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RE: Pikes Peak Regional Emergency Medical Service Council

Dear Mr. Schallenberger and members of the Plains to Peaks RETAC,

After much discussion among local EMS agencies and their leadership, it has been decided that the formation of a Pikes Peak Regional Emergency Medical Services Council would be in the best interest of the community served by these agencies. The formation of such an organization would allow for the rapid flow of projects, practices, and ideas free from political infighting. This council would support the areas and agencies from Southern Park county to Manitou Springs and would include parts of Park, Douglas, Teller, and El Paso Counties as would be defined in the bylaws.

The vision of this council would be an open and inclusive body that actively sought involvement from all levels across the healthcare continuum. This would include healthcare populations often isolated from access to EMS bodies, such as dispatch centers, law enforcement agencies, physician groups, healthcare networks, skilled and assisted living facilities, Department of Human Services, and Public Health Departments.

This body would select delegates to represent it in other local, regional, and state committees, councils, and organizations. This could include but may not be limited to Teller County EMS Council, Region IV Prehospital Care Committee, Plains to Peaks RETAC meeting, SEMTAC, EMPAC, and others. The goals of this committee would be to:

- 1) Ensure open and equitable communications for all agencies while supporting the free flow of ideas across the continuum of healthcare.
- 2) Foster an environment of collaboration and collegiality amongst all regional healthcare providers in support of the provision of high-quality EMS pre-hospital care across the region.
- 3) Promote growth and opportunity for both paid and volunteer EMS providers.
- 4) Great opportunities for meaningful education, training, and professional development by leveraging each organizations strength, ensuring we are #strongertogether.

- 5) Promote local EMS best practices by developing strategies for the collection and open dissemination of meaningful data.
- 6) Create opportunities for networking and fellowship within the broader community of health partners.
- 7) To sustain the work of the Plains to Peaks RETAC and its principal agent through financial support
- 8) Establish a body that will ensure RETAC funds are utilized in a way that best aligns with the RETACs vision.
- 9) Support fellow EMS agencies as they strive to accomplish their mission and execute their vision.

The Plains to Peaks RETAC stepped forward, when requested, to provide a “home” for the Regional Medical Director Committee and the Region IV Prehospital Care Committee. While the RETAC doesn’t dictate the scope and goals for these committees, the RETAC does provide an official entity to support the work of the committees. The stakeholders in Teller County and the surrounding communities would like to request a similar arrangement for the proposed Pikes Peak Regional EMS Council. This will codify the nature of the PPREMS Council through the creation of bylaws and similar support as provided to the other committees under the RETAC.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very Respectfully,

The Teller County EMS Council Leadership