

Plains to Peaks Medical Direction Committee

May 7, 2026

Summary Notes

Attendance:

VOTING		NON-VOTING	
Dr. Matt Angelidis	Yes	Carrick Patterson	Yes
Dr. Stein Bronsky	Yes	Kim Schallenberger	Yes
Dr. Tim Hurtado	Yes	Dr. Kash Kaul	Yes
Dr. Eric Wu	Yes	Cameron Halverson	Yes
Dr. David Hakkarinen	Yes	Ginger Flynn	Yes
Dr. Jessica Walsh	Yes	Kaylinn Hathaway	No
Dr. James Brown	Yes	Caleb Hadfield	Yes
Dr. Sean Keenan	Yes	Mark Warth	Yes
Dr. Jeremy DeWall	No		
GUESTS:	Randy Royal		
	Jayme McConnellogue		

Review and approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 2, 2026
 - Motion to approve Dave Hakkarinen/Seconded Tim Hurtado

Presentation

- Dr. Kash Kaul was presented a plaque by Chief Randy Royal and Deputy Chief Jayme McConnellogue

Guidelines

- Ipratropium is allowed in our guidelines but not in the state acts allowed.
 - Mark will make edits in the current guidelines and remind EMT's that they cannot administer.

Whole Blood Updates (Matt)

- Matt attended the Economics of Whole Blood in Washington DC. He met with congressmen and women, CMS, and others to try and sustain funding long-term.
 - Health Insurance companies do not necessarily support the Whole Blood Programs. The financials are not in their favor.
 - They suggest going after life insurance companies.
- CEO of Vitalant has applied for a \$50,000 grant submitted through the foundation last week.
 - Meeting next week with Vitalant to do interviews and videos to support funding.

- Ashley Franco has set up interviews on Whole Blood donation.
- Funding available to support Whole Blood in Security and Fountain.
 - Trying to coordinate a meeting with the fire teams in those communities to see their interests.
- Ally Ludwick's position will be terminated. We will need to adopt the processes on our end to fill this gap.

Plains to Peak RETAC update (Kim)

- SEMTAC meeting July 8th and 9th.
- MCI symposium at St. Francis was just completed last week.
- Critical Care symposium next week at Pikes Peak State College.

Pulsara Update (Kim)

- Clarifying divert status with Pulsara or hospitals for crews.
 - OB divert, STEMI divert, etc.
 - Internal staff may enter information different than an ED nurse.
- Jay from Pulsara attended the ACS committee meeting last week and we were able to voice our concerns about data and only pull from EPCR system.
 - He will take the information back to his team to discuss further.
 - UCHealth is creating an integration for EPIC which will take care of data extractors issues.
 - CommonSpirit was unaware of the integration and will take the information back to the hospital and try to push the bridge for Epic and Pulsara.
- Coroner's office wants to be informed when someone gets blood in the field because it makes a difference with DNA testing.
 - Send report of all terminations in the field who receive Whole Blood.
 - Continued conversation.
- Pulsara may make it to Evans Army Community Hospital ambulance service.

Region IV update (Kim)

- Committee meeting every other month.
 - Healthcare Communications Committee is meeting at the same time which is better.
 - Medical Directors being in attendance helps complete the loop.
 - Would love to have more EMS involved.

225 Task Force update

- SB26-1069 which would support payment for treatment in place, had some significant hiccups and was amended appropriately.
- CDPHE had submitted an amendment to change the original legislation which established the SEMTAC. The original legislation says that SEMTAC will “review and approve” rules before they go to the Board of Health. It was changed to they will “review and recommend”. This amendment was opposed by EMSAC and the community at large.
 - SEMTAC is a type 2 board which does not have authority to approve like the Board of Health.
 - EMSAC worked hard to get a workable amendment.
- 225 continues to meet.

Roundtable

- Dr. Stein Bronsky handed in resignation to the city, CommonSpirit, and AMR on Monday. Will work until end of August.
- Caleb has submitted a presentation on educating and leading multigenerational workforces to the state conference.
- Dr. Hakkarinen states that reaccreditation was complete for CommonSpirit Paramedic School this week.
- NDMS exercise in Denver
 - PPROEM communication in Colorado Springs was great.
 - The Denver team’s biggest hiccup was nobody being familiar with Pulsara to use it correctly.
 - VA and FCC were not organized.
 - If there is no ability to have a state funded EMTF this will fall apart.
 - Discussed when the RMOC would be activated for natural disasters or prolonged events. For MCI’s the RMOC would be partially activated and put on an awareness if it were to develop into a prolonged event.

Adjournment