



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2023
Location: Hybrid Meeting via Zoom
Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. Introductions from all attendees were completed.

I. CONSIDERATION of DRAFT AGENDA

Tim Dienst presented the proposed agenda. Eric Murray moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wendy Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. CONSIDERATION OF January 17, 2023 MINUTES

Minutes of the January 17 2023 meeting were reviewed. Eric Murray moved to accept the minutes of meeting as presented. Wendy Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. CONSIDERATION of FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for January, February, and March 2023. He went through the document and explained the various income and expenses. Eric Murray moved to accept the financial report as presented. Heather Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements at this time

VII. REPORTS

A) Officers

Tim Dienst thanked UC Health and Centura for their continued support of the annual Paramedic Refresher class.

Tim spoke about some confusion with Workmans Compensation insurance reimbursements. He provided an option for appealing any denials.



No reports from other officers at this time.

B) Regional Coordinator

Kim Schallenberger informed the Council that many items would be covered during the regular agenda. He also provided a memo with the following topics and expanded on his work within each area:

- Contract Deliverables
- Education
 - ALS Conference had to be cancelled due to lack of registrations
 - BLS Conference schedule for April 29-30
- Advocacy
 - Working with state OEPR regarding Pulsara
 - EMSAC Advocacy meetings weekly
- Mental Health
 - Continue to be a member of the RMCP Board
- Statewide Meetings
 - Attending and providing input during the numerous task forces ongoing at the state level.
- Awards
 - Regional Awards program on April 29th
- Local Meetings
 - Kim Schallenberger informed the Council that all local meetings are ongoing and attendance has been improving over time.
 - Medical Director Group very active
 - Regional IV and Pikes Peak Regional PCC groups are doing well also.
 - Eastern Emergency Care Committee is new but the stakeholders are excited.
 - MCI Planning going well

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim provided the Council with his notes from the recent SEMTAC meeting. Several topics were highlighted which included:

- St Francis Medical Center and UC Health Grandview were both reviewed in the last quarter for trauma redesignation. SFMC Level III and Grandview Level IV
- Many task forces and committees continue work on the SB22-225 legislation to include Ground Ambulance Licensing and EMS Sustainability

B) Board of Health Rules

No current rules before the Board of Health

C) Legislative Update



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Tim Dienst went through the process of contacting your legislator at the federal level regarding EMS legislation on the NAEMT website.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim Schallenberger updated the group on the FY24 EMTS Provider Grant

- SEMTAC Hearings will be in May
- Grant awards will be announced by June 30th

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim spoke about the value of the Forum and the next meeting.

F) Pediatric Issues

Nothing at this time

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A) Biennial Plan Goals for FY24

Kim Schallenberger provided some background on the Biennial Plan requirement and how goals have been developed in the past. Kim asked the Council to provide more input into the goal development for the FY24-25 Plan. The floor was opened up for suggestions which included but were not limited to the following: Find additional funding for RETAC operations, ALS Outreach Education; Paramedic to RN Bridge Education; Consider Staff Sharing options; Consider RETAC Mentorship program for leaders and clinicians; etc.

B) Regional MCI Planning

Kim Schallenberger and Chief Sean Pearson provided an update on the MCI project. The written plan is complete and being reviewed by stakeholders. The MCI Bag project is well underway with delivery of bags in El Paso County expected in the near future. The use of Pulsara for MCI events and Patient Tracking is underway with exercises planned for June in the north end of El Paso County

C) FY24 RETAC Budget: Operations, County Designation, Capital Expense

Kim Schallenberger presented the Council with the current estimates for FY23 year end income/expenses. Kim further provided a draft budget based on historical data and projected income for FY24. The Council had robust discussion about the need for additional funding to meet the needs of the RETAC. Tim Dienst informed the Council there was a movement by all RETACs to request additional funding for the FY24 cycle but it has not been approved by SEMTAC and likely won't before July when the budget deliverable is required to be submitted to the state EMTS Branch.

Tim made the suggestion that the Counties may have to contribute from their County Designated funds to balance the Operations budget. All members agreed with the concept of \$2000 per year to be added to operations from each of the County Designated funds. With the additional funds available to balance the



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budget, Heather Morris made a motion to approve the FY24 Budget as amended. Jared Cass seconded the motion. Tim suggested an individual voice vote would be advised since this was reflecting changes to the budget and the County Designation funds. All council members voted in the affirmative and the motion passed. Kim was tasked with providing the amended budget to the state by July 1st as required in the contract.

D) Roundtable

Wendy Erickson informed the Council about the opening of St Francis Interquest in July 2023.

Commissioner Jolly expressed his appreciation of the potential for collaboration between large and small agencies as noted during the Goals discussion.

No comments from the other members or attendees.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Tim Dienst adjourned the meeting at 1430.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 18, 2023 in Teller County. The virtual option will also be available.

Kim E Schallenberger, Executive Director