



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2020
Location: Zoom Meeting Online
Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Wendy Erickson, Council Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:07 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. Heather Finch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. CONSIDERATION of May 19, 2020 MINUTES

Minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Heather Finch moved to accept the minutes of May 19th meeting as presented. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. CONSIDERATION of FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for April, May, and June 2020. Eric moved to accept the financial report as presented. Jasmine seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Dienst, Wendy Erickson, and Rachel Smith 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 from the officers at this time. Tim Dienst, Council Chair, assumed control of the meeting.



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
- COVID19
- 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 appointments to SEMTAC: Dr. Jeremy DeWall and Rachel Smith
- Tribute to Paul Cary
- EMS Chapter One rules to include licensure of paramedics
- Formation of the SEMTAC Education Committee
- EMS Chapter Two is currently open to update language for paramedic/EMT working in the clinical setting. Scope of practice is also being updated.
- EMS Peer Support Program: www.path4EMS.org
- Last meeting for Jeanne Marie Bakehouse; EMTS Branch Chair

B) Board of Health Rules

The SEMTAC reviewed updates to the EMS Chapter One rules. They will be reviewed again in October and offered for approval. Potential dates before the BoH in late 2020.

C) Legislative Update

Tim Dienst spoke about current initiatives being championed by EMSAC.

- EMS inclusion in the national funding for the pandemic
- Requests for additional funding by an amendment to the Stafford Act through FEMA
- Colorado Senate President Leroy Garcia has requested a meeting to consider potential legislative options to assist EMS. Kim and Tim both invited to attend
- Representative Larry Liston has requested a meeting to consider potential legislative options to assist EMS.



D) State Provider Grant

Kim spoke about the EMTS Provider Grant

- Kim provided a document with the approved grant applications for FY21
- Kim indicated that the HUTF account is seeing reduced income from vehicle registrations. This is possibly due to the COVID19 pandemic affects. There is currently a \$2M difference between the FY21 grant dollars requested and the grant dollars available for assignment.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim and Tim spoke about the recent Forum held in Steamboat Springs. One of the primary initiatives to come from the meeting is an effort by all RETACs to work collaboratively on Recruitment and Retention of volunteers.

F) Pediatric Issues

Lana Martin informed the group that CHCO-CS will be providing “Pediatric Grand Rounds” via Zoom monthly. Open to all levels with CME and CNE provided. CHCO-CS staff provided a pediatric imaging lecture in the San Luis Valley recently.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) COVID19 Discussion

Kim opened the floor for reports about best practices, recent trends, news etc. regarding COVID19.

- Potential rationing of testing supplies by vendors
- State staff encouraged all entities to request reimbursement funding through the CARES program first. Work with your local DOLA representative.
- Rise in positive COVID cases in four of five regional counties
- Pikes Peak Regional Hospital is now keeping some COVID patients and have seen a consistent daily census

B) Trauma Destination Guidelines

Kim informed the Council that the state had updated the left side of the Trauma Triage Algorithm in Trauma Chapter two with some geriatric guidelines. The RETAC is then required to consider updates to patient destinations. Teller County has updated their local guidelines with the new geriatric information. Jasmine Shea moved to approve the Teller County guidelines as presented. Tim Dienst seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim informed the group that the El Paso County guidelines would be coming to the Council in October for consideration.

C) EMS Financial Symposium

Kim provided a brief history of the RETAC efforts to deliver EMS financial education along with the Mile High RETAC. In order to keep this information moving forward, the Plains to Peaks RETAC will



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be hosting a virtual EMS Financial Symposium on Sept 29-30 and Oct 1-2, 2020. Featured speakers include Asbel Montes, Matt Zavadsky, Scott Moore and a session on the Supplemental Reimbursement Program. Kim has already sent out a Save the Date card but this will be followed soon by a formal agenda and registration information.

D) Roundtable Discussion

Tim announced that UPRHSD will be under going their site inspection to become licensed as a Community Integrated Healthcare provider.

No other participants had any additional information to bring forward at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nate Lenn seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be October 20, 2020.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator