



## RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 19, 2010

**Location:** Limon Community Center  
477 D Avenue  
Limon, CO 80828

**Attendance:** See attached list

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

### **I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tim Dienst moved to accept the agenda as presented. Vicki Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **II. APPROVAL OF 7/20/10 MINUTES**

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

### **III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the Regional office for July, October, and September 2010. Vicki moved to accept the financial report as presented. Tim seconded the motion. Kim answered three questions regarding the Special Operations section. 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.

### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ted reminded the Council that officer elections will be held in January 2011. He further stated that he would not accept the Council Chair position again and thanked the Council for their support over the years.



## **VI. REPORTS**

### A) Officers

Ted spoke briefly about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual EMS Safety Summit held in Loveland October 13-15. Rob Handley, Tim, and Kim each added some remarks about the conference which all agreed was important and a valuable event.

### B) Regional Coordinator

Kim informed the Council that most of his activities during the past quarter would be covered during the agenda. He updated those present about the recent 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual P2P Fall ALS Conference, the EMSAC TEEEX classes, and the statewide EMTS Awards program.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### A) State Council Report

Kim informed the Council that the last SEMTAC meeting was held on October 6-7 in Denver. He reminded them that his notes from the meeting had been sent out via email. Kim reviewed some of the highlights from the meetings.

Kim highlighted some changes on the SEMTAC and within the committees. Dr David Ross was not reappointed to SEMTAC but Dale Quimby, Memorial Health Systems, was appointed as an administrator of an urban trauma facility. Also of note were the appointments of Anthony Kern to the State Trauma Advisory Committee and Dr Stein Bronsky to the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Committee. Anthony is a member of the General Public from Cheyenne County and Dr Bronsky is an Emergency Physician with Memorial Health System.

Kim provided information about the recently approved Trauma Designation Fee schedule for those facilities that choose to be designated as Trauma Centers. The final information Kim provided was a prepared document by the EMTS Section describing the impact of the SB-09-002 funding increase.

### B) Board of Health Rules

No pending rules changes were discussed.

### C) Legislative Update

A short discussion about the impact of Proposition 101 was held.



D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided a brief update on the progress of FY11 Regional grant for Pediatric Equipment.

Kim provided a document highlighting the changes that were approved for the FY12 Provider Grant cycle as well as some guidance for entities that wish to apply for Personnel and Services grant funding through the Provider Grant.

Kim noted that he had been approached by several agencies interested in participating in a Regional grant again in FY12. Discussion about the particular equipment that might be sought was held. Kim was tasked with contacting every agency and facility in the Region to get their input about a Regional Grant.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim and Ted spoke briefly about the recent Forum held in Colorado Springs. They noted that most of the discussions were held regarding the FY12 grant guidelines as well as a new template for the RETAC Biennial Plans.

F) Pediatric Issues

Bart Bachura indicated there were no current issues.

G) Drive Smart Colorado, CDOT Grant

Maile Gray and Barb Bailey provided an update on the progress of the CDOT Occupant Safety grant. This included a preview of the FY12 grant application and the inclusion of El Paso and Teller Counties into the funding stream.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Regional Medical Direction/CQI

Kim informed the Council about the Region's role in a Regional Medical Direction/CQI project which the EMTS Section Medical Director, Dr. Art Kanowitz, has been recommending. In concert with two medical directors from both Memorial Health System and Penrose-St Francis Health Services, the Region submitted a project for funding that was approved by the SEMTAC. This is a six month project running from January to June 2011 and there is no guarantee of future funding. Kim and Ted noted that if the project provided value back to the agencies, the medical directors, and to the Region the option of applying for Provider Grant funding was available in future years.



B) Kit Carson County Consultative Visit

Ted informed the Council about a program conducted by the state EMTS Section to review “System” issues and that Kit Carson County was approved by SEMTAC to undergo such a review. This will occur in January 2011 and the RETAC will act as the fiscal agent for the project. Ted assured the Council that their system was working fine but felt this was an opportunity to look at potential system improvements. Ted and Kim will provide information about the process and the outcomes once it is completed.

C) New Vehicle

Ted reminded the Council about discussions held at the previous meeting and during the interim regarding replacement of the 2006 Chevrolet Colorado provided to the Regional Coordinator for operations of the RETAC. Tim made a motion “to allow the Regional Coordinator to spend up to the budgeted amount, \$29,000, on a replacement vehicle. The purchase should take place between December 1-31, 2010 and the current vehicle will be used as a trade in. The Executive Council will provide final approval for the purchase”. Sue Kern seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D) Other

No additional topics.

E) Roundtable Discussion

Rob Handley, Limon Ambulance Service, thanked Kim for the good work on the Regional grants. He further noted that there will be a PALS class at Lincoln Community Hospital on November 11-12, 2010. Rob also noted that Tom Candlin with St Anthony’s hospital is offering to bring PEEP out to the rural areas.

Bart Bachura, Memorial Health System, informed the Council that Laura Kent has been hired through a Kohl’s grant to work in injury prevention and specifically Child Passenger Safety. Bart also reminded everyone about the EMSC survey. He provided information to dispel a rumor regarding neurology at Memorial Hospital. He emphasized that trauma neurosurgery is intact and working well at their facility.

Patty Baxter, El Paso County Emergency Manager, spoke about their 2011 Planning workshop and informed the group that they are working once again on a credentialing program and that it appears to be working better.

No other comments from those in attendance.



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**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Ted adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.  
The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be January 18, 2011 in El Paso County.

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Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator