



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2020
Location: Zoom Meeting Online
Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. Tim announced all those present on the phone for the meeting.

I. CONSIDERATION of DRAFT AGENDA

Tim Dienst presented the proposed agenda. Heather Finch moved to accept the agenda as presented. Rayetta Addy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. CONSIDERATION of January 21, 2020 MINUTES

Minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Rayetta moved to accept the minutes of January 21st meeting as presented. Eric Murray 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 January, February, and March 2020. Rayetta moved to accept the financial report as presented. Heather Finch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim, 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

Wendy Erickson informed the group that Kelly Jung has been selected as the Centura South Trauma Coordinator. Kelly was not able to attend today's 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
- 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
- July SEMTAC meeting to be held virtually online
- EMPAC extended all current waivers until June 30th.
- All Trauma Center reviews have been extended one year.
- Trauma Chapter 1-4 rules recommended for approval by the SEMTAC.
- Tim Dienst updated the work of the Education Task Force. Rules to go before SEMTAC in July

B) Board of Health Rules

The SEMTAC recommended changes to Trauma Chapters 1-4 were to go before the Board of Health in January 2020. Neither Kim nor Wendy were able to confirm if they were approved or delayed due to the COVID19 pandemic.

C) Legislative Update

Tim Dienst spoke about current initiatives being championed by EMSAC before the state legislature.

- EMS volume is down 30-50% due to the COVID19 pandemic
- Concern that many state funds are being shifted to Medicaid expenses only
- EMSAC is asking the JBC to allocate approximately \$200M from the federal CARES initiative to ambulance services to support them due to COVID19 expenses and lower call volume.
- EMSAC asking that Medicaid rates be raised to the Medicare level through June 2021
- EMSAC asking that ambulance services be made “first dollar” payors by insurance companies
- EMSAC asking that the Supplemental Medicaid Funding program be expanded to include private companies



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- State legislature may open by the end of May. JBC is meeting now to consider the expected funding shortfalls.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim spoke about the EMTS Provider Grant

- Kim provided a document with the grant applications from regional agencies 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, Tim and Wendy spoke briefly about the March RETAC Forum. The next RETAC Forum will be held in Steamboat Springs in June.

F) Pediatric Issues

No updates at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Educational Conferences

Kim spoke to the Council about the status of the BLS Conference scheduled for April in Limon and the ALS Conference scheduled for March in Cripple Creek. Both events had to be cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID19 pandemic. Both are planned to come back strong in 2021 with similar dates.

B) COVID19 Discussion

Kim spoke about how the COVID19 pandemic has affected each of the counties healthcare systems. As he spoke about individual counties, the local stakeholders provided additional insight about their challenges and successes. Overall, Kim thanked each of the counties for their tireless efforts to combat the pandemic and move forward while continuing to provide excellent care across the healthcare continuum.

C) FY21 RETAC Budget Discussion

Kim presented a spreadsheet showing current income/expenses from July 2019 through March 2021. The spreadsheet also included projections for the 4th quarter income/expenses along with a variance for each line item. Kim answered questions from the Council.

Kim presented a proposed FY21 budget for consideration by the Council. He spoke to each line item of income/expense to explain from where the proposal was derived. Kim answered questions from the Council.



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Eric Murray made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY21 as presented. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Tim Dienst asked for any additional discussion. Hearing none, Tim used a roll call vote to approve the FY21 Budget. All Council Members who were online and able to vote did so in the affirmative. The FY21 Budget for the Plains to Peaks RETAC was approved.

D) Roundtable Discussion

Flannery O'Neil with American Heart Association noted that there is a collaborative effort by AHA, University Health, and Centura to develop a "Young Stroke Survivor Support Group". She provided information about the program.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Rayetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 21, 2020 in Teller County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator