



### **RETAC Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 4, 2021  
**Location:** Zoom Meeting Online  
**Attendance:** See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Kim Schallenberger announced all those present on the phone for the meeting and they provided brief introductions.

#### **I. CONSIDERATION of DRAFT AGENDA**

Tim presented the proposed agenda. Wendy Erickson moved to accept the agenda as presented. Elizabeth Spradlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **II. CONSIDERATION of JANUARY 19, 2021 MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Wendy moved to accept the minutes of meeting as presented. Scott Nyman 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 2021. Elizabeth moved to accept the financial report as presented. Rachel Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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 presented a letter from Starting Hearts CARES regarding potential RETAC funding to support the statewide CARES program. The Council considered the request and the benefits of the program. By consensus, the Council felt there were no funds within the RETAC budget to support the program. Tim suggested that individual counties could use their Designated Funds to support the program if appropriate. Tim asked for a motion to either support or deny the use of RETAC operational funds to support the program. There was no motion so the issue was concluded.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kim presented a flyer for the Path4EMS Peer Support program. He provided an overview of the program and the funding source. Kim will be getting additional flyers out to the community.



## **VI. REPORTS**

### A) Officers

No reports from the officers 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
- COVID19
- Other
- Biennial Plan Goals

## **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:

- FY22 EMTS Provider Grant
- CHCO-CS and UC Memorial North both went through a virtual trauma review with no deficiencies
- Language change to remove “on site” from the trauma designation requirements
- Path4EMS Funding Issue

Kim provided a copy of the EMTS Branch Quarterly report for review. Kim noted this was a new format which includes significant data from the Branch activities.

### B) Board of Health Rules

Kim noted the only BoH rules deadline of which he is aware is the HF Chapter 13 rules draft expected to be ready in mid-2021. These rules are being updated to include language about Free Standing Emergency Departments.



C) Legislative Update

Tim Dienst spoke about current state initiatives of which he is currently aware.

- Chemical Restraints for Behavior Patients
- Secure Transport of Behavioral Patients
- Public Option for Health Insurance
- Group Purchase of Medical Supplies
- Nurse Triage Line
- Fire Commission for Auto Aid
- Back Country SAR bill

Tim spoke about current Federal initiatives of which he is currently aware.

- SIREN Act
- Treatment in Place Legislation
- EMS Counts Bill
- Access to Ground Ambulance Services which would extend the CMS “extenders”

D) State Provider Grant

Kim spoke about the EMTS Provider Grant

- The SEMTAC Grant Hearing for the FY22 EMTS Provider Grants is scheduled for May 13-14

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim spoke about the value of the Forum and the next meeting.

F) Pediatric Issues

Melissa Sorenson indicated there was no update at this time.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A) FY21 Biennial Plan Goals

Kim spoke about the requirement for a Biennial Plan and the Goals/Objectives which are developed by the RETAC. He noted that the Plains to Peaks RETAC has historically worked on similar goals each cycle with a couple additions as appropriate. Kim offered a draft set of Goals/Objectives and asked the Council for comment. He further requested any additional goals which the Council deemed to be appropriate for the FY21 cycle.

After discussion, Eric Murray moved to accept the Goals/Objectives as presented. Ted Sayer seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kim will send out a final draft of the Biennial Plan along with Goals/Objectives for review by the full Council. Kim suggested an email vote to approve the final product before submission to the state EMTS office on June 30, 2021.



B) Pikes Peak Regional EMS Council

Kim spoke about the current EMS Council in Teller County. He then asked the Council to review the request provided by the EMS Council leadership. The group is requesting the Plains to Peaks RETAC to become the home for a new Pikes Peak Regional EMS Council to include those Teller County agencies who wish to participate along with agencies from surrounding counties with a stake in the Teller community. Kim explained this request would be similar to the EMS Medical Director Committee which has the RETAC as its parent organization. Eric Murray provided additional detail about the request. Tim asked for additional comments from various attendees. After discussion, Eric Murray made a motion for the Plains to Peaks RETAC to be the parent organization for the newly formed Pikes Peak Regional EMS Council. Elizabeth Spradlin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Dienst abstained. Kim will work with local stakeholders to move the project forward and keep the Council informed.

C) Foothills RETAC AMPT Research Project

Kim explained to the Council about the research project being conducted within the Foothills RETAC. The project will take a retrospective look at appropriate use of helicopter transport of trauma patients from the scene. This will not include interfacility transports. Some of the healthcare systems in the Plains to Peaks RETAC would like to participate in the project as well. The Foothills RETAC asked Kim to present the project to the RETAC Council for consideration. Tim asked about potential concerns about HIPPA compliance. Kim addressed the question and asked if there were other concerns. With no objections, the Plains to Peaks RETAC has no reservation with stakeholders participating in the research project. Kim was tasked to let the Foothills RETAC know of the decision.

D) FY22 Draft RETAC Budget

Kim and Tim presented a draft budget showing three years data for the Council review. Additionally, Kim provided a document showing the current status of the FY21 budget and projections for the year end. Kim provided explanations for the income, county designated funds, and operational expenses projected for the draft FY22 budget. He answered questions as appropriate.

Tim provided the Council with figures to consider regarding a potential salary increase for the Regional Coordinator position. After discussion, Ted Sayer made a motion to provide a 5% increase in the salary. Elizabeth Spradlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tim presented the amended budget to the Council for consideration. Wendy Erickson made a motion to approve the FY22 budget as amended with the 5% salary increase. Eric Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tim asked the Council to form a committee to consider options for the future financial stability of the RETAC. Wendy Erickson, Scott Nyman, Ken Stroud, and Tim Dienst volunteered to sit on the committee. Kim will reach out to the Kit Carson County representatives for a volunteer. Tim will work with the volunteers and additional participants as needed to move the committee forward with the tasks as assigned.



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E) Roundtable Discussion

There was no additional input from the Council members or those community members in attendance.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Tim adjourned the meeting at 1438.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be July 20, 2021.

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Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator

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