



RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2018

Location: St Francis Medical Center
6001 E Woodmen Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80923

Attendance: See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Tim let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions from those in the room and on the phone.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tim presented the proposed agenda. Elizabeth Spradlin moved to accept the agenda as presented. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF July 17, 2018 MINUTES

Minutes of the July 17, 2018 were reviewed. Elizabeth moved to accept the minutes of July 17th as presented. Heather Sieracki seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for July, August, and September 2018. Rachel Smith moved to accept the financial report as presented. Elizabeth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Dienst, Wendy Erickson, and Nicole Richards abstained.

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

Kim indicated there was no correspondence during the last quarter.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements at this time.

VI. REPORTS

A) Officers

Council Chair Tim Dienst



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- Tim spoke to the Council about the work Kim has been doing and specifically thanked him for the effort to provide the EMS Financial Conference.
- Tim thanked all of the Council members and stakeholders who are participating on and attending the SEMTAC and other statewide meetings. He named off many of those persons.

B) Regional Coordinator

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, informed the Council that many items would be covered during the regular agenda. He also provided a memo with the following topics and expanded on his work within each area:

- Contract Deliverables
- Education
- Advocacy
- Mental Health
- Statewide Meetings
- Awards
- Local Meetings
- Other

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) State Council Report

Kim provided the Council with his notes from the recent SEMTAC meeting. Several topics were highlighted which included:

- EMTS Branch hired a new Trauma Program Nurse Specialist; Kiva Thompson
- SEMTAC possibly going to create another task force to consider minimum requirements for Critical Care Ambulance
- EMPAC working with EMT Intermediate stakeholders on options for continuation of the level
- University of Colorado Hospital-Anschultz achieved their Level I Trauma Designation
- Work of the CQI Task Force
- Migration of trauma data submission from the current state platform to the Imagetrend platform
- Updates on the work of Trauma Chapters Two and Four
- Update on the work of the Expanded Scope of Care Task Force

B) Board of Health Rules

Kim reminded the group that the EMS Chapter Four rules regarding licensure of ground ambulances would be going to the Board of Health soon.

C) Legislative Update

Tim updated the Council on the following current legislative issues

- The National EMS Memorial has been passed through the House and the Senate. It is now waiting on a signature from the President. The Memorial will be on the National Mall



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- Ambulance services will begin providing cost reports for the SRI in the 3rd quarter of 2019
- Brief discussion about the effect and actions for the Residential Assessment Rate at the state level
- CMS will likely be doing random audits of ambulance services in all states starting in 2019
- EMS at the Capitol is schedule for February 2019

D) State Provider Grant

Kim provided documents showing grant awards for the FY19 Fiscal Year within the region. He also provided a document showing the CREATE grant awards for the region in the past quarter. Tim encouraged anyone with a project that might benefit from the EMTS Provider Grant incentive category to begin the process early for FY21.

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

Kim, Tim, and Wendy attended the RETAC Forum in Colorado Springs last quarter.

The next RETAC Forum will be held in Loveland in January.

F) Pediatric Issues

Kim, Rachel, and Wendy updated the group on the work being done by Lincoln Community Hospital and St Francis Medical Center to participate in the pilot program for the Pediatric Readiness program through the Pediatric Emergency Care Committee of SEMTAC.

G) FY18 Goals

Kim updated the group on work he has been doing to meet the established goals of the FY18 Biennial Plan.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Children's Hospital Colorado

Representatives from Children's Hospital Colorado Springs were in attendance to provide an update on the new facility scheduled to open in Spring 2019 in northern Colorado Springs. Representatives included: Joe Darmofal, Lana Martin, David Bliss, Dr. Bill Hardin, Greg Raymond, Dr. David Listman, Jason Kotas, and John Recicar. The group answered questions and provided information about the resources which will be available at the new facility. These resources included:

Emergency Department: 33 Exam Rooms, 6 Behavioral Health Rooms
Cancer Department: 8 Private Infusion Rooms, 4 Infusion Bays, 6 Exam Rooms
Surgery Department: 8 Operating Rooms, 33 Private Recovery Beds, 5 Extended Stay Beds
Imaging Department: MRI, CT, Plain Film, Ultrasound, Fluoroscopy
Hospital Beds: 37 Medical Surgery Beds, 16 PICU Beds, 50 NICU Beds



B) ALS Conference

Kim updated the Council on the progress of the ALS Conference Committee. There will be a podcast on Friday, March 15th from the site. The main conference will occur on Saturday, March 16th at the Double Eagle Resort in Cripple Creek. Eric Bauer will be providing an additional day of Critical Care CE on Sunday, March 17th on site.

C) Eastern Ambulance Reimbursement Project

Kim and Tim updated the Council on the progress of the Cost Based Reimbursements for an ambulance service through a Critical Access Hospital. Kim noted numerous meetings with state and federal officials to attempt to work past the hurdles associated with the project. Members of the Council and other attendees asked questions and provided comments. Kim will continue to update the Council on the progress of this important project.

D) Roundtable

Commissioner Pat Ward thanked the RETAC for the work to consider options for ambulance service in eastern Colorado. Time is critical to develop a sustainable solution.

Jasmine Shea noted that Keefe Memorial Hospital had hosted a pediatric simulation trailer last quarter. They are also planning some drills soon. She is hopeful to become a TNCC instructor.

Lisa Powell, South Central Healthcare Coalition, informed the group that there are some psychiatric first aid courses available through the SCHCC. They are also developing a pediatric focus group.

Joe Darmofal, Children's Hospital Colorado, informed the group about the CHCO Conference coming this January 24-25th.

Jason Kotas, Children's Hospital Colorado, reminded the group about the EMSAC conference in November at Keystone Resort.

Jesse Baker noted that AMR will be hosting the first on scene event at the EMSAC Conference.

Heather Sieracki informed the group that there will be an ATLS refresher at Penrose on November 7th and an initial course December 14-15th. The Paramedic class through the EMS Institute is ongoing. Pulsara is considering the inclusion of Trauma on their platform.

Wendy Erickson informed the group that SFMC is hosting a TNCC course October 23-24th. Paramedics can audit the course if interested. There will be a TNCC Instructor course on October 26th in Castle Rock. Also a TCAR course at SFMC on November 15-16th.

Tim Dienst encouraged both CHCO and UC Health to implement the HDE platform through ESO. Centura already has the tool. He also thanked UC Health for the upgrades occurring at Pikes Peak Regional Hospital.



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No other additional comments from those present

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, Tim adjourned the meeting at 1505

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be January 15, 2019 in Lincoln County.

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator

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