



# Plains to Peaks

*Emergency Medical & Trauma Service Region*



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## RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 19, 2010

**Location:** Limon Community Center  
477 D Avenue  
Limon, CO 80828

**Attendance:** See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

### I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim presented the proposed agenda. Gary Beedy moved to accept the agenda as presented. Lynn Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### II. 2010 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Tim asked the Council members present for nominations for the office of Council Chair. Chief Dave Ury nominated Ted Foth, Lynn seconded the motion. Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, informed the Council that Ted Foth had agreed to accept the position even though he could not attend the meeting. Chief Ury moved to cease nominations, Darcy Janssen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ted Foth will be the Council Chair for 2010.

Mark Morrison, Council Secretary, asked the Council members present for nominations for the office of Council Vice Chair. Rob Handley nominated Tim Dienst, Gary seconded the motion. Chief Ury moved to cease nominations, Sue Kern seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Dienst will be the Council Vice Chair for 2010.

Tim asked the Council members present for nominations for the office of Council Secretary. Sue nominated Mark Morrison, Lynn seconded the motion. Gary moved to cease nominations, Rob seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mark Morrison will be the Council Secretary for 2010.

### III. APPROVAL OF October 20, 2009 MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed by those present. Lynn moved to accept the minutes as presented. Chief Ury seconded the motion. Motion passed.



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## **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for October, November, and December 2009. Gary moved to accept the financial report as presented. Patty Baxter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kim 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 2009. This information will continue to be made available for the Councils review on a quarterly basis.

Discussion regarding the authority to spend County Designated funds was heard. To clarify the Regional Intergovernmental Agreement, Tim requested a committee to review the document and recommend potential changes. Specific areas to review include: Spending Authority and Council Membership. A meeting date of February 10, 2010 was proposed. Kim will set up the meeting to be held at the Limon Community Center at 1:00 PM.

## **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Kim informed the Council that he had received a letter from Lincoln County reappointing their Council Representatives and Alternates.

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kim informed the Council that Jody Wallace had asked him to announce that the Penrose-St Francis Health Services Trauma Symposium will be held April 9, 2010 at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **A) Officers**

Tim Dienst, Vice Chair, spoke about the upcoming EMTS Day at the Capital on January 26, 2010. He also invited agency directors to participate in the new Agency Director group. Tim spoke briefly about the upcoming TEEEX Executive course to be held in April.

Mark Morrison, Council Treasurer, had no report at this time.

### **B) Regional Coordinator**

Kim provided a written report about many of his activities and spoke about each of them. That document is attached. Chief Ury and others provided input about the Recruitment program. Kim will follow up on those suggestions.





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## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A) State Council Report**

Kim informed the Council that the next SEMTAC meeting will be held in Denver January 27-28, 2010. Lynn and Kim updated the Council on the work being done with the Trauma Triage Algorithm task force, the SQI task force, and the ACS task force. Kim noted that the SEMTAC Committee structure is once again being modified.

Kim brought forward information about a proposal to increase RETAC base funding. After discussion, Tim asked the Council members to forward their comments and concerns to Ted Foth, Council Chair. Kim was tasked with sending an email to all Council members reminding them to do this.

### **B) Board of Health Rules**

No update at this time.

### **C) Legislative Update**

Kim provided an email from Eric Schmidt, NW RETAC Coordinator, which presented information about proposed legislation to move regulatory authority from DORA into the EMTS Section at CDPHE. The authority over EMT Scope of Practice and EMS Medical Director oversight would increase expenses but does not come with additional funding. Kim was tasked with researching more information and emailing the same to the Council. Tim suggested that a special meeting may be called to further discuss this issue.

### **D) State Provider Grant**

Kim provided a brief update on the progress of FY10 Cycle I and Cycle II grants.

Kim provided information about updates to the FY11 EMTS Provider Grant and encouraged all to consider applying. Kim noted that Calhan FPD had volunteered to host a grant workshop on January 13 with Jeanne Marie Bakehouse and Sean Caffrey in attendance.

Kim informed the Council about a new position with the EMTS Section that is proposed to provide technical assistance to agencies interested in system improvements. Sean Caffrey was hired into that position and the handout provided explains his new role at the Section.



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## E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim indicated that the next RETAC Forum will be held March 3-4, 2010 in the Western RETAC. Tim indicated his interest in attending.

## F) Pediatric Issues

Lynn reported on recent work by the Pediatric Emergency Care Committee. She informed the group that Memorial Health System had received funding from the EMSC program through the EMTS Section to provide initial training in EPC (Emergency Pediatric Care). The education is being offered with 53 spots available.

Lynn also indicated that The Children's Hospital and The Children's Hospital at Memorial Hospital will also have a booth at the EMTS Day at the Capital.

## G) CDPHE Emergency Preparedness Funding

Kim updated the Council on the progress of the EPD Grant. The funds are being used to support the EMS/Trauma Conference with equipment and other expenses.

## H) Drive Smart Colorado, CDOT Grant

Kelli Jones, Drive Smart Colorado, provided an update to the Council regarding progress on the grant. Kelli and Kim spoke about the current programs and future considerations for the project.

## I) Plains to Peaks Spring Conference, May 1-2

Kim indicated that he had covered this update during his report. No further discussion needed.

## J) Statewide Needs Assessment

Kim introduced Ken Riddle with The Abaris Group. Ken thanked Kim for his assistance during the assessment process and the Council members for their participation. Ken then provided an overview of the assessment and went through some recommendations. The draft document is currently being finalized and will be provided to the Council and the EMTS Section when complete.





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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) Roundtable Discussion**

Lynn Andersen, Memorial Health System, reconfirmed with those in attendance that Memorial Hospital has 24/7 Neurological surgery coverage.

Patty Baxter, El Paso County OEM, spoke about a planned MCI Exercise at Hanover High School on June 5<sup>th</sup>. This will test their MCI plan and resources.

John Shaheen, Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, informed the group that PPRH will be opening two critical care beds on March 15, 2010.

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented three ideas for potential Regional grants. Kim was tasked with once again writing a Regional grant application to include Ambulance Safety Equipment, Pediatric Equipment, and a continuation of the Stryker Equipment grant. Kim was tasked with obtaining additional information about a grant to purchase a Seat Belt Convincer for the Occupant Safety program. Kim spoke about a potential Research project and received positive responses from the Council about grant funding. He will update the Council on these projects via email and to obtain Council approval to continue.

No other comments from those in attendance.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Tim adjourned the meeting at 4:09 PM.

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 20, 2010 in El Paso County.

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Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator



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## January 19, 2010 Quarterly RETAC Meeting, Regional Coordinator Report

I have spent most of my time in the last quarter working on the SNAP Assessment, CDOT Occupant Safety Grant, preparing for the Spring EMS/Trauma Conference, and FY10 Cycle II and FY11 EMTS Provider Grants.

The Regional EMTS Grant in FY10 Cycle I for Power Cots and Stair Chairs is complete with all equipment in place and the agencies have been reimbursed for their purchases. The Regional EMTS Grant in FY10 Cycle II for Ambulance Safety Equipment and Facility Education is underway and progressing.

Calhan FPD agreed to host a Regional EMTS Grant workshop on January 13<sup>th</sup> that was well attended.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Plains to Peaks EMS/Trauma Conference is scheduled for May 1-2, 2010 in Burlington. Plans are well underway for another successful event. Grant funding from the FY10 Cycle II grant and from the CDPHE Emergency Preparedness Grant will be assisting with the conference. Please get your nominations for Regional awards into Kim as soon as possible.

The Plains to Peaks RETAC will have a table at the 2010 EMTS Day at the Legislature on January 26, 2010. This annual event is to keep the EMTS Community more visible.

### Update on 2009 Biennial Plan Regional Goals

- 1) Develop & Provide an Educational Course for EMS Transport Service Directors & Staff to Enhance Financial Viability of Transport Services across the Region.
  - Tim Dienst and I have worked on this goal prior to convening a full committee. Tim has indicated that the state EMS Directors Group is also working on a similar project and he felt it prudent to await the outcome of their work.
- 2) Working with all Acute Care Facilities in the Region, continue to expand the Relationship between Facilities in the Region to Enhance Educational Opportunities
  - A successful grant was written to provide TNCC, ACLS, and PALS. The grant provides funds to offset the costs of the instructor costs and brings the education to the local facility.
- 3) Research & Implement Potential Methods to Support the Financial Sustainability of the Region
  - Discussion continues at the state level about increased funding for all RETACs. A committee will be formed when firm direction is provided by the state offices.
- 4) Research Current Personnel Credentialing & Background History Standards across the Region.
  - No work to date on this goal.

The Recruitment & Retention project funded by a grant from the Colorado Rural Health Center continues to progress with mixed results. The website [www.joinems.info](http://www.joinems.info) needs to be updated but seems to be reasonably successful. When people access the site, most go ahead and request information. The number of hits on the site is not as high as we would like but efforts across the state continue.

Kim E Schallenberg

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Meeting Attendance Summary 2010				
	1/19/2010	4/20/2010	7/20/2010	10/19/2010
Cheyenne County Local Govt				
Nancy Bogenhagen				
Cheyenne County Prehospital				
Sue Kern	X			
El Paso County Local Govt				
Imad Karaki				
Patty Baxter	X			
Bob Demetry	X			
El Paso County Prehospital				
Chief David Ury	X			
Kit Carson County Local Govt				
Darcy Janssen	X			
Dave Gwyn, Alt				
Kit Carson County Prehospital				
Ted Foth				
Lincoln County Local Govt				
Gary Beedy	X			
Roxie Devers, Alt				
Ken Morrison, Alt				
Lincoln County Prehospital				
Rob Handley	X			
Teller County Local Govt				
Tim Dienst	X			
Teller County Prehospital				
Candy Shoemaker				
Keefe Memorial Hospital				
Charlene Korrell				
Memorial Hospital				
Lynn Andersen	X			
Bart Bachura, Alt				
Penrose/St Francis Health Services				
Jody Wallace				
Chris Hildebrandt, Alt				
Kit Carson County Mem Hospital				
Kandi Kuper				
Vicki Cox, Alt				
Lincoln Community Hospital				
Mark Morrison	X			
1/19/2010 Meet: held at Limon Community Center in Lincoln County				
Kristi McCleary, Memorial Star				
Kelli Jones, Drive Smart Colorado				
John Shaheen, Pikes Peak Reg Hospital				
Ken Riddle, The Abaris Group				