



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2012

Location: Keefe Memorial Hospital
602 N 6th West
Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810

Attendance: See attached list

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

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ted Foth moved to accept the agenda as presented. Darcy Janssen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF 07/24/2012 MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed by those present. Ted moved to accept the minutes as presented with the correction of "held" to "help" on page four. Sue Kern seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for July, August, and September 2012. Kim answered any questions. Ted moved to accept the financial report as presented. Jody Wallace 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.

Bob Paintin asked the Council to review an invoice presented for payment by the RETAC. The invoice provided a \$150.00 payment to the Regional Coordinator for work done at the June 2012 Regional CQI Conference. Discussion regarding the appropriateness of this payment was held. Ted made a motion to table the decision until the next meeting to allow Bob time to research the issue with the County attorney. Darcy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV and V. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim indicated there were no correspondences or announcements at this time.



VI. REPORTS

A) Officers

Tim Dienst, Vice Chair, provided information regarding the MEDPAC meetings held at the federal level to establish Medicare policy. He stated that the GAO survey and report indicated an increase in the number of Medicare beneficiaries, the number of BLS Emergent transports, the number of private ambulance services, and the number of financial equity firms purchasing ambulance services. The list of participants in the survey was limited to single service, non-governmental private agencies so the completeness of the information was also limited. Tim summarized the information by stating that he felt there was no relief coming from Medicare and that the urban providers would be the hardest hit by the lack of an increase in payments. The next meeting of the MEDPAC will be November 4-5, 2012 and numerous associations are providing letters explaining the effects of the MEDPAC actions.

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 which will begin in November. The project will provide funding to the Region to place an estimated four AEDs in public access this year.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim informed the Council that the last SEMTAC meeting was held on October 3-4 in Denver. He provided a written summary of the meetings for discussion. The quarterly newsletter published by the EMTS office was also available for those in attendance to review. A third document included was a policy by the EMTS Section regarding MCI tags. This document reflects the current practice by most agencies in the state.

Kim provided a summary document of the recommendations which came out of the Rapid Planning Event and the subsequent review by the Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee. He attempted to explain the effects of each of the seven recommendations with help from others who also attended the meetings.

B) Board of Health Rules

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



C) Legislative Update

No legislative update at this time.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim indicated that the FY13 Regional grant was complete and final reimbursements are in the process of being received from the state and participating agencies.

Kim provided an update on the FY14 Provider grant program at the EMTS Section. Some changes were discussed regarding the funding of conferences and Regional Medical Direction programs.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim and Rob attended the meeting in Denver in September. The next Forum will be held in Colorado Springs in December.

F) Pediatric Issues

No update at this time.

G) FY12 Regional Goals & Special Projects

Kim provided updates on the current goals and special projects being conducted by the RETAC.

H) Drive Smart Colorado, CDOT Grant

Kim informed the group that the FY12 CDOT grant is complete as of September 30 and the FY13 CDOT is ready to begin. The CDOT paperwork is in hand and Drive Smart Colorado is actively working already.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Potential 501c3 for RETAC

Kim and Tim spoke about recent progress on the potential relationship between the RETAC and the Ute Pass Emergency Medical Services 501c3 organization. Tim indicated that the relationship was able to move forward at this time. The Council discussed potential projects and agreed by consensus to move forward with the relationship. Any potential projects will be brought before the full Council for approval.



B) FY13 HPP Funding

Kim provided a brief history of funding provided to the RETAC by the Emergency Preparedness Division at CDPHE. He noted that some changes had been approved by the EPD to better accommodate the RETACs statewide. Kim provided an update on each aspect of the grant and was tasked with keeping the Council informed as the projects move forward.

C) Regional CQI Committee

Kim informed those present that the application for the Regional CQI Committee had been distributed several times across the Region. At this time, four applications have been received for the nine positions. Kim asked the Council to refer the document to anyone they felt might be interested in serving. Kim also stated that the Executive Council and the original CQI task force will be meeting via phone conference on October 25th to consider recruiting persons to fill the positions.

D) RETAC IGA

The working document containing potential changes to the Regional Intergovernmental Agreement was provided to the Council. Tim and Kim discussed the year long process to get to this point and asked the Council to move the document forward. By consensus, Kim was tasked with providing a “clean” document to Council members who will then move it forward for review by each of the County attorneys. It was agreed that a timeframe of one month for review would be requested with comments to come back to the Council at the next meeting.

E) Roundtable Discussion

Bob Paintin asked those in attendance for any information regarding dispatch centers which might help Cheyenne County. Tim offered to connect Bob with the Park County personnel who might be able to provide some guidance.

Ted Foth spoke about some the Pedal the Plains bicycle event which took place in Kit Carson County recently.

Jody Wallace informed the group that the list of TNCC courses for 2013 sponsored by Penrose has been provided to all trauma facilities in the Region.

Chief Dave Ury indicated that he will be retiring at the end of January 2013. The new leader at Black Forest Fire/Rescue is Chief Bob Harvey.



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X. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Rob asked for motion to adjourn. Bob Demetry made the motion and Jody Wallace seconded the motion. Motion passed.
The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be January 15, 2013 in El Paso County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator