



## RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 15, 2013

**Location:** St Francis Medical Center  
6001 E Woodmen Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**Attendance:** See attached list

A quorum was present. Rob Handley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM

### I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sue Kern moved to accept the agenda as presented. Candy Shoemaker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rob turned the meeting over to Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator. Kim reminded those present that officer elections take place at the first meeting each calendar year. Kim also noted that the current slate of officers had each expressed interest in continuing. Bonnie King moved to retain the current slate of officers for 2013. Ted Foth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rob Handley will be Council Chair, Tim Dienst Vice Chair, and Judi Mitchek will be Secretary/Treasurer for 2013.

### III. APPROVAL OF 10/16/2012 MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed by those present. Lynn Andersen asked that the name for Memorial Health System be changed to reflect their new position. It should be University of Colorado Health-Memorial Hospital South. Sue moved to accept the minutes as amended. Bob Paintin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for October, November, and December 2012. Kim answered any questions. Ted moved to accept the financial report as presented. Sue seconded the motion. Motion passed.



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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.

Bob Paintin reported to the Council his research regarding an invoice in the amount of \$150.00 paid to Kim Schallenberger for work during the CQI Conference in June 2012. His research indicated that salaried employees don't receive additional payments regardless of the work done. Kim stated he had no problem repaying the \$150.00 back and would do so as soon as possible.

## **V. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kim indicated there were no correspondences at this time.

John DeWitt announced that Lincoln County would be hosting an ICS 300 and ICS 400 class in the near future. Interested parties were encouraged to contact John for more information.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **A) Officers**

Rob Handley, Chair, spoke about a recent project he had begun along with Kim. Rob stated that the RETAC had been in place for 13 years and he wanted to get out and meet the agencies to determine if the RETAC is meeting the needs of the stakeholders. Kim noted that Rob had suggested a Regional newsletter to keep the resources of the RETAC in full view of the stakeholders. Those in attendance felt the idea was good and offered some additional thoughts. These included a potential Fact Sheet explaining what the RETAC offers. By consensus, the project was accepted and Rob and Kim were encouraged to move forward.

### **B) Regional Coordinator**

Kim indicated that most of his activities will be covered within the agenda. He did inform the Council about the CRHC RAED project. The project will provide funding to the Region to place an estimated four AEDs in public access this year. Kim also spoke about a project being proposed by the University of Colorado-Denver to build a statewide database of public access AED units. This database would then be available to dispatch centers in an effort to get the lifesaving equipment to a scene quickly. The project proponents are going to write an EMTS Provider Grant requesting approximately \$50K in state funds to support 1 FTE to build out the database. They are asking for letters of support for each RETAC. After discussion, the letter of support was tabled until additional information is provided by the proponents regarding sustainability of the project. Kim was tasked with forwarding information as it becomes available.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**



A) State Council Report

Kim informed the Council that the next SEMTAC meeting will be held in Denver on January 23-24, 2013. Kim and Rob along with other stakeholders will be in attendance. Kim will provide the usual summary of events after the meeting for all interested.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim spoke briefly about HB12-1059 which modifies certification rules for military members and their spouses.

C) Legislative Update

Kim noted that the new session has just begun. Rob added that EMSAC will be hosting the EMS Day at the Capital this year on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim indicated that the FY13 Regional grant was complete.

Kim provided an update on the FY14 Provider grant program at the EMTS Section. Discussion about when and where to host the next Regional Grant Hearing occurred. Black Forest Fire Rescue offered to host once again. The date was established to March 14, 2013 from 0900-1200.

Rob then asked for volunteers from each County to sit on the review panel. The volunteers are as follows: Bob Paintin, Cheyenne County; Jody Wallace or Bonnie King, El Paso County; Ted Foth, Kit Carson County; Rob Handley, Lincoln County; and Candy Shoemaker or Tim Dienst, Teller County.

Kim then informed the Council that he had been approached to consider a Regional grant for the Masimo Rad 57 CO, SpO2 detectors. With significant interest across the Region, the Council gave consensus approval to move forward with this Regional grant application.

