



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2020
Location: Lincoln Community Hospital
111 6th Street
Hugo, CO 80821
Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Wendy Erickson, Council Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions from those in the room and on the phone.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wendy Erickson presented the proposed agenda. Heather Finch moved to accept the agenda as presented. Ted Sayer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wendy and Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, noted that Council Elections are generally held each year during the January meeting. They will occur during the April meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF October 15, 2019 MINUTES

Minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Eric Murray moved to accept the minutes of October 15th as presented. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for October, November, and December 2019. Rayetta moved to accept the financial report as presented. Heather Finch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Wendy Erickson abstained.

Kim Schallenberger 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 was no correspondence during the last quarter.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from those in attendance

VI. REPORTS

A) Officers



No Reports at this time.

B) Regional Coordinator

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, 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
- Advocacy
- Mental Health
- Statewide Meetings
- Awards
- Local Meetings
- Other

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:

- Open positions on the SEMTAC
- Work being done by the state EMTS office to implement legislative initiatives from 2019
- Changes and updates to the Trauma Chapter Rules
- Potential changes in response times for trauma surgeons at Level III trauma centers

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim and Wendy spoke about the timeline for the Trauma Chapters 1-4. A draft version of all four chapters came to SEMTAC in January with a final proposed version in April 2020. If approved at that time, they will go before the Board of Health in May 2020.

C) Legislative Update

Jasmine Shea spoke about the CTN Legislative Committee

- Potential funding for Stop the Bleed in high schools. Roadblocks include finding the funding.
- “Re-insurance” initiative proposed by Governor Polis was discussed which would provide “insurance” for the insurance companies using the hospital provider fees

Kim presented a document from EMSAC showing current legislative initiatives at the Colorado state house and at the federal level.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim spoke about the EMTS Provider Grant



- FY20 EMTS Provider Grant
 - Kim encouraged all those with grants to ensure they complete quarterly reporting on time and request reimbursement timely.
- FY21 EMTS Provider Grant
 - The grant application is open and will close on February 15th.
 - Kim spoke about the changes and significant challenges with the new processes. He encouraged all who are considering applying to contact him for guidance.
 - The RETAC held two grant workshops: Hugo and Manitou Springs
 - The Regional grant hearing will be March 18th at BFFR

Kim provided a document showing a summary of CREATE grant awards during September 2019.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim and Wendy spoke briefly about the December RETAC Forum. The next RETAC Forum will be held in Gateway in March.

F) Pediatric Issues

No updates at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Medical Director Committee Update

Kim spoke about the work and accomplishments of the Regional Medical Director Committee which includes updates to clinical guidelines, patient destinations, quality initiatives, and other valuable issues.

B) CARES Participation

Kim and Wendy spoke about the potential for participating as a region in the CARES cardiac arrest data base. The topic had been presented previously but required significant financial commitment from the RETAC. There is now a grant supporting the CARES program statewide. The CARES data is being submitted already by UC Health, Centura, and American Medical Response. Kim asked the Council to decide if his time should be committed to encourage participation in the CARES program across the region. Jasmine Shea made a motion to support the CARES program in the RETAC. Heather Finch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim will commit to working with the CARES statewide coordinator and regional stakeholders.

C) Behavioral Health Committee Request

Kim presented a request from Dr. Jeremy DeWall to form a RETAC committee to support Behavioral Health patient efforts specifically in the El Paso and Teller County area. There are three agencies working to mitigate the challenges with behavioral health patients and the committee would be used to coordinate their activities.



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Kim informed the Council that he felt this committee would certainly support the established entities but his additional goal was to have those entities support behavioral health initiatives across the eastern area of the RETAC where resources are significantly limited.

Jasmine Shea made a motion to create a Behavioral Health Committee within the RETAC. Ken Stroud seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim will work with Dr. Jeremy DeWall to bring the committee forward and will work with all stakeholders across the region.

D) ALS and BLS Conferences

Kim spoke about the upcoming BLS Conference scheduled for April 24-26 in Limon. He noted many of the topics and indicated that a brochure and registration information would be coming out soon.

Kim spoke about the ALS Conference scheduled for March 21-22 in Cripple Creek. He stated that due to unfortunate circumstances the main speaker was not going to be able to participate. He further noted that registrations were lower than expected at this time. The ALS Conference committee discussed the concerns over email and made the decision to cancel the 2020 ALS Conference. The ALS committee will work to bring the conference back in 2021.

E) Roundtable Discussion

Darcy Janssen, director of the NE HCC, spoke about several items being done by the HCC

Mike Archuleta, Centura Outreach, spoke about the new statewide nursing awards program created by the Colorado Trauma Network. Heather Finch in the chair of the awards committee and provided additional information. Kim was tasked to send out the nomination process across the region.

Mike also indicated that CTN in collaboration with Children's Hospital Colorado and University Health will be providing ICD 10 training in the near future.

Francie Anderson, Flight for Life Outreach, provided a flyer with information about Flight for Life programs. The flyer additionally addressed the reasons that the FFL program doesn't offer "membership" programs. Kim was asked to get the information out to the regional stakeholders.

Wendy Erickson informed the group that Centura will be providing TNCC training at Lincoln Community Hospital on March 26-27.

Commissioner Pat Ward thanked Kim for supporting the efforts to enhance behavioral health programs in the eastern area of the region.

Flannery O'Neil, AHA, spoke about an EMS recognition program sponsored by the American Heart Association. Kim was tasked with getting the information out to stakeholders across the region.

John Gentzel, UC Health EMS Liaison, provided information about the Paramedic Refresher program being jointly provided by UC Health and Centura.



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IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Wendy adjourned the meeting at 1429.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 21, 2020 in Kit Carson County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator

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