



## RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 15, 2014

**Location:** Northeast Teller County FPD  
1010 Evergreen Heights Drive  
Woodland Park, CO 80863

**Attendance:** See attached list

A quorum was present. Rob Handley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM

### **I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented the proposed agenda. Jody Wallace moved to accept the agenda as presented. Candy Shoemaker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **II. APPROVAL OF April 15, 2014 MINUTES**

Minutes were reviewed by those present. Candy moved to accept the minutes as presented. Jody Wallace seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kim presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for April, May, and June 2014. Jody moved to accept the financial report as presented. Candy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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.

### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for the meeting.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements at this time.



## VI. REPORTS

### A) Officers

Rob spoke about the recent National EMS Memorial service held in Colorado Springs. He informed those present that the turnout was very low and encouraged all in attendance to make the effort next year to attend this event. Kim was instructed to add the NEMSMS as a standing item on the RETAC meeting agenda.

### B) Regional Coordinator

Kim informed the group that with the designation of St Francis Medical Center as a Level III Trauma Center, there are new trauma destination guidelines in El Paso County. Kim then asked Chief Carl Tatum to update the group on the status of the ambulance contract between the ESA and AMR for El Paso County. Chief Tatum provided a brief update noting that the ESA is considering back up plans for ambulance transport and there are discussions about a health service district.

Kim provided an update on the Consultative Visit conducted in Cheyenne County. The final report was delivered to local stakeholders with good attendance. Kim then asked Ginny Halligan to comment on the project. Ginny thanked the RETAC for their support and indicated that the recommendations are being considered and that progress is being made. Kim thanked Ginny and Limon Ambulance for their quick response to mitigate the problem of interfacility transfers.

Kim spoke about the 2014 BLS Conference in Limon and provided data showing who attended the event. He also noted that next year's conference will be held at the Lincoln County fairgrounds in Hugo as the Limon High School is undergoing significant rebuilding and construction. Kim then spoke about The Difficult Airway Course hosted by the City of Fountain Fire Department. This was offered using FY14 Supplemental Funding. All attendees from within the RETAC received a full scholarship to attend. Candy indicated the course was very good and thanked the RETAC for bringing it to the Region.

Kim informed the Council that some FY14 Supplemental funding was used to update the [www.joinems.info](http://www.joinems.info) and [www.plainstopeaks.org](http://www.plainstopeaks.org) websites. The RETAC is also now on Facebook at JOINEMS. Kim asked everyone to review the changes and provide feedback. Kim then spoke about the newsletter for the Region. He indicated that he would need some help to keep this project moving forward. Lynn Andersen suggested that the newsletter be done quarterly as opposed to bi-monthly. All agreed with the suggestion.



## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A) State Council Report

Kim provided the CDPHE EMTS Branch quarterly update for the Council's review. As Kim was on vacation during this meeting, Rob and Tim provided a report on the SEMTAC meeting. Rob noted that the online certification process is projected to go online during July. He also stated that the SEMTAC recognized Tim Dienst and Howard Paul for their good work during the most recent legislative session.

The next SEMTAC meeting will be held in Grand Junction on October 1-2, 2014.

### B) Board of Health Rules

Kim noted that the Critical Care Paramedic rules as well as the Level I Volume criteria rules were passed by the BOH during the past quarter.

### C) Legislative Update

Kim provided a summary document of the recent legislative session from the Howe's Group. Tim and Kim both spoke about the new legislation and its impact on EMS. Tim then spoke about activity at the federal level. Senator Bennett and Representative Lamborn have both agreed to co-sponsor the EMS Field Bill. Tim also spoke about efforts from EMSAC and the CMD group to meet with candidates in the upcoming election. These candidates include: Governor Hickenlooper, Bob Beuxprez, Mark Udall, and Corey Gardner. The meetings are for CMD members and Tim encouraged all agencies to become members of both EMSAC and CMD.

Tim informed the group that EMSAC and CMD are considering the upcoming legislative session. Three areas of focus include insurance payment loopholes, certified public expenditures for Medicaid payments, and legislation to support community paramedic programs.

Lynn received information from Children's Hospital Colorado regarding two new laws addressing children and marijuana. The group had a brief discussion about the legislation.

### D) State Provider Grant

Kim informed the group that all FY14 grants have been completed and the RETAC is waiting on reimbursement from the state for the programs.

Kim spoke about the statewide consolidated grant written by the RETAC. The grant and other similar grants received approval from the SEMTAC reviewers. Tim and Rob indicated there was



much discussion at the Public Policy and Finance committee regarding these grants. They stated there are likely some modifications coming for FY16 to streamline the process and to satisfy some of the concerns about the grants. Tim also noted that one “incentive” category was suggested for FY16. The consideration of an incentive category for pediatric equipment will be further discussed at the October SEMTAC meetings.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim noted that he and Rob continue to attend the quarterly forums. Rob noted that these meetings are valuable for networking and to keep all RETACs moving forward.

F) Pediatric Issues

Lynn had no update at this time.

G) Drive Smart Colorado, CDOT Grant

Maile Gray and Barb Bailey, DriveSmart Colorado, provided an update on the work being done within the RETAC. They presented the updated strategic plan for review and answered any questions the group offered. The Council thanked them for their good work on behalf of the RETAC and its stakeholders.

H) Regional CQI Committee

Kim provided an update on the work of the Regional committee. He stated that the FY15 funding was approved. Kim also noted that Dr. Stein Bronsky and Dr. David Steinbrunner were selected by Penrose-St Francis Health Services and Memorial Hospital-University of Colorado Health to be the RETAC Co-Regional Medical Directors. Kim also stated that the CQI Committee has a new member representing the Urban Provider. This is Jason Schallenberger who is employed at AMR in the CES department.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Biennial Plan Update

Kim explained that one of the contract deliverables between the RETAC and the state is the development of a Biennial Plan every two years. In the off years, the RETAC must provide an update on the plan explaining any changes and/or accomplishments during the previous year. Kim provided the Council with the Biennial Plan update document and answered any questions.



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## B) Roundtable Discussion

Maile Gray mentioned that there will be a mock crash in Cheyenne County for high school students on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jody Wallace informed the group that St. Francis Medical Center is now designated as a Level III Trauma Center.

Lynn Andersen provided flyers and spoke about the upcoming Memorial Hospital Trauma Conference in August. She indicated that there will be 25 scholarships to provide a 50% reduction in registration fees for those who apply.

Candy Shoemaker spoke about the upcoming motorcycle rally coming August 15-17 in Cripple Creek. She also noted that Gold Rush days will be this weekend in Victor.

Tim Dienst noted that the Pro Cycle Challenge will be coming through Woodland Park on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Dave Gwyn stated that the mock crash held in Kit Carson County recently was very good education for the public.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Rob adjourned the meeting at 1505.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be October 21<sup>st</sup> in Kit Carson County

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Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator