



Plains to Peaks

Emergency Medical & Trauma Service Region



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RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2025

Location: SW Teller County EMS
700 North A Street
Cripple Creek, CO 80813

Virtually via Zoom

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. Introductions from all attendees were completed.

I. CONSIDERATION of DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was presented. Sherry Steffen made a motion to accept as presented. Eric Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. CONSIDERATION OF April 25, 2025 MINUTES

Minutes of the April 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Sherry Steffen moved to accept the minutes of the April meeting as presented. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. CONSIDERATION of FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenger presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for April, May, and June. Eric Murray moved to accept the financials as presented. Sherry Steffen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim presented a document showing the expenditures of the one-time \$50K funding provided by the state for FY25. Kim and Tim Dienst spoke about the budget for these funds and the benefits of those categories.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No formal announcements at this time.

VI. REPORTS

A) Officers

Tim Dienst reported that EMSAC would be working with Representative Dusty Johnson on a bill to establish EMS as an essential service.



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B) Regional Coordinator

Kim Schallenger informed the Council that many items would be covered during the regular agenda. He also spoke about several items which have occupied significant amounts of time this past quarter.

- EMS Financial Conference
 - September 24-26, 2025
 - Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs
 - Collaboration with the EMSAC CMD Group for a leadership retreat on the 24th.
- Recent Trauma Designations
 - UC Health Memorial Central (I) will be hosting trauma designation reviews in August 2025.
- Pulsara
 - Pulsara is continuing to be used and further implemented within the Plains to Peaks RETAC
 - State funding option has been approved by the Joint Budget Committee. Still waiting for final approval.
 - Pulsara has committed to maintaining the MedOps portion of the application through September 2025
 - The RETAC is working with the state and Healthcare Coalitions to find bridge funding until the state approves the final amount.
- BLS Conference
 - Next conference; Last weekend in April 2026
- AEMT Class
 - Kim updated the Council on the status of the project.
 - Nine students have passed the National Registry; at least one more has the opportunity to test
 - The Council encouraged Kim to work with stakeholders to consider options for another course building on the successes of the most recent class.
- Rural Trauma Team Development Course
 - Keefe Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne Wells will be hosting the RTTD course in collaboration with Common Spirit.
 - The Plains to Peaks RETAC will be working with Common Spirit to advertise and support the event in October
- Ground Ambulance Licensing
 - The state of Colorado assumed licensing of agencies and permitting ambulances on July 1 2025
 - The required policies at this time include the minimum equipment list and a fatigue policy. The state does have templates for agencies to use.
- Escaping Violent Encounters Training
 - Train the Trainer provided at AMR Colorado Springs; 14 instructors trained
 - Being provided in conjunction with UPRHSD
 - Initial course provided in Burlington in June. Courses scheduled for Limon (July), Calhan & Falcon (September)
- Regional and Statewide Whole Blood Project
 - The Colorado Springs Whole Blood update is included in the meeting materials
 - Teller County started their WB program in early June.
 - Dr. Keenan provided WB education to groups in Security and Falcon.
 - Kim noted that the Foothills RETAC had received some NHTSA funding to support their program and he has directed the regional coordinator to research this option.
- Council & Stakeholder Travel
 - Kim reminded the Council about the budget line items from the Supplemental Funding which includes funding to support travel for statewide meetings such as:
 - RETAC Forum, SEMTAC Meetings



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VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim provided the Council with his notes from the recent SEMTAC meeting. Kim expanded on some of the topics.

- Richard Cornelius was elected as the SEMTAC chair for FY26
- The Interfacility Safety Task Force completed the guidance and scoring tool. The group discussed the tool briefly. Kim indicated that it will be sent out from the EMTS Branch to the statewide community with a memo providing history and purpose.
- The Grant Improvement Task Force under Public Policy and Finance has been stood up again. The potential to move the timeline is still under consideration and is making progress.
- The legislature cleaned \$300K dollars of interest earned from the HUTF EMS Account to help balance the recent budget. This is hopefully a one time move but the community must remain vigilant and watch.
- Path4EMS is growing as a resource for EMTs and Paramedics. The program is doing great work but is underfunded. The SEMTAC has formed a Task Force to consider options for funding but in the meantime, The task force is considering a certification fee for all EMS providers to fund the program. Another option is to request some of the Opioid settlement funding to support the program.
- The EMT IV Authorization curriculum is being reviewed and updated.
- Kim noted that the EMTS Branch Quarterly Newsletter is available online as well as the EMTS Annual Data report.

B) Board of Health Rules

No current rules being heard.

C) Legislative Update

Tim Dienst spoke about legislation currently being supported by EMSAC which includes

- HB1088 was unanimously approved by both parties and both chambers of the Colorado legislature. Unfortunately the Governor vetoed the bill and it will begin the journey through the process again in 2026.
- Tim reminded everyone about the earlier mention of the EMS Essential Service project
- Several Colorado legislators in Washington DC are considering EMS legislation at the federal level.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided the list of approved grant applications for FY26. The group discussed concerns with funding and the timeliness of grant funding. Kim noted again that the grant task force is working on that specific issue.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

The next RETAC Forum will be in Colorado Springs on September 3-4 2025. The RETAC approved funding to support stakeholder travel to these events. Kim will get the information out to the community.

F) Pediatric Issues

Jasmine Shea noted that there is a recall on the Braslow pediatric dosing tape.



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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) FY26 RETAC Biennial Plans Goals Discussion

- a. Kim thanked the Council for the input on the Biennial Plan. The updates, corrections, and suggestions were greatly appreciated. The plan was submitted and accepted.
- b. Kim presented the approved Goals and Objectives for the Council to review again.
- c. Kim accepted the task of implementing the goals and thanked the Council for their continued support.

B) Roundtable Discussion

- a. Heather Finch informed those present that the UCHHealth Trauma Symposium is scheduled for August 14-15 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs
- b. Commissioner Rick Pelton thanked the RETAC for meeting with the Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners in June. The meeting was informative and productive.
- c. Dr. Sean Keenan offered to provide the Whole Blood course to anyone needing the information and would like to work with the RETAC to get the information out to the community.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Tim Dienst adjourned the meeting at 1315.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be October 21, 2025 at 1200 with the site to be determined. This will be a hybrid meeting via Zoom

Kim E Schallenberger, Executive Director