



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 16, 2019

Location: Ute Pass Regional Health Service District
1017 US Highway 24
Woodland Park, CO 80866

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions from those in the room and on the phone.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim presented the proposed agenda. Candy Shoemaker moved to accept the agenda as presented. Heather Sieracki seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF April 16, 2019 MINUTES

Minutes of the April 16, 2019 were reviewed. Candy moved to accept the minutes of April 16th as presented. Rayetta Addy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for April, May, and June 2019. Heather Sieracki moved to accept the financial report as presented. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Dienst, Wendy Erickson abstained.

Kim 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

Candy Shoemaker announced that she would be retiring from SW Teller County EMS and thus the RETAC Council on July 31, 2019. Tim spoke briefly about Candy's contributions to the area, the region, and the state over her 47 years as an emergency responder. The group thanked Candy and gave a round of applause for her years of service.

Candy further noted that the Teller EMS Council discussed her retirement from the RETAC at the July 15th meeting. The Teller EMS Council will be sending the Teller County BoCC a letter recommending Eric Murray as her replacement on the RETAC. Eric is now the director of SW Teller County EMS.



VI. REPORTS

A) Officers

Tim informed those present about a reduction in the HUTF fund which provides monies for the state EMTS office and the EMTS Provider Grant. The Department of Revenue installed new software in 2019 for the collection of the \$2/license plate fee. With the new software, the DoR changed the collection from all licenses to only motorized vehicles. This means that trailers and some other equipment will no longer be charged the \$2 fee. The change has resulted in a reduction of approximately \$1.5M annually for the HUTF fund. This reduction was reflected in the FY20 EMTS Provider Grant awards. Tim noted that Senator Leroy Garcia is aware of this change and its effect on the EMTS community. The state office and the Senator's office will be considering options to potentially replace the funds.

Wendy Erickson: No Report 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:

- New members of SEMTAC from the Plains to Peaks RETAC region as well as new members of STAC.
- Reorganization of the HFEMTS Division by Director Randy Kuykendall
- Restart of the Education Committee to review the new legislation providing for voluntary licensure of prehospital providers. Tim Dienst will chair the committee.
- Tim added that the Safety Committee is working to provide an avenue for agencies to report "near misses" and "incidents". The goal is to be able to track these events and provide education. He also noted that the Safety Committee is working on a Stretcher Safety course.



B) Board of Health Rules

Kim informed the group that the CPR rules had been out for public review and presented to the SEMTAC two meetings in a row. They were recommended for approval by SEMTAC and will now go before the Board of Health for review and approval.

Kim also noted that the Trauma Chapter rules have been undergoing significant revision and reorganization. Trauma Chapter 3 is still an active Task Force. When the task force is finished, the state office has a goal of presenting all four Trauma Chapters to SEMTAC in October. They would then be presented to SEMTAC in January with a projected presentation to the Board of Health in February 2020.

C) Legislative Update

Kim informed the group that Commissioner Thomas from Douglas County is a SEMTAC member. She worked with Eric Schmidt from the EMTS Branch to develop a brochure for County Commissioners regarding their role and responsibilities for ground ambulance licensing. The brochure was presented at the recent Colorado Counties, Inc conference.

Tim updated the Council on the following current legislative issues

- SB52 regarding the Scope of Practice for prehospital providers
 - Signed by governor; will become effective August 2nd
 - Will allow for “supervision” of EMTs and Paramedics in the clinical setting by physicians, mid-level providers, and registered nurses
 - Doesn’t affect the relationship between the prehospital medical director and the prehospital provider
- SB65 regarding a Peer Support program for prehospital providers
 - Signed by governor; will become effective August 2nd
 - Will require some changes to EMS Chapter 1; updates will be crafted by state staff and provided to the larger community for input
 - SEMTAC approved \$360K annually for two years to provide initial funding for the program. Senator Garcia and others will be working to develop a permanent funding source
- SB242 regarding voluntary licensing for prehospital providers
 - Signed by governor
 - Tim Dienst will lead the Education Committee of SEMTAC to develop rules with a goal of the rules becoming effective by January 1, 2021
- HB1174 regarding Out of Network Billing
 - This bill is designed to prevent balance billing for patients
 - The state Fire Chiefs organization was able to exclude all transporting fire departments from the bill
 - EMSAC was able to exclude other transporting services with the goal of collecting data to determine actual cost of providing services
 - The Division of Insurance will be hosting two committees to consider transparency in billing and a potential payment method



