

Plains to Peaks Medical Direction Committee

August 6, 2026

Summary Notes

Attendance:

| VOTING               |            | NON-VOTING         |     |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|-----|
| Dr. Matt Angelidis   | Yes        | Carrick Patterson  | Yes |
| Dr. Stein Bronsky    | Yes        | Kim Schallenberger | No  |
| Dr. Tim Hurtado      | Yes        | Cameron Halverson  | Yes |
| Dr. Eric Wu          | Yes        | Ginger Flynn       | Yes |
| Dr. David Hakkarinen | Yes        | Kaylinn Hathaway   | No  |
| Dr. Jessica Walsh    | Yes        | Caleb Hadfield     | No  |
| Dr. James Brown      | Yes        | Mark Warth         | No  |
| Dr. Sean Keenan      | Yes        |                    |     |
| Dr. Jeremy DeWall    | No         |                    |     |
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| GUESTS:              | Jim Webber |                    |     |
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**Review and approval of July 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion to approve and a second

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**Pulsara**

This topic will remain open until clarity is reached on what the concern is regarding Pulsara and the divert status. It is believed that there is a disconnect between the Hospitals either not removing their status or field personnel not reading the app prior to arriving at the hospital.

**STATUS: ON-HOLD**

**ACTION: NONE**

**OWNER: NONE**

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**Whole Blood Update**

UCHealth recently received a \$155,000 grant from a donor foundation, supporting ongoing advancements in whole blood and plasma initiatives. Freeze-dried plasma has now been FDA-approved and is priced within \$100 of whole blood while offering a significantly longer shelf life. In addition, Tricare has authorized EMS billing for whole blood as a separate line item, with operational details still being finalized and reimbursements expected to begin in January 2027. The Colorado Whole Blood Coalition is actively pursuing grant proposals to supply liquid plasma to rural EMS systems, with decisions anticipated by the end of September. As the city-specific pilot with the UCHealth Memorial Foundation nears expiration, a review of formal agreements will be required to determine next steps.

**STATUS: ON-GOING**

**ACTION: NONE**

**OWNER: Multiple**

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**Plains to Peak RETAC update (Kim)**

Kim Schallenberger on vacation therefore no update

**STATUS: ON-HOLD**

**ACTION: NONE**

**OWNER: NONE**

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### 225 Task Force update

There are no update Dr DeWall on Vacation

**STATUS: ON-HOLD**

**ACTION: NONE**

**OWNER: NONE**

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### Roundtable

A question was raised regarding the current throughput process at Memorial Central Hospital, specifically related to ambulance crews experiencing delays when entering the Emergency Department near the breakroom area while awaiting registration and security clearance before proceeding to an assigned room. These delays can last several minutes and, although the frequency and overall impact have not yet been quantified, the issue appears to occur regularly enough to warrant review.

Although patient throughput challenges are common nationally—particularly “Patient Parking” situations where EMS crews wait for available beds in crowded emergency departments—this concern seems driven more by procedural workflow issues than by bed availability. A closer examination of the existing process may help identify opportunities to streamline movement from arrival to room placement and reduce unnecessary delays for EMS units and patients.

While this is being presented as a new concern, the underlying workflow issue appears to have been occurring for more than a year. The challenge of transferring patients to hospital beds efficiently has fluctuated over time, even with process adjustments and tools such as Pulsara designed to support improved hospital throughput.

**STATUS: In progress**

**ACTION: Investigation**

**OWNER: Dr Angelidis**

Deliverable: Dr. Angelidis will review the concern regarding hospital workflow delays and evaluate any related process changes at Memorial Central Hospital. Findings and recommendations will be reported back to the group at the October HCC meeting.

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### Adjournment