



## RETAC Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 29, 2019

**Location:** Lincoln Community Hospital  
111 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hugo, CO 80821

**Attendance:** See attached list

A quorum was present. Tim Dienst, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Tim led 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. Rayetta Addy moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wendy Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **II. APPROVAL OF October 16, 2018 MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 16, 2018 were reviewed. Rachel Smith moved to accept the minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup> as presented. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019**

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, reminded the Council of the current membership on the Executive Committee.

- Tim turned the meeting over to Kim for the nomination and election of a Council Chair for 2019.
- Kim opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council Chair. Ted Sayer nominated Tim Dienst. Rachel Smith seconded the motion. Kim asked for any additional nominations. Hearing none, Kim called for a vote to approve Tim Dienst as Council Chair for 2019. Motion passed. Kim turned the meeting back over to Tim.
- Tim opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council Vice Chair. Rachel Smith nominated Wendy Erickson. Rayetta seconded the motion. Tim asked for additional nominations. Hearing none, Tim called for a vote to approve Wendy Erickson as Council Vice Chair for 2019. Motion passed.
- Tim opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council Secretary. Wendy nominated Rachel Smith. Jasmine Shea seconded the motion. Tim asked for any additional nominations. Hearing none, Tim called for a vote to approve Rachel Smith as Council Secretary for 2019. Motion passed.
- Executive Committee for 2019 is as follow:
  - Tim Dienst, Council Chair
  - Wendy Erickson, Council Vice Chair
  - Rachel Smith, Council Secretary
- Kim informed the Council that the current bylaws require an election for each calendar year. He asked the Council if it would be appropriate to expand the officer terms to two years. Tim Dienst



is appointed to the SEMTAC as a RETAC Chair and this would help to ensure that he remains on SEMTAC throughout his allotted term. Tim explained that this would require a change in the current bylaws. Kim was tasked with bringing suggested bylaw changes to the next meeting for discussion. They could then be voted on at the October meeting.

#### **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator, presented documents reflecting the financial activity of the regional office for October, November, and December 2018. Candy Shoemaker moved to accept the financial report as presented. Mark Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Dienst, Wendy Erickson 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.

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Kim indicated there was no correspondence during the last quarter.

#### **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements at this time.

#### **VII. REPORTS**

##### **A) Officers**

No reports at this time.

##### **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



## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### A) State Council Report

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

- Currently open positions on the SEMTAC and those which will open in July 2019
- July meeting of SEMTAC will be held in Alamosa
  
- Wendy Erickson received the Positively Collaborative Award from Martin Duffy
- Critical Care Ambulance standards and processes at work through SEMTAC
- Expanded Scope of Care Rules for Level III-IV

### B) Board of Health Rules

The group discussed the recently passed EMS Chapter Four EMS Ground Ambulance Rules. There were some concerns regarding the minimum equipment list. Kim was tasked with following up on the rules to learn about options.

### C) Legislative Update

Tim updated the Council on the following current legislative issues

- State bill regarding expanded scope of practice for EMTs and Paramedic; also includes potential for medical direction to be provided by Advanced Practice Nurses and Physicians Assistants
- Peer Assistance bill for EMTs and Paramedics which would potentially include a fee for both initial and recertification
- Potential bill regarding facilities and ambulance services being required to accept “in network” payments even when service is provided by “out of network”
- Potential Medicaid/Medicare rule change which would allow for alternate destinations and billing for Mobile Integrated Healthcare services
- Statewide training for the Supplemental Reimbursement Program for Medicaid payments

### D) State Provider Grant

Kim spoke about the current FY20 EMTS Provider Grant application which is open online and will be closing on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

- The RETAC Regional Grant Hearing will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at Black Forest Fire Rescue; 0900-1200
- Volunteers to be Regional Grant reviewers include:
  - Cheyenne County: Jasmine Shea
  - El Paso County: Ted Sayer, Nate Lenn, Wendy Erickson
  - Kit Carson County: Kim will reach out to Commissioner Gary Koop
  - Lincoln County: Rachel Smith; Kim will reach out to Mark Morrison
  - Teller County: Tim Dienst, Candy Shoemaker
- Kim asked the Council if the hearing should offer the option of calling in for grant applicants
  - Council agreed that applicants should have that option
  - Council agreed that reviewers should be in the room



- Kim will inform grant applicants of this option

E) Statewide RETAC Forum

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

The next RETAC Forum will be held in Gateway.

F) Pediatric Issues

Lana Martin provided an update on the progress of construction for Children's Hospital Colorado Springs.

Rachel (Lincoln Community Hospital) and Wendy (St Francis Medical Center) provided an update on the EMSC Pediatric Readiness program. Both facilities had agreed to be the pilot programs for the project. With the change in leadership at the EMSC program, it appears that the project is starting from the beginning.

G) FY18 Goals

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

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A) 2019 BLS Conference in Limon

Kim updated the Council on the upcoming conference scheduled for April 26-28, 2019 in Limon. The BLS Conference Committee has met and created a draft agenda for the conference. Work is happening to confirm the speakers and vendors.

B) ALS Conference

Kim updated the Council on the upcoming ALS Conference scheduled for March 16-17, 2019 in Cripple Creek. The ALS Conference Committee has been meeting regularly. The speakers and skills session are confirmed. Registration is open on the EMSAC website.

C) FY20 Biennial Plan and Goals

Kim reminded the Council that the next full Biennial Plan will be due on June 30, 2019. Therefore, the goals will need to be approved at the April 2019 meeting for inclusion in the completed plan. Tim and Kim asked the Council to come to next meeting with ideas for goals.



D) CARES Program

Kim, Tim, and Wendy provided the Council with information about the CARES program which is being promoted by another Region. The proposal would require the Plains to Peaks RETAC to commit funding for more than one year to the project to support a full-time employee plus program costs. After discussion, the Council concluded that the funds were not available to support the project. The Council did believe the project was likely worthy and agreed to support a grant application to fund the project. Kim was tasked with writing a letter explaining the Council's position. Kim will have the Executive Council review the letter prior to sending.

E) Eastern Ambulance Reimbursement Project

Kim provided a brief history of the current and past projects. He then updated the Council on the current status. This included a recent communication from the Regional CMS Office requesting additional information regarding the "35 Mile Rule" and agencies located in other states. Kim will continue to work with local stakeholders, the Colorado Rural Health Center, and Tommy Barnhardt on the project.

F) Roundtable

Kim informed the Council that Commissioner Pat Ward may be experiencing some health issues at this time and could not attend today's meeting.

Jasmine Shea informed the group that Keefe Memorial Hospital has obtained a "Stroke Robot" which will help with telemedicine for both stroke patients and a limited number of behavioral health assessments.

Wendy Erickson provided some educational opportunities from Penrose-St Francis Health Services

- TNCC; February 12-13
- TCAR; February 19-20
- Wendy also informed the group that the new ER at SFMC will open on February 13<sup>th</sup>

Ken Stroud informed the group that Lincoln County Public Health and the Emergency Management office are working on a plan to be able to provide oxygen to their vulnerable population during times of extreme weather or other disaster.

Rachel Smith provided some educational opportunities from Lincoln Community Hospital

- PALS in the near future
- ACLS; March 24
- Conference with Medical Center of Aurora coming in March/April

Dr. David Listman informed the group that Children's Hospital Colorado Springs is working with local stakeholders and has a potential opening date of late April/early May.

No other additional comments from those present



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**X. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Tim adjourned the meeting at 1520

The next meeting of the Plains to Peaks RETAC will be April 16, 2019 in Cheyenne County.

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Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator

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