



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2013

Location: Kit Carson County Ambulance Service
257 15th Street
Burlington, CO 80807

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Rob Handley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, asked that the FY14 Regional Biennial Plan be added to the agenda. Bob Paintin moved to accept the agenda as amended. Tim Dienst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2013 MINUTES

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

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for January, February, and March 2013. Kim answered any questions. Tim moved to accept the financial report as presented. Judi Mitchek 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

Kim indicated there were no correspondences at this time.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shalou Herrera-Puno announced that Sally Duncan would be leaving Memorial Trauma Services to pursue personal interests. There will be an open house on May 14 at Memorial to thank her for her service.



Bonnie King announced that Dr. Roger Nagy will be leaving Penrose-St Francis Health Services in mid-June.

Rob announced that Limon Ambulance Service would be hosting the 2nd Annual Open House on June 8th. This will be done in conjunction with numerous other local and regional agencies to promote emergency services.

John DeWitt announced that a recent class on radio operations had been videotaped and would be available on DVD for those interested.

VI. REPORTS

A) Officers

Judi indicated that Dr. Zack Pimentel truly appreciated the award and recognition during the recent Regional awards program. Judi also mentioned that Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital would be hosting another Rural Trauma Team Development course in the near future.

B) Regional Coordinator

Kim indicated that most of his activities would be covered within the agenda. He did speak about four specific items. Kim indicated that the Regional newsletter is progressing nicely and should be available for distribution by mid-June. Kim reminded those present about the open Council position created by the retirement of Chief Dave Ury. He noted that a volunteer has come forward and been recommended by the Pikes Peak Chiefs Forum. Kim will present the letter of recommendation to the El Paso County Commissioners soon in an effort to get the position filled. Kim stated that he will be performing a regional ambulance base rate survey in the near future. The results will be made available to all interested stakeholders. Kim informed the group that Candy Shoemaker had suggested working with the Stryker vendor in an attempt to obtain reduced service and maintenance rates for agencies in the Region. Kim has made contact with Stryker and they are interested in working with all interested parties. Kim will continue to keep the Council informed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim provided meeting notes, the EMTS Section report, and two supporting documents to the Council for their review. He indicated that several positions on the SEMTAC are open currently and encouraged members to consider applying. The state office sent an email recently asking for assistance to fill the positions of "county emergency manager" and "officer/crew member of a volunteer pre-hospital service". Kim provided information about the recent meetings to consider



modification of the volume criteria for Level I and II trauma centers. Judi asked about the status of “trauma light” software and Kim indicated that the state has decided to move in a different direction with data collection at Level IV trauma centers. Kim reminded the group that the 4th Annual EMS Safety Summit will be held in October in Loveland.

Kim spoke about the changes to the CREATE education grant program and the Regional Medical Direction funding stream. Kim answered questions about the two programs.

B) Board of Health Rules

Rob noted that the Chapter 2 rules regarding scope of practice have been modified and he encouraged all stakeholders to review those changes.

C) Legislative Update

Kim reminded the group that the legislative session had just ended. Kim and Tim spoke about some new legislation this session including the Critical Care Paramedic, EMS Peer Support, and Mandatory Reporting of Abuse for EMS.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided an update on the FY14 Provider grant program at the EMTS Section. The SEMTAC grant hearings will be May 15-16. Kim reminded any agencies with a FY14 Provider Grant to attend the hearing if possible. Kim will be at the hearing to defend the Regional Equipment grant request and to provide support to any grants written by agencies within the Region.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim stated that the next Forum would be held in Colorado Springs on June 5-6. Kim and Rob will attend.

F) Pediatric Issues

Shalou Herrera-Puno informed the group that Dr. Tom Baesl is the new trauma program director at The Children’s Hospital at Memorial Health System.

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. The FY14 grant application has been submitted.



H) Regional CQI Committee

Kim provided an update on the status of the Regional committee and the membership. The group has met a couple times and will be considering the data available for “response mode” within the database.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Healthcare Coalitions

Kim thanked the Council for their guidance last quarter about how to best support the new coalitions from the Regional level. Kim indicated that he has been attending the Pikes Peak Regional Medical Response System meetings, the Kit Carson County ESF8 meetings, and the Lincoln County Healthcare Coalition meetings to provide support from the RETAC. Kim asked Sue Kern to add him to the mailing list for the Cheyenne County coalition meetings as he has not been able to attend as yet.

B) RETAC IGA

Kim informed the group that the respective Counties have each reviewed the proposed IGA with the modifications requested by El Paso County. All Counties have indicated support for the new document. Kim will be taking the document around to each of the Boards of County Commissioners for their signatures in the near future.

C) 2013 Plains to Peaks EMS/Trauma Conference

Kim and Rob spoke about the recently completed conference. The event was a great success with good attendance and great reviews. A document showing past award winners from the Regional award program was also provided for the Council members.

D) FY14 Regional Biennial Plan

Kim reminded the group that the FY14 plan will be due to the state office by June 30th. Kim provided some history about the previous plans and some insight into changes which will be coming in FY15. Kim and Rob asked each of the Council members to consider 1-2 potential goals for this plan. Those goals are to be submitted to Kim by May 23rd. Judi asked Kim to send the current plan to the Council members for their review.

Kim and Rob will be taking the FY14 Biennial Plan and the new IGA around to each of the Boards of County Commissioners when the plan is complete and accepted by the Council.



E) FY14 RETAC Budget

Kim presented the Council with a document showing current and projected expenditures for the Regional office. He also provided a proposed budget for FY14 based on history, expected needs, and projected expenditures. After discussion, Ted made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the following change: increase the insurance/benefits line item by \$2000. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed. Each of the County representatives present agreed to support the budget with \$850.40 of County Designated funds for FY14. A similar commitment was made for FY13 but not needed due to cost savings and additional income from System Improvement grants.

F) Roundtable Discussion

Tim Dienst informed the group about a vendor called "Samba" which will monitor the driving histories of employees for only \$1.70 per month.

Ted Foth stated that the Boy Scout jamboree has concluded for 2013 with 600 people in attendance. The Little Britches Rodeo will be held in Burlington over Memorial weekend. The Colorado State Firefighters Association will be hosting the annual games and meetings in Burlington during the third week of June in Burlington. Finally, Kit Carson County was awarded a grant from DOLA to build a new ambulance station in Burlington.

Bob Paintin addressed the group regarding the need to provide education about the purpose, goals, and value of the RETAC system. All present agreed with the statement and proposed some ideas about how to address the issue.

John DeWitt stated that he is working with Kevin Kuretich to obtain a tornado siren for the west side of Limon. He is also working on GIS mapping of hazardous materials and oil production sites in Lincoln County.

Rob Handley thanked the Council for their good work and positive discussions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 1500. Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 16, 2013 in Teller County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator