help preserve the trauma system statewide. He will keep the Council informed of the coalition work through Kim.

B) Destination Guidelines

Kim provided information regarding the history of the Regional Destination Guidelines. He further provided proposed documents that reflect the current trauma patient destination across the Region. Kim asked that Council members review the proposals and get back to him about necessary updates and changes. Kim informed the Council that he would like to provide the approved guidelines to the SEMTAC in January.

C) Medical Director Meeting Request

Kim informed the Council that the state has asked the Region to host a Medical Director training meeting. The Council agreed with the request and Tim moved to host the meeting at Black Forest Fire/Rescue. Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim will work with Chief Dave Ury and Randy Kuykendall, EMTS Section Chief, to come up with a date.

D) Plains to Peaks Awards Program

Kim spoke briefly about the program and provided those in attendance with award criteria and nomination forms. Kim encouraged everyone to consider participating in the program this year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Butch Hapes moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 PM. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be January 17, 2006 in El Paso County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator