

Plains to Peaks Medical Direction Committee

July 3, 2025

Summary Notes

Attendance:

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

Review and approval of Meeting Minutes

- May 1, 2025
 - Motion to approve Dave Hakkarinen/Seconded Stein Bronsky
- June 5, 2025 Cancelled

2024 Transport data review (Stein)

- CommonSpirit cardiovascular services reached out to Stein regarding STEMI destination. They have the impression that some patients are being transported to Memorial when they should be going to CommonSpirit. This is not a new subject for this.
 - Review of data in the past found there was no misallocation of pts based on the information that is documented, which included patient preference. A couple of cases did show that the patient was taken to a different facility other than patient preference due to various reasons by the prehospital provider. Paramedics had been talked to and reminded of the hospital capabilities and destination guidelines. This is not an AMR issue, destination may have been discussed prior to the transport agency arrival.
 - Next steps:
 - Invite administration to CQI meetings for detailed information on all calls.
 - Carrick will write a letter from CSFD to Christy at CommonSpirit regarding the appropriate way to bring up concerns at the Regional Cardiovascular CQI meeting.

- If there are specific cases/patients CommonSpirit would like to discuss, they can be presented at the meeting.
- STEMI patients can be contacted and asked how the facility was determined.
- Destination guidelines will be discussed at the next Regional Cardiovascular CQI meeting.
- Kim would be happy to ask for an updated report from the State if needed.
- Look at data annually.
- Destination Reviews (Stein): Feb 2024 Minutes
 - Kim has received 1 year of data from the state to include Stroke, STEMI, behavioral, and trauma.
 - Kim will be turning the data over to his QI individual and then to the committee.
- Destination Data (Kim/Jeremiah); April 2024 Minutes
 - Previous data received from AMR indicated that patients were going to the most appropriate facility.
 - State data received, which included all El Paso County, also determined that destinations were used appropriately.
 - State data is working and is clean.
 - Kim was asked to request a report showing ISS12 or above to determine that traumas are being transported to the correct destination. (do not include POV's)
 - Data will go to Region IV for presentation.

Region IV Prehospital Care Committee meeting (Kim)

- The MDC committee was formed after the UCC committee disbanded. Since the MDC is a closed meeting, communication between Region IV and the community needs to be established. There has not been a lot of activity at Region IV, is there a better committee for the information to be delivered?
 - It is viewed that the information needs to come from a separate committee so that the MDC is not use as a proxy war with the hospitals.
 - With the advent of setting up the CQI committees, this should be achieved.
 - There is just no committee for trauma.
 - Healthcare communication committee merged with MCI.
 - Start using the ESO work group to collaborate as a think tank to improve prehospital reports/analysis.

- Turnover at some agencies may have caused attendance issues. Each agency will be reached out to again inviting them to the Regional CQI meetings.
- Kim will bring this up at the next Region IV meeting.
- Carrick will bring a summary of the cardiovascular and neuro to the next Region IV and reach out to the chiefs of the other agencies.

OneDose App (Mark)

- Mark will work with Trent to update the app step by step for more clarification to the providers.
 - Medication dosing
 - Confusion on dosing prior to putting in the weight.
 - Intact filters
- MCI has asked if job aids can be put in the app. Yes, and OneDose is expanding with geolocation for addresses, etc.

Joint Training (Mark)

- Med Director needed for July 11th.
 - Kash may be available for the 9-11 slot.
 - Stein may be able to do the afternoon.

Whole Blood Updates (Matt)

- Teller County went live last week. No cases yet.
- Continuing to do grant applications and the foundation is continuing to raise money.
- Dr. Sean Keenan has been contracted by the Healthcare Coalition for an educational 6 hour course.
 - Ally Ludewig was present to make the regions aware that she is the coordinator. She is part of the pilot and will be there for the next year and a half.
 - State level did submit for the NITSA grant which would provide enough funds for the full time coordinator position.
 - This position is vital to the functionality of the program. If grants are not received, other avenues need to be taken into consideration.

AED Registry Update (Stein)

- This project is now owned by anybody.
- Traction has been received from El Paso and Teller Counties.
 - Grant writers have been brought into these conversations.
 - Discussion of dividing the project into 3 tiers

1. 4 minute communication to push to get AED's into the communities and residential areas.
 2. Augment in the public parts.
 3. Law enforcement: vehicles, patrol, etc.
- Kate has presented information at MDC, Region IV, and Teller County. Would like to get her in front of the Pikes Peak Regional Committee.
 - Carrick will reach out to the chiefs to request a presentation.
 - Funding will be sought after through the El Pomar Foundation, UCHealth Foundation, CommonSpirit Foundation, and private for-profit organizations. This has been successful around the country.

M-0.5 Update (Stein)

- No systematically set up in the city yet.
- Regionally it has been made clear to start the agreement when initiated by law enforcement agencies.
- El Paso county is waiting for CSPD to complete training prior to putting out a directive.
 - Training will be provided to EMS providers.
- Jeremy DeWall is not aware of anyone in Teller County doing these besides the behavior health organizations. Ute Pass does an additional 140 hours' worth of training a year. This could be a legal nightmare per DeWall for a standard EMS provider to understand and considering civilians civil rights. This should be left to law enforcement.
 - Jeremy states that CDPHE has requested a meeting with EHA and a couple of other groups to clarify the process.
- Stein has a different view that this would be a win for the city and not set up for a liability. Individuals know that if someone in the field needs to be evaluated, they are just brought into the hospital. Law enforcement does not write M1's for individuals just brought in.
 - The state says there is no fundamental training in Colorado Springs to state if the person is appropriate or not. Prehospital needs to learn the nuances and do the patients rights.
 - Training will be provided to decide who will be writing the M 0.5's. Law Enforcement will not write but will participate.

Plains to Peak RETAC update (Kim)

- Fiscal year begins July 15th. Next meeting will be in Cripple Creek at the Southwest Teller building.

- SIMTAC – July 9th & 10th.
- Financial meeting July 24th – 26th in Colorado Springs at the Double Tree.
- MCI collaboration at Penrose with the Healthcare Coalition was held in May.
 - Chief Castle from Las Vegas was the guest speaker.
 - Working with Ute Pass to bring Escape Encounter course to the region.
- As of June 30th the Healthcare Coalition is no longer funded.

Pulsara Update (Kim)

- No funding at this time.
- Pulsara stated they will not shut off the Med Ops portion until September 30th in hopes that the state will find funding.
 - What happens to the agency side if this is shut off? Contact Pulsara for answers.
- The state has approved the use of Pulsara but no funding.

225 Task Force update (Jeremy)

- Working with CDPHE for changes after Phase 3 report was signed off on.
 - Needs approval from the Governor.
- Recruitment and retention issues need improvement and funding.
- Phase 4 is all about the money.
- Phase 5 is long term sustainability.

EMPAC and Community Paramedics (Jeremy)

- Recommendations on wording was sent to the advisory council.
 - State took wording and incorporated in into Chapter II, some wording was changed to broader terms.
- Final meeting July 18th from 1-5.
 - Discussion on what the minimum qualifications of a Medical Director need to be.
 - Proposal to have them EMS or EM boarded with a certain number of hours to certify.

November meeting will be cancelled due conflicts.

Adjournment 0915