



### RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 19, 2022  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform  
**Attendance:** See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Kim Schallenberger announced all those present on the phone for the meeting.

#### **I. CONSIDERATION of DRAFT AGENDA**

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

#### **II. CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY 18, 2022 MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Eric Murray moved to accept the minutes of meeting as presented. Wendy Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **III. CONSIDERATION of FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kim Schallenberger presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for January, February, and March 2022. He went through the document and explained the various income and expenses. Scott Nyman moved to accept the financial report as presented. Heather Finch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Heather Morris announced that Kit Carson County Ambulance would be hosting an EMT class starting in June with an IV Course to follow in the near future.

#### **VI. REPORTS**

A) Officers

No reports from the 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
  - The EMS/Trauma Conference is scheduled in person at the Limon High School for April 30-May 1
  - In collaboration with UC Health EMS, a virtual/hybrid AEMT course is underway with good reviews to date.
- Advocacy
  - Weekly advocacy meetings
  - EMS at the Capitol in March
- Mental Health
  - Working with RMCP for education about the pending 988 crisis line
- Statewide Meetings
- Awards
  - Regional awards program will be April 30 during the Limon Conference
- Local Meetings
  - Trauma Site reviews for Lincoln Health and Keefe Memorial HSD
- Other
  - Kit Carson and Cheyenne Counties combined dispatch centers in Burlington
- Biennial Plan Goals

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

A) State Council Report

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

- Randy Kuykendall recognition at retirement
- Parkview Medical Center dropping from Level II to Level III trauma center
- Non-Designated Facility processes for data submission going well

Kim provided a copy of the EMTS Branch Quarterly report for review. Kim noted this was a new format which includes significant data from the Branch activities.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim informed the Council that the EMS Chapter 3 Data Rules would go before the Board of Health in July with a planned implementation of January 1, 2023

C) Legislative Update

Tim Dienst spoke about three pieces of legislation



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- Establishment of a new Cardiac Arrest Management Office within CDPHE
- Medicaid Rate Increase included in the Long Bill to raise Medicaid payments to 80% of the Medicare rate for Emergency Medical Transport and 70% of the non-emergent transports
- EMS Modernization Bill which would potentially move ground ambulance licensing from the county to the state level. It will also create a task force to review the statewide EMS system for improvements in recruitment/retention, access to EMS, and financial sustainability

Jasmine Shea spoke about a bill which would potentially require hospitals to increase staffing in each department without adding any funding source.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided an update on the status of the FY22 and FY23 funding cycles for the EMTS Provider Grant. Kim also provided a memo depicting the grant applications for FY23 from within the Plains to Peaks RETAC.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

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

F) Pediatric Issues

No update at this time.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Recruitment/Retention Project Update

Kim spoke about the progress and initial impressions from the data which has been coming in to his office. Kim noted that there will be a final report available to not only this RETAC but statewide and for elected officials. Kim will continue to provide updates.

B) FY23 Budget Consideration

Kim presented financial documents depicting the current status of the RETAC Operations, County Designated, and Capital Expenses Funds for FY22. Within that document were nine months actual revenues/expenses, three months projected revenues/expenses, and a final estimate of the status at the end of the fiscal year. Kim then presented a proposed budget based on those figures and projections for FY23. After discussion, the Council approved, by a unanimous voice vote, the budget as presented with the agreement to further consider options for operational funding by the County Designated accounts. On a voice vote, each representative agreed to consider a proposal to use \$2000 annually from each of the county's funds to support the operations of the RETAC. This proposal will be discussed along with an amended budget at the July 2022 meeting of the RETAC Council.



C) Roundtable

Heather Finch indicated that UC Health Memorial Hospital is striving to increase their outreach through PI support, injury prevention, and other ways to support facilities. She also noted that their Level I Trauma Review is scheduled for July 19-20. Christal Villanueva is the new TPM at UC Health Memorial North.

Kara Prisock spoke about a program through the SC HCC to provide scholarships for 25 individuals to attend Peer Support training.

Sean Pearson is working with the North Group to restart the MCI planning which was delayed due to the pandemic.

Wendy Erickson stated that the Centura Trauma Symposium will be May 6<sup>th</sup> in a virtual format with 7.5 hours of CE for prehospital and nurses.

Eric Murray informed the group that the nursing home which is part of their Health Service District is closing on June 15<sup>th</sup> due to difficulties with recruiting and retaining staff. There are 35 individuals living at the nursing home at this time.

Maureen Bradley indicated that the 9<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the EMS Institute Paramedic program will be starting soon with applications open on their website. They will also have an EMT class starting in July.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Tim Dienst adjourned the meeting at 1401.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 19, 2022.

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Kim E Schallenberger, Executive Director