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Kim informed the group that the Colorado Trauma Network is working to develop a legislative committee which would track legislation and advocate for trauma services when appropriate. Jasmine Shea is a member of the committee and has invited Kim and Tim to attend the meeting to provide information regarding the challenges and successes experienced by EMSAC over time.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim spoke about the EMTS Provider Grant

- FY19 EMTS Provider Grant
 - Performance period is closed. All agencies with outstanding balances encouraged to get reimbursement requests into state.
 - State office estimates approximately \$180K in reversions. These funds are projected to be used to support the Peer Support program initially.
- FY20 EMTS Provider Grant
 - Kim provided a listing of all approved/denied grant applications in the state.
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 - The reduced funding due to the Department of Revenue change was reflected in the grant awards for FY20
- FY21 EMTS Provider Grant
 - There will be no Incentive Category for FY21
 - Grant application will open online on December 15, 2019

Kim provided a document showing a summary of CREATE grant awards during April, May, and June 2019.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Tim was the only representative able to attend the Forum in Golden.

- Discussion about the Healthcare Coalitions and potential realignment with some RETACs
 - Darcy Janssen provided an update on the NE Healthcare Coalition
- Discussion about the CARES program
 - The Plains to Peaks RETAC is still not providing any funding to support a statewide coordinator.
 - The program is moving forward with some RETACs and they've invited all RETACs to participate in the consideration of a statewide coordinator

The next RETAC Forum will be held in Crested Butte in September.

F) Pediatric Issues

Jasmine Shea indicated that the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children pediatric simulation trailer will be in Burlington, September 4-5.



VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Trauma Patient Destination Guidelines

Kim provided draft trauma patient destination guidelines developed for El Paso County by the Medical Director Committee. Kim provided some history on the original draft document and efforts to obtain input from the greater community. He will be working with the Medical Director Committee and the Region IV Prehospital Committee to improve communications regarding all topics.

Kim reminded the group that the state rules indicate that the RETAC must approve all trauma patient destination guidelines. It is the practice of the RETAC to allow the local community to develop the guidelines based on their local expertise and then review them upon final draft. Kim will bring updated Trauma Patient Destination Guidelines from both El Paso and Teller counties to the October meeting for consideration.

B) Potential Bylaw Change

Kim provided a brief recap of the proposed bylaw changes. The first would remove the actual number of appointed Council members and replace it with language which would require the number to match the Intergovernmental Agreement. The second change would allow for the RETAC officers to hold their position for two-year terms. The chair and secretary/treasurer would be elected in odd numbered years and the vice-chair would be elected in even numbered years. By consensus, the Council agreed with the draft language. The changes will once again be on the agenda for October for consideration and a final vote. Tim suggested that since this was a change to the bylaws, there should be a roll call vote to make the change in October.

C) FY20 Biennial Plan and Goals

Kim provided the Council with a copy of the approved FY20 Biennial Plan. He submitted the plan to the state and the SEMTAC approved all eleven RETAC Biennial Plans at the July meeting. Kim thanked those who assisted with the plan and encouraged all to read the document.

Kim then went through the FY20 Biennial Plan goals individually and provided an explanation of how the goals will be addressed during the two-year cycle. Kim answered any questions and thanked the Council for the support to implement the goals.

D) Roundtable

Ted Sayer indicated there were no updates on the RFP for ground ambulance service in the city of Colorado Springs. There were multiple submissions for the contract. El Paso County has exercised a one-year option to continue services with American Medical Response in the county while they wait to learn the outcome of the city processes.

Jasmine Shea state that an ambulance service in Northwest Kansas is applying for licensure in Cheyenne County to provide Critical Care Transport services.



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Candy Shoemaker noted that the County Designated Fund balance for Teller County has been growing and the intent is to use the funds for an upgrade to the communication system in the county.

No other additional comments from those present

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Candy moved to adjourn the meeting. Heather Sieracki seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1501.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be October 15, 2019 in El Paso County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator

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