



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2009

Location: Limon Community Center
477 D Avenue, Limon, CO 80828

Attendance: See attached list

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

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ted presented the proposed agenda. Tim Dienst moved to accept the agenda as presented. John Gentzel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. OFFICER ELECTIONS

Ted turned the meeting over to Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, for the election of the Council Chair. Kim requested nominations from the Council for the position of Council Chair for 2009. Tim nominated Ted Foth. John seconded the motion. John then moved to cease nominations. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim declared Ted Foth as the duly elected Council Chair and returned the meeting to him.

Ted requested nominations for the position of Council Vice Chair. Candy Shoemaker nominated Tim Dienst. Sue Kern seconded the nomination. Gary moved to cease nominations. Mark Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ted declared Tim Dienst as the duly elected Council Vice Chair.

Ted requested nominations for the position of Council Secretary. Sue nominated Mark Morrison. Lynn Andersen seconded the nomination. Gary moved to cease nominations. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ted declared Mark Morrison as the duly elected Council Secretary.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2008 MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed by those present. Tim Dienst moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Beedy seconded the motion. Motion passed.



IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for October, November, and December 2008. Kim updated the Council on the effort to move the financial records into Quick Books. He will continue to work with Tim on the project. Kim also informed the Council that the office scanner has been fixed and the bills will once again be presented to the Executive Council prior to presenting them to the fiscal agent. Gary moved to accept the financial report as presented. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim provided the Council with a document depicting tables that reflected the history of the County Designated fund balances over the past three years. A second document provided a general summary of the items purchased with the County Designated funds over that same time frame. Sue asked the Council if the County Designated funds could be used to support a trauma facility. Kim informed the group that the funds are to be used to “enhance the delivery of emergency medical services”.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Kim presented a document from Memorial Trauma center regarding a waiver request to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Lynn explained the request to those present.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim presented a “Save the Date” announcement about the next Plains to Peaks EMS/Trauma Conference scheduled for April 25-26, 2009. Tim requested that the Council consider nominating JoAnn Kean for a statewide award this year. Kim responded that he was already planning to submit her name into the award process.

VII. REPORTS

A) Officers

Ted, Council Chair, thanked the Council for the plant and well wishes sent to his office after his recent surgery.

Tim, Council Vice Chair and Mark, Council Secretary had no reports at this time.



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B) Regional Coordinator

Kim spoke about the Rural Access to Emergency Devices grant program through the Colorado Rural Health Center. He and Ted have submitted the appropriate documentation to participate in the grant.

Kim provided a handout from the Anthony Bates Foundation. He informed the Council that the Foundation has requested the Region's support to provide a Heart Screening Event for youth in the Colorado Springs area in March 2009. After discussion, Ted tasked Kim with selecting a committee to further discuss the project and report back to the full Council as soon as possible.

Kim provided the Council with information about the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) program which has just been started in El Paso County. Dr. Dave Ross is the principal in charge of this project.

Kim provided two handouts and some history regarding a grant proposal written by Dr. Ron Rains, Memorial Health System, and Dr. Iver Douglas, Denver Health. The grant originates from the Colorado Department of Public Health and is called the Cancer, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Disease (CCPD) grant. The grant is designed to implement hypothermic cooling in the pre-hospital environment for specific cardiac arrest patients. After discussion, Ted formed a committee to meet with Dr. Ron Rains, principle investigator for the grant, to gather information about the role of the Plains to Peaks Region in this project. The committee members selected were: Rob Handley, Mark Morrison, Tim Dienst, Lynn Andersen, John Gentzel and Kim Schallenberger. Rob moved to provide a letter of support for the project. Sue seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee will report back to the Council as soon as possible on the results of their research.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim informed the Council that the next meeting of the SEMTAC is scheduled for January 28-29, 2009 in Denver.

B) Board of Health Rules

John informed the group that the EMTS Section Chapter 2 rules will be undergoing a thorough review in the coming year. He further informed the Council that the Level III, IV, and V trauma designation rules are due to be reviewed in the near future also. Any changes would probably not take affect until 2011.



