



Plains to Peaks
Emergency Medical & Trauma Service Region



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RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2024

Location: Fountain Fire Department and Zoom
811 N Santa Fe
Fountain, CO

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. Heather Finch moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wendy Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. CONSIDERATION OF July 16, 2024 MINUTES

Minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Wendy Erickson moved to accept the minutes of the July meeting as presented. Heather Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. CONSIDERATION of FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for July, August, and September. Heather Morris moved to accept the financials as presented. Heather Finch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No formal announcements at this time.

VI. REPORTS

A) Officers

Tim Dienst thanked those in the room for attending in person. As the Council meetings move back to hybrid rather than all virtual, the January 21st meeting will be at St Francis Medical Center, the April 25th meeting will be in Limon in conjunction with the EMS/Trauma Conference, and the July meeting will be held in Cripple Creek.

Tim noted that the state legislature is facing at least a \$1B budget deficit and this could result in decreases in Medicaid funding for ambulance transports.



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Rachel Messer thanked the Burlington community for hosting the SEMTAC meeting last week.

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
 - October 17-18, 2024
 - Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs
- Recent Trauma Designations
 - Penrose Hospital; All criteria met and redesignated as a Level II trauma center
- Pulsara
 - There are numerous “trial projects” starting across the state using Healthcare Coalition Funding
 - Pulsara is continuing to be used and further implemented within the Plains to Peaks RETAC
 - RETAC is considering options for Pulsara with the Whole Blood project
- BLS Conference
 - Next conference; April 26-27, 2025, Limon High School
 - RETAC Council meeting to me held in the afternoon of April 25th in Limon.
- AEMT Class
 - Kim updated the Council on the status of the project.
 - Three students have passed the National Registry
 - Kim was able to get a 30-day extension for the CREATE grant. Most of the students will still not make that date as there have been struggles with getting clinicals and testing.
 - Kim asked the Council to approve funding from the Supplemental Funds to support the purchase of study applications for the students to assist as they prepare for the testing. Kim noted that they have up to two years to complete the testing.
 - Tim Dienst made a motion to approve up to \$1050.00 to purchase study aids for the students. Eric Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kim will move forward with the project.
- Ground Ambulance Licensing
 - The state of Colorado assumed licensing and permitting ambulances on July 1st
 - The state staff are moving around the state visiting with ambulance services and providing technical assistance to get ready for inspections in 2025.
 - Kim noted that three counties had opted to develop authorization programs for ambulance services. El Paso County has opted to not provide that program. Caroline Joy gave a brief update on the current status of discussions between the County and the city regarding this issue.
- Pikes Peak Regional Prehospital Care Committee
 - Kim provided a brief history of the PPR PCC and its formation
 - Kim noted that after discussing with the Teller County RETAC representatives, the PPR PCC will be discontinued.
 - The community stakeholders are attending the Teller County EMS Council meetings. The purpose of the PPR PCC is no longer present as the community has effectively collaborated within the EMS Council.
- Council & Stakeholder Travel
 - Kim reminded the Council about the budget line items from the Supplemental Funding
 - Kim noted the amount of funds spent in each category during the first quarter of FY25



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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.

- Kim noted that the EMPAC and SEMTAC Task Force to consider the IV Authorization was done.
 - Kim and Susan Bernstetter provided an update on the recommendations from the Task Force
 - The SEMTAC Education Committee will move forward to implement those recommendations
- Kim thanked the Burlington community for hosting the most recent SEMTAC meeting
- Kim and Tim Dienst spoke about the current status of the EMTS Provider Grant funding cycle. Both expressed concern about the continuing delays in getting funding to agencies and facilities.
- The Grant Improvement Task Force under Public Policy and Finance has been stood up again and will hopefully begin to address some of the concerns.
- Path4EMS is growing as a resource for EMTs and Paramedics. The program is doing great work but is underfunded. The SEMTAC is going to form a Task Force to consider options.

B) Board of Health Rules

No current rules being heard.

C) Legislative Update

Tim Dienst spoke about the status of SB 1218 from the last session in Colorado. It was laid over but has been redesigned and should have more support during the 2025 legislative session. Tim spoke about efforts at the federal level to implement payment for Treatment in Place. The EMSAC EMS at the Capitol event is scheduled for February 18th.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim presented this information during his report.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

The next RETAC Forum will be in December at the Embassy Suites in Loveland on December 4-5, 2024. The RETAC approved funding to support stakeholder travel to these events. Kim will get the information out to the community.

F) Pediatric Issues

Eryn Bishop indicated there was no update at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Lincoln County Consultative Visit

- a. This review of the Lincoln County EMS system took place in late May with a group of experts from across the state conducting interviews with local stakeholders.
- b. The review team provided a public report out on July 23rd in Hugo with an audience of over 50 local stakeholders.
- c. Rachel Messer provided an update on the current status of the project.



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- d. New commissioners will be assuming office in January and some work is being delayed to allow for their participation.
- e. Kim thanked the Lincoln County stakeholders for their participation in the process.
- B) Regional Whole Blood Project Update
 - a. Kim provided a powerpoint depicting the current status of the program.
 - b. Kim noted that Wendy Erickson will be helping to ensure that data collection is protected and will provide a template to help develop that program
 - c. Kim noted that the Regional Whole Blood Coordinator is working to help expand the program but that will of course take time to determine the most appropriate method for delivery.
 - d. Kim spoke about a survivor story which was in the media recently.
- C) Roundtable Discussion
 - a. Eric Murray reminded the Council about the project to develop a RETAC Education Center.
 - b. Eric noted that the SE RETAC is in the process of doing this and he felt it would be good for the Plains to Peaks RETAC to wait and review the SE RETAC efforts before moving forward.
 - c. Jasmine Shea noted that Keefe Memorial Hospital will be offering ICS 300 and 400 in the near future. She is also looking for some decontamination training and asked the community for information. Caroline Joy offered to connect with Jasmine to offer resources.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Tim Dienst adjourned the meeting at 1342.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be January 21, 2025 at St Francis Medical Center. This will be a hybrid meeting via Zoom

Kim E Schallenger, Executive Director