Kim spoke about the history of the Regional Medical Direction project, its funding stream, and the potential for future funding. He explained that the SEMTAC had approved three years of steady funding starting in FY15 but that the Region would have to write a System Improvement request for funding in FY14. Candy moved to pursue funding for the RMD/CQI project in FY14 through the System Improvement grant fund. Bonnie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim provided a brief synopsis of a request from Dr David Ross to have the RETAC write a System Improvement grant request for a research project. The project would be a retrospective



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analysis of trauma patients brought Code 2 and 3 back to facilities. The research will look at the number of “Time Critical Hospital Interventions” that were performed within 60 minutes of the patient’s arrival at the facility. Bob Paintin moved to support the project and have the RETAC write a System Improvement grant request. Lynn Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim and Rob attended the meeting in Colorado Springs in December. The next Forum will be held in Colorado Springs March 6-7, 2013.

Kim presented a proposed revision to the planning document used by the RETACs to complete the statutory requirement of writing a Biennial Plan. Kim and Rob explained that this proposal was the result of work done by several RETAC Coordinators in an effort to improve the planning process. It was felt that this proposal would include the trauma system better as the existing template is based solely on the EMS Agenda for the Future. Ted moved to support the proposal. Chief Dave Ury seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F) Pediatric Issues

No update at this time.

G) Drive Smart Colorado, CDOT Grant

Kim provided a brief update on the work being done by Drive Smart Colorado as the contractor for the CDOT Occupant Safety grant.

H) Regional CQI Committee

Kim provided an update on the status of the Regional committee and the membership. The group is just getting started and will be considering bylaws and potential quality initiatives to pursue for the Region.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Healthcare Coalitions

Kim spoke about his trip to Alexandria, VA to learn about Healthcare Coalitions. He further indicated that he had met with the Pikes Peak Regional Medical Response System (PPRMRS)

coalition and the Lincoln County coalition. He also has plans to meet with the coalitions being formed in Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties. Tobi Blanchard, coordinator for the PPRMRS, spoke about the future of Healthcare Coalitions. She agreed with Kim that the future is very



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much an unknown at this time. After considerable discussion, the Council decided to have the RETAC provide a supportive role for the PPRMRS and each of the Healthcare Coalitions being formed in the local counties. The RETAC will remain flexible to provide whatever support may be required as coalitions mature.

## B) RETAC IGA

Kim informed the group that Kit Carson and Lincoln Counties have reviewed the proposal and approved the document. Bob Paintin indicated that he had provided the document to the county attorney and expected a reply in the near future. Candy and Bob Demetry agreed to find out the status of the document in their counties.

## C) 2013 Plains to Peaks EMS/Trauma Conference

Kim provided a draft schedule of events for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual event scheduled for May 3-5, 2013 in Limon.

## D) Chief David Ury

Kim reminded the Council that Chief Dave Ury was attending his last meeting as a representative to the RETAC. Chief Ury has retired from Black Forest Fire/Rescue. Chief Ury was presented with a plaque from the RETAC in appreciation of his 13 years of leadership on the Council.

Chief Ury agreed to work with Kim in an effort to recruit someone as his replacement on the Council.

## E) Roundtable Discussion

Jody Wallace informed the group that the Penrose Trauma Symposium will be held May 3, 2013 at the Marriot in Colorado Springs.

Candy Shoemaker noted that Healthcare Coalitions will be the topic of discussion at the next Teller County EMS Council meeting. Public Health will be in attendance also.

Louise Palermo stated that Penrose-St Francis will be hosting ASLS courses on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Ury thanked everyone for their kindness and encouraged them to keep doing the great work started at the RETAC level.



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Lynn Andersen spoke about the transition at Memorial Health System as they have now integrated with the University Hospital system.

Rob Handley thanked the members for allowing him to continue as RETAC Chair.

Ted Foth thanked Chief Ury for his many years of service and wished him good luck.

Bob Demetry informed the group that the Emergency Services Agency in El Paso County will have a meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> to hear from John Altman about EMS Systems across the nation. Mr. Altman was hired as a consultant to provide information to the agency.

Kim Schallenberger concluded the roundtable discussion by encouraging all interested parties to inform themselves and their agencies about the current discussions surrounding the ESA and the City of Colorado Springs.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Rob adjourned the meeting at 1500.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 16, 2013 in Kit Carson County.

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Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator