



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting Online

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Kim Schallenberger announced all those present on the phone for the meeting.

I. CONSIDERATION of DRAFT AGENDA

Tim presented the proposed agenda. Eric Murray moved to accept the agenda as presented. Ted Sayer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. CONSIDERATION of July 28, 2020 MINUTES

Minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Eric moved to accept the minutes of July 28th meeting as presented. Elizabeth Spradlin 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 July, August, and September 2020. Ted moved to accept the financial report as presented. Nate Lenn 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. Tim noted that Teller County would be submitting a large reimbursement request in the near future. Kim informed the group that El Paso County would also be submitting a request soon.

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.



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:

- Senior Living Center COVID Task Force headed up by Dr. Jeff Beckman
- Chapter 13 HF Rules revision regarding Free Standing Emergency Departments
- Donnie Woodyard in place as the new EMTS Branch Chief
- Prehospital Ketamine Committee
- Potential FY20 EMTS Provider Grant additional funding due to reversions
- FY22 EMTS Provider Grant change to include two dates for submitting information
- CREATE educational grant applications are significantly reduced due to COVID
- No Trauma Facility reviews since the pandemic. All facilities received a one-year waiver
- New Education Committee formed under SEMTAC
- State Trauma Advisory Committee recommending addition of Rehab and Military representatives

Dr. Matt Angelidis asked if the Plains to Peaks RETAC would will willing to provide a letter to the Prehospital Ketamine Committee requesting that an EMS Medical Director be added to the membership. By consensus, the Council agreed with the request. Tim tasked Kim with drafting a letter and determining the most appropriate person to receive the final document.

Kim provided a copy of the EMTS Branch Quarterly report for review. Kim also provided the SEMTAC Member Orientation document to the Council. Kim went through the orientation document to explain the role of SEMTAC and the EMTS Branch.

Tim asked Kim to resend the “Sentinel Event” flyer to all ambulance services again to help track any issues with violence to providers, vehicle crashes, med errors, and close calls so they can be logged.



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.

C) Legislative Update

Tim Dienst spoke about current initiatives being championed by EMSAC.

- The potential for an FRA for private and non-profit ambulance services is being considered but may be affected by the vote on November 3rd
- Working with Senator Leroy Garcia on potential legislation for the 2021 session
 - Potential to establish EMS as an “essential service”. Tim has made sure that funding must accompany such a declaration
- Medicaid Rate Review Committee is meeting in November
 - Tim requested that all ambulance services send Kim examples of underpayment by insurance companies
- 1st dollar coverage by private insurance for EMS
- EMSAC supports Amendment B to freeze the Residential Assessment Rate
 - Commissioner Ward agreed with the support for Amendment B on behalf of Cheyenne County

D) State Provider Grant

Kim spoke about the EMTS Provider Grant

- Larger than normal reversions from the FY20 EMTS and CREATE grants. Potential for additional awards to FY21 EMTS grants not previously funded
- FY22 EMTS Provider Grant change to include two dates for submitting information

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim and Tim spoke about a recent effort being led by the Plains to Peaks RETAC to collect data from rural/frontier agencies regarding Recruitment/Retention of staff. The survey should be going out to agencies this week with potential meetings with legislators to occur in November to review the data.

F) Pediatric Issues

Melissa Sorenson indicated there was no update at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) COVID19 Discussion

Darcy Janssen provided an update on COVID activities and status for Cheyenne, Kit Carson, and Lincoln Counties. Tim and Eric provided an update on Teller County. Kim, Elizabeth, and Michele Shade provided a limited update for El Paso County.



B) NAEMT Election

Tim informed the Council that he is running for the Region IV representative position and asked for any NAEMT members to support him in the election.

C) 1974 Cadillac Ambulance

Kim provided a brief history of the vehicle and the RETAC. He reminded the group that they had decided to go ahead and donate the ambulance to a local museum. When Kim learned that the donation would take the ambulance to Minnesota, he felt he needed to bring the discussion back to the Council. Kim provided a letter from the person requesting the ambulance. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to go ahead and donate the 1974 Cadillac Ambulance to David McGowan. Kim will make this happen in the near future.

D) Roundtable Discussion

Nate Lenn informed the Council that he is now a Shift Captain and the EMS duties will be handled by Jared Cass and Eliot Pyles.

Wendy Erickson has taken the position of Trauma Program manager at Penrose Hospital. She is still the interim Trauma Program manager at St Francis Medical Center until a new hire is in place.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Tim adjourned the meeting at 1:37 PM.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be December 15, 2020.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator