

Plains to Peaks Medical Direction Committee

February 5, 2026

Summary Notes

Attendance:

VOTING		NON-VOTING	
Dr. Matt Angelidis	No	Carrick Patterson	Yes
Dr. Stein Bronsky	Yes	Kim Schallenberger	Yes
Dr. Tim Hurtado	Yes	Dr. Kash Kaul	Yes
Dr. Eric Wu	Yes	Jon Edon	Yes
Dr. David Hakkarinen	Yes	Kimberly Herrald	Yes
Dr. Jessica Walsh	Yes	Kaylinn Hathaway	No
Dr. James Brown	Yes	Caleb Hadfield	Yes
Dr. Sean Keenan	No	Mark Warth	Yes
Dr. Jeremy DeWall	Yes		
GUESTS:			

Review and approval of Meeting Minutes

- December 4th
 - Motion to approve: Tim Hurtado/Seconded Jessica Walsh
- January 1st (Cancelled)
 - Motion to approve:

Bylaws & Committee

- No proposed changes to bylaws for 2026
- Committee representatives.
 - Jon Edon will be on the committee for a couple more months as he awaits being promoted to Lieutenant.
 - It is an even year, so it is time to evaluate CSFD, AMR, and El Paso County East.
 - Deadline for interests was January 15th. This was discussed at the last Region IV along with emails to both systems.
 - 2 individuals are interested
 - Chief will send out the application to those individuals. We will approve Jon Edon's position next month for CSFD.
 - Caleb Hadfield will be renewed.
 - Ginger Flynn has submitted an application for the liaison out East. She represents Calhan. Ginger would be replacing Kimberly.

- Jeremy DeWall - motion to appoint Ginger Flynn for the eastern plains position on the Medical Director Committee. Seconded Tim Hurtado. No opposition.
 - Chief will extend the invite to Ginger to include bylaws and meeting schedule.
- Extending bylaws to accommodate specific transitioning
 - Dr. Keenan is going to transition into the overall medical direction for UPRAD to cover the 911 and MAA side. Jeremy will still have first response agencies within the Plains to Peaks region and would like to remain on the committee to help support the region. His role is expanding within Pikes Peak State College. Will continue to be a part of the 225 Task Force, etc.
 - Bylaws reviewed in include who can be on the committee: must be an active agency medical director of a governmental 911, contracted 911, EMS First Response, behavior health or mobile integrated Health, CIHCS emergency medical services agency.
 - **Language added to include:** Paramedic Education Center Medical Directors. (Centers must be a hospital, college, or RETAC to be initial education)
 - Carrick will draft in the bylaws and distribute draft for review.
 - Vote in March.
- Electronic Voting verbiage
 - Clear verbiage in bylaws.
 - Carrick will review and highlight to send out.
 - In between meetings the availability to do electronic voting for time sensitive issues and what a quorum is for that.

Beta Blocker use

- Beta Blockers will be moving to acts allowed.
- Open for discussion
 - No consensus medically
 - This has been put into Chapter II as a category
 - Make sure not to switch between med classes.
 - Discuss for guidelines.

Region IV Prehospital Care Committee meeting (Kim)

- Next meeting is Thursday, February 19th at 1130, all virtual.
 - Healthcare Communication Committee will meet every other month along with Region IV.
 - Kim will send out information/invites to both committees.
 - Request that some Medical Directors attend Region IV.
 - Discuss in the future to rotate attendance for Medical Directors.

Whole Blood Updates (Mark)

- CSFD continues to do well.
- UCHealth Foundation is looking to do a large event with survivors who received blood and donors.
- CSFD had a few incidences with the cooler and had to waste 3 units blood. 1 unit was given unverified and had to be reported to the FDA. Report was filed within 45 days.
 - Cooler was serviced and evaluated.
- Mark met with Chief Webb at Falcon. They are looking to stand up blood.
- Kim and Ally had a meeting with Security at station 4 and City of Fountain Fire.
 - Data was discussed regarding potential patients they could have in the area.
- Main issues for departments is funding for equipment.
 - Jared from Fountain Fire is looking to go live about 2027.
 - Approximately 10k for one circulating unit without ultrasound. Equipment may be available at a lower cost now.
- Mark sent an email out to the region to determine mutual aid but had no response from except UPRAD.
 - CSFD is still willing to help out. Inside or outside the city. The logistics need to be worked out.
- Regionalization is where the Blood Coalition would like it to go but issues are with funding. and bring in hospital systems. The Foothills RETAC is the exchange for the Whole Blood Program.
 - Conversations are happening with UCHealth and CommonSpirit.
 - Could be regionally looked at soon.
 - Coalitions are trying to get statutes changed at the Capital level for hospitals to share information to include funding requests.

- Prehospital administration of whole blood has continued to prove that wastage goes down for the hospital, ICU stays decrease, days on the ventilators go down, and hospitals use less blood.
- Managing a Whole Blood program is extensive and not a part time job. There is a lot to be done to satisfy the blood bank, the FDA regulations, tracking, education, monitoring, etc.

Whole Blood UPRAD (Sean)

- Estimated 8-10 units out.

AED Registry Update (Stein)

- No update at this time.

Plains to Peak RETAC update (Kim)

- Chapter II is currently open. Scope of practice for the State.
 - Special meeting in January.
- RMD – Kim will be writing the grant.
- OneDose add-on – is part of the grant. New feature to double check med dosing.
- EMS at the capital is next Tuesday. Everyone is invited.
- RETAC will be hosting a Critical Care Paramedic Symposium at Pikes Peak State College. There will be access to simulation and staff.
 - Kim is working on the agenda.
 - Anyone interested in speaking, contact Kim.
- Healthcare coalition went away due to funding. When they came back the City of Colorado Springs was no longer willing to be the fiscal agent. RETAC has stepped in to be the fiscal agent for south central.
- ENDEMS exercise April 22nd at the Federal Communication Center. Another exercise will be happening at DIA. There are only 30-35 patients but not a ton for south central to participate in but through the Healthcare Coalition we will stand up the Regional medical operations center and do own exercise in conjunction with them.
- Continuing to work on developing the Emergency Medical Task Force statewide. Kim and Val Peaslee are the leads. Some funding has been received from Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR) funding to hire a contractor to help build out the basic structure. The system is being built out as a proof of concept then move to Legislation.

Pulsara Update – (Kim)

- Paid through March 31st.
- Legislation continues to push forward. Brandon should give update this week.
- Will keep updated.

225 Task Force update

- Chapter II may get pushed off to fall for sign off.
- Rules still open.
- New changes for paramedics should be signed off about the same time as Chapter II.
- Jeremy received an update from Brandon last Friday regarding Pulsara. Originally plan was to go for funding through vintage plates but they may be pivoting to different funding.
- Potentially essential EMS service bill being worked on.
- Other bill being worked on to include social workers is not the greatest.
 - This bill was submitted prior to any suggested changes so it has the wrong stuff for scope, the wrong stuff for getting paid and it violated state law.
 - This may be a scaled back bill unless the bill writer gets a ton of amendments to correct it.
 - The state CDPHE is extremely against it due to its restrictions for community paramedics.
- Rural medical directors
 - Rural transformation funding is from the Big Beautiful Bill that was meant for innovative care.
 - EMS is everywhere in this from interfacility transport, regional medical direction correlation, and mobile integrated healthcare.
 - Opportunity for expansion of EMS and innovative programs in the rural areas.
 - Committee is being formed now and funding will be available by March 31st.
 - Rural Transformation Fund Colorado you can sign up for the newsletter.
 - Potential hundreds of millions of dollars over the next 5 years.

Adjournment