C) Legislative Update

Kim spoke about the legislation offered by Senator Morse to increase the funding for the EMTS in Colorado. Kim indicated that SB 02 would be heard before the Senate Transportation committee on Thursday, January 22. Kim and Tim will be testifying in support of the bill.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided a handout reminding the Council about the upcoming Regional Provider Grant hearing. Kim also spoke about a Regional Provider grant application for FY10 that will support numerous agencies in the Region with the purchase of hydraulic ambulance cots and stair chairs for safer patient transport.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim informed the Council that the next quarterly meeting of the eleven statewide RETACs will be held in Ignacio. Tim and Kim will be attending this meeting on March 4-5, 2009.

F) Statewide Needs Assessment

Kim reminded the Council that the SNAP project is on hold until the Colorado Governor removes the state hiring freeze or an exemption is granted for the contractor. He will continue to update the Council as the project moves forward.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A) 2009 Biennial Plan/Strategic Planning

Ted provided a brief recap of the Strategic Planning session held earlier in the day to develop Regional goals for the 2009 Biennial Plan. Ted tasked Kim with forming a committee to refine the selected goals. This committee will provide a report back to the full Council via email prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

B) CDPHE Emergency Preparedness Funding

Kim and Ted briefed the Council about potential funding from the Emergency Preparedness Division at CDPHE for the RETAC. Kim provided a draft request to the Council for discussion. The request would provide funding for an 800 Megahertz radio for the Regional Coordinator and additional funding to support the Regional EMS/Trauma Conference. By consensus, the Council approved of the request. Sue moved to formally present the request to the funder. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed.



C) FY09 Regional Provider Grant/Injury Prevention

Kim provided an update on the progress of this grant. He indicated that each County had been tasked with recruiting volunteers for the training. The potential date for the training will be May 2009.

D) Regional Intergovernmental Agreement proposed revision

Kim reminded the Council about possible revisions to the Intergovernmental Agreement that formed the Region to allow the inclusion of a member to represent Pikes Peak Regional Hospital. He and Ted presented a draft document with proposed wording for the Council's review. Kim further informed the Council that a minor change would need to be made to the Council By Laws if they accept the changes to the IGA. After discussion, John moved to accept the proposed changes. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim reminded the Council that the proposed changes to the By Laws must be heard at the next two meetings prior to a vote to officially change them. He also noted that the Intergovernmental Agreement must now be presented to each Board of County Commissioners for their approval and signatures.

E) EMS Day at the Legislature

Kim provided information to the Council about the event being held at the state Capital on January 27, 2009 to promote Emergency Medical Services. The state EMTS office hopes to make this an annual event. Kim and Tim invited all interested parties to attend if possible.

F) Roundtable Discussion

Judi Smelker-Mitchek, NEAHR Public Health Planner, provided information to those in attendance about "Chempacks". Judi and Lisa Powell, SCAHR Public Health Planner, spoke about the program and updated the Council on Alternate Care Facilities.

Nancy Bogenhagen spoke about concerns with the Emergency Medical Dispatch program in Cheyenne County.

John Gentzel informed the group about the Penrose-St Francis Health Services Trauma Symposium to be held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs on April 3, 2009.

Kandi Kuper let the group know that Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital has completed their expansion and are growing into the new facilities.

Lynn Andersen informed the group that Memorial North in Colorado Springs will begin to provide Critical Care services on Monday, January 26th. She also noted that the Memorial Central trauma department now has a Pediatric Trauma Coordinator and will be pursuing



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accreditation from the American College of Surgeons for both their adult and pediatric trauma services during this years designation review.

Ken Morrison and Mark Morrison spoke about the large wildfire and mass casualty incident which both occurred in Lincoln County on January 19th. They discussed areas they were proud of and also those areas that exhibited a need for improvement. Overall, the group commended the County for their handling of a difficult set of circumstances.

No other attendees had any information to submit at this time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Ted adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 21, 2009 in Kit Carson County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator