



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2012

Location: Memorial Administrative Center
2420 E Pikes Peak Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Rob Handley, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim Dienst moved to accept the agenda with the addition of a discussion about the Regional Intergovernmental Agreement. Lynn Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Candy Shoemaker moved to approve a white ballot reappointing the current officers for another year. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rob Handley will remain as the Council Chair, Tim Dienst as the Council Vice Chair, and Judi Mitchek as the Council Secretary/Treasurer for 2012.

III. APPROVAL OF 10/18/11 MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed by those present. Tim moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bob Paintin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for October, November, and December 2011. Kim answered any questions. Candy moved to accept the financial report as presented. Jody Wallace 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 the past twelve months.

Kim presented a letter from the Cheyenne County Board of County Commissioners addressing a change in how Kim is to be reimbursed for home office expenses. Kim explained that he



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approved of the proposed changes. Patty Baxter made a motion to include the current home office expenses within the Regional Coordinator salary. Candy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bob Paintin abstained.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Kim indicated there was no correspondence at this time.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jody provided save the date cards for the Penrose-St Francis Trauma Services annual symposium scheduled for April 20, 2012 in Colorado Springs.

VII. REPORTS

A) Officers

Rob had no report at this time.

Tim reminded those present that redistricting of the state legislature may have changed who your representatives will be for the upcoming session. Tim also spoke about the effects that the passage of the Payroll Tax Holiday Bill at the federal level will have on local ambulance services.

Judi reminded the Council that each of the eastern rural facilities will be reviewed in July for re-designation as Level IV Trauma Centers.

B) Regional Coordinator

Kim indicated that most of his activities will be covered within the agenda. He did inform the Council that he and several stakeholders attended the Hazard Collaboration and Resource Sharing workshop for the South Central All Hazard Region. A follow-up tabletop workshop will be held in April. Similar meetings will take place in the NE All Hazard Region.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim informed the Council that the last SEMTAC meeting was held on January 11-12 in Denver. He provided a written summary of the meetings for discussion. Dale Quimby, Memorial Health System and SEMTAC member, was also present to provide input.



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Kim and Dale explained the Rapid Improvement Event process being undertaken by the SEMTAC to consider issues within the current trauma designation system. They informed the group about the membership who will be on the RIE task force. Discussion about the format, dates, and location for the RIE occurred.

Kim and Tim spoke about the recently released RETAC Opportunity Paper. The Public Policy and Finance committee of SEMTAC had formed a task force to consider the state of the RETAC system after 11 years. The document provided a list of accomplishments and potential opportunities for the RETAC system statewide. The task force also recommended further consideration by a second task force to be convened by the SEMTAC. The Public Policy and Finance committee tabled the document until the next SEMTAC meeting to provide time for additional comment by stakeholders across the state. Rob asked that comments about the paper be provided back to Kim by January 20th. The Executive Council will take those comments and draft a letter of response to be provided to the PP&F Committee.

Kim provided information documents regarding EMT certification and narrow banding of VHF radio systems.

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim stated that there are no rule changes currently pending before the Board of Health.

C) Legislative Update

Kim spoke about the EMTS Day at the Capitol which occurred January 13th. The event was well attended and stakeholders had the opportunity to visit with several legislators. Kim provided copies of documents made available by EMSAC and UPRAD for the event.

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided an update on the status of the FY12 Regional Provider Grant. This grant included Stryker ambulance equipment for agencies both within and outside the Region. Also included on the grant were emergency lighting for ambulances, Glyde-scope equipment, and an injury prevention van.

Kim spoke about the current FY13 grant cycle and provided dates for the various deadlines and hearings. The Plains to Peaks Regional grant hearing will be March 22, 2012 from 0900-1200 at Black Forest Fire Rescue. The following Council members volunteered to review grant applications: Candy Shoemaker, Lynn Andersen, Bob Paintin, Tim Dienst, Rob Handley, Dave Ury, and Darcy Janssen.



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Kim spoke about a potential Regional FY13 grant. The proposed equipment includes mechanical CPR devices and advanced airway mannequins. Several agencies and facilities are interested in participating but the need to apply for financial waivers by some agencies adds a level of complexity to the process. The Council tasked Kim with pursuing two Regional grants to meet the needs of both groups of stakeholders.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim informed those present that the next Forum will be March 7-8, 2012 in Loveland.

F) Pediatric Issues

Lynn and Rob spoke briefly about the activities of the Pediatric Emergency Care Committee. Lynn also encouraged those present to learn more about pediatric care from the www.emscolorado.org website.

G) FY12 Regional Goals & Special Projects

Kim provided updates on the current goals and special projects being conducted by the RETAC.

Kim spoke about a new relationship with D2, Inc. director Denise Denton. Denise and Kim met to consider collaborative efforts regarding both recruitment and retention efforts as well as education for facility biller/coders. This relationship should help to move both goals forward.

Kim updated the Council on the funding streams and educational efforts for the MCI project and the rural regional conference. Both special projects are moving along on time and within budget. The goals should be met this year.

Kim addressed some of the issues encountered with the Regional Medical Direction/CQI project but assured the Council that modifications to the funding stream have been approved by the funder and the project will continue on time and within budget.

H) Drive Smart Colorado, CDOT Grant

Kim recounted the history of the CDOT Occupant Safety grant. The RETAC is currently in the third and final year of the initial grant funding. Kim introduced Maile Gray and Barb Bailey with Drive Smart Colorado who is the contractor implementing the objectives of the grant. Maile spoke about accomplishments over the past three years. Kim informed the Council that ongoing funding for the project is available but only through a competitive CDOT grant process. Candy made a motion to continue with the project and to have Drive Smart Colorado write an application for the FY13 funding cycle. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS



A) FY13 System Improvement Grants

Kim spoke about the funding opportunities available through the System Improvement grant process. Kim suggested that two areas he would recommend pursuing included a pediatric triage research project and continued funding for the Regional Medical Direction project.

Dr David Ross provided a background for the proposed pediatric triage research project. Dr Ross answered questions about the project. Discussion occurred with consensus approval for the project.

Kim spoke about the status of the Regional Medical Direction/CQI project and requested approval to continue the project into FY13. Discussion occurred with consensus approval for the project.

Kim was tasked with writing the System Improvement funding requests for the two projects.

B) Rural Communications for Facility Divert

Kim provided some history regarding the very limited occurrence of facility divert in the eastern area of the region. He also provided a document with an excerpt from the Chapter 2 Trauma Rules regarding Divert. Kim informed the Council that communication opportunities could be improved significantly by fully implementing the EMS system program within the dispatch centers. Bill Mayfield, Memorial Health System, provided additional information about how the process could work and the benefit to all stakeholders. Kim was tasked with researching the level of participation by dispatch centers on the EMS system and if there were any hardware or software needs to implement the program.

C) Regional CQI Plan

Kim provided a draft Regional CQI Plan prepared by the Regional CQI committee using funding from FY12. Kim informed the Council that the plan had been reviewed by the Regional CQI committee and the Emergency Care Committee of the El Paso County Medical Society. Both groups had approved of the document and recommended approval by the RETAC. By consensus, the plan will be reviewed and brought back for consideration at the April RETAC meeting.

D) CMS Healthcare Innovation Challenge



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Kim spoke to the Council about a significant funding opportunity from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Due to the very short timelines involved with the grant, the executive council had directed Kim and a small task force to consider the opportunity. That process resulted in a Letter of Intent being submitted and considerable discussions with various stakeholders across the Region and the state regarding the project. The Council discussed various aspects of the opportunity. Kim was tasked with continuing with the project with the ultimate goal of submitting a grant application by January 27th. Rob asked that Council members provide support for the project as requested.

E) Other – Intergovernmental Agreement

Tim and Kim spoke to the Council about needed modifications to the Regional Intergovernmental Agreement to allow for inclusion of Pikes Peak Regional Hospital and to update the general agreement. Tim has worked to provide suggested modifications and gave those present two draft documents with proposed changes to the IGA and the Council Bylaws. Council members were requested to review the documents and provide feedback to Kim as needed. The documents will be brought back to the April RETAC meeting for further consideration.

F) Roundtable Discussion

Due to the late hour, the Roundtable discussion was cancelled for this meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Rob adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.
The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 17, 2012 in Lincoln County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator