



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2022
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform
Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Wendy Erickson, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. Kim Schallenberger announced all those present on the phone for the meeting.

I. CONSIDERATION of DRAFT AGENDA

Wendy presented the proposed agenda. Eric Murray moved to accept the agenda as presented. Jared Cass seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kim Schallenberger, Executive Director, reminded the Council of the process and timeline for election of officers. As this is an odd numbered year, the office of Vice Chair is up for election. Kim assumed control of the meeting for the election. Kim asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Rachel Smith nominated Wendy Erickson. Eric Murray seconded the motion. Kim asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Hearing no additional nominations, Kim declared Wendy Erickson as the Vice Chair of the RETAC for the next two-year cycle.

III. OFFICIAL MEETING POSTING ANNOUNCEMENT

Kim presented a document to the Council depicting the posting location for all meetings of the RETAC. The memo also noted the physical and electronic addresses of the official meeting minutes and documents. No action required of the Council

IV. CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 MINUTES

Minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Eric Murray moved to accept the minutes of meeting as presented. Rachel Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. CONSIDERATION of FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for August, September, and October 2021. He went through the document and explained the various income and expenses. Eric Murray moved to accept the financial report as presented. Ted Sayer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence



VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements

VIII. 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
 - EMS Financial Conference very successful
 - ALS Conference postponed until 2023
 - Concern about BLS Conference due to pandemic continuing
- Advocacy
 - EMS Cost Reporting
 - Tim Dienst at legislature today
- Mental Health
- Statewide Meetings
- Awards
- Local Meetings
- COVID19
- Supplemental Reimbursement Program
 - One new agency for this cycle
 - Two agencies had to stand down
- Biennial Plan Goals

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

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

- Open SEMTAC Positions
- New Members of the EMPAC
- EMS Chapter 3 Data Rules revised and approved by SEMTAC
- Lincoln Community Health received redesignation as a Level IV Trauma Facility
- NREMT BLS Skill Check sheets no longer in use
- New EMSC Program Manager: Nicolena Mitchell



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- Non-Designated Facility processes for data submission within the state system
- Concern by Funding Program for ambulances microchips in FY23 cycle

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

B) Legislative Update

Kim provided a brief update on the work of the EMSAC Advocacy Committee and Tim Dienst. Information will continue to be sent out to the community.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided pertinent dates for the FY23 EMTS Provider Grant cycle. There will be a virtual grant workshop on January 18, 2022 at 1700. The Regional Grant Hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2022. Kim asked for volunteers from the Council to sit on the review panel. The following persons volunteered: Jasmine Shea, Rachel Smith, Ken Stroud, Wendy Erickson, Jared Cass, Ted Sayer, Eric Murray and Dave Hansher. Kim will provide details to the review team as the date approaches.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

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

F) Pediatric Issues

No Update at this time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A) Recruitment/Retention Project

Kim indicated that the RETAC had received the purchase order from the state and the project is behind but underway. All eleven RETACs will be surveying rural/frontier agencies. Kim will update the Council as the project progresses.

B) AED Registry Project

Dr. Stein Bronsky provided information about the AED Registry Project through the El Paso/Teller E911 Authority for the counties of El Paso and Teller. He indicated there were over 500 AEDs currently in the registry and that all PSAPs were now able to provide locations to the public in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. Dr. Bronsky noted that he was applying for a significant grant from the Colorado Springs Health Foundation to support the continued addition of AEDs and for staffing to support the project. He



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will update the Council on the status of the grant application. There is potential for the RETAC to be asked to support a contract person but those discussions will be ongoing. Kim will update the Council.

C) Roundtable

Eric Murray indicated that SW Teller EMS was dealing with some positive COVID staffing issues.

Aric Staley with Southern Park County indicated they had implemented the Crisis Standards of Care due to 40% COVID positive staff. Recent testing is coming back negative.

Heather Finch stated that UC Health Memorial Central would be hosting their Level I Trauma Review in April. She also noted that the Trauma Program Manager workgroup has not been meeting due to the pandemic but they hope to begin again soon.

Jasmine Shea with Keefe Memorial Hospital indicated they were also preparing for the upcoming Level IV Trauma Review.

Ted Sayer spoke about the current ESA Grant. It is specific to El Paso County agencies but there have been no applications to date and he encouraged those eligible to apply.

Kim Schallenberger informed the group that Cheyenne and Kit Carson Counties started a joint dispatch center on January 17th. It is housed in Burlington and Kim will update the group on the progress.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Wendy Erickson adjourned the meeting at 1315.

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

Kim E Schallenberger, Executive Director