



Mile-High Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC)

Meeting Minutes Rita Bass Auditorium

January 19, 2006

Members Present:

Adams County- Carol Hurdelbrink, Rick Lindsay
Arapahoe County- Dr. Mark Kozlowski, Jean Zambrano, Sgt. Randy Councell
Broomfield County-, Joe Bruce, Dr. Jan Dehler
Denver County- Dr. Katheryn Beauchamp
Douglas County, Dr. Burt Katubig
Elbert County- Dr. Joan Bothner, Dian Bowers, Glen Ohrns

Members Absent:

Adams County- Jackie Reynolds
Broomfield County-, Dr. Charles Mains
Denver County- Dr. Christopher Colwell, Carol Boigon,
Douglas County- Jamie Moore, Rich Martin

Minutes Prepared by:

Shirley Terry, Mile-High RETAC Coordinator

Quorum Established:

Yes

Call Meeting to Order/Introductions:

Dr. Joan Bothner called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Dr. Bothner introduced the two new council members, Joe Bruce representing Broomfield and Dr. Katheryn Beauchamp representing Denver.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes of November 17, 2005 were approved as written.

Coordinators Report- Shirley Terry:

37 Target Capabilities

Coordinator reviewed the target capabilities, the National Priorities and especially those that affect the medical community. These priorities directly impacted the grant writing process. The areas that impact the hospitals and EMS agencies are: Planning, Communications, CBRNE Detection, Critical Infrastructure Protection, Responder Safety and Health, WMD/Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination, Medical Surge, Mass Prophylaxis and Fatality Management.

The Council decided to develop a half day seminar to review the various components of medical community disaster preparedness. Dr. Jan Dehler, Randy Councill, Mark Kercheval, Joe Bruce and others have agreed to assist with the preparations.

ReadyColorado

This is an initiative under Citizen Corp with the Homeland Security Grant that has become a statewide effort.

Agency Profiles

The agency profiles will be sent out over the next couple weeks. Each agency will receive their pre-populated profile from last year to save them time. Additional questions will not be asked.

EMS Provider Grants

Grant was released on December 15, 2005 on the SEMTAC web page.
Grant applications are due February 15, 2006 to MHRETAC Coordinator
Agency profiles due March 1, 2006 to the State
MHRETAC Provider Grant Workshop is today, January 19, 2006 from 1-3 pm
MHRETAC scoring will occur on March 16, 2006 from 1-3pm.
CDPHE Waiver review will occur in March
SEMTAC scoring will occur in May
Award finalization in June
Public Notice on July 1, 2006

Established maximum amounts to request for cost of ambulances, equipment, computers and training have been established.

MHRETAC Grant Reviewers

Coordinator requested volunteers to review the provider grants this year. Need 7 to assure that there will be 5 reviewers for each grant.

EMS Data Beta Test Pilot

Effective January 17, 2006, the EMTS initiated the voluntary participation of the Web Based EMS Beta Test Pilot. This rolling pilot is open to all agencies across the state. Everyone is invited to join the demonstration and submit test data to the state's web site.

New Trauma Coordinators

Debra Carpenter at Denver Health and Darcy Cortez at St. Anthony North.

Citizen Corps 2006

Citizen Corp kick-off is scheduled for January 27, 2006 at Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office from 9-4. Medical Reserve Corp will be the focus for Elbert County.

Quarantine and Isolation Seminar

Information was sent regarding the free Q & I Seminar to be held at the Red Lion Hotel on Jan 31 and Feb 1, 2006. Everyone can register on line at www.co.train.org.

MMRS

MMRS has a grant of \$220,000 that is due by February 6th. Grant requests will be sorted out for NCR, UASI and MMRS. MMRS is focusing on ham radio antennas for the hospitals.

HRSA Grant Funding 2006

The hospitals were to have their wish lists in by December 15. The state is coordinating this effort.

Denver Metro Response Exercise (Sync Matrix Exercise)

The After Action Report is still being finalized by Denver Emergency Managers.

Rule 500 Modifications

Dr. Fred Sevryn or Randy Kuykendall have received several comments regarding the new formulary.

Medical Director Book

Coordinator encouraged everyone to assure the accuracy of the information in the Medical Directors Directory.

Standing Committees

The MHRETAC bylaws state that committees are to report at least four times each year. Some committees need to be placed on hold such as Biennial Plan Committee and Finance/Grants Committee. The Injury Prevention Committee will be started again with the new state contract.

Previously Pre-Hospital Committee and Data Collection Committee were placed on hold. The Task Forces are Bylaws and Human Resource. The Biennial Plan and Finance/Grants Committee were approved to be officially on hold.

Web Site

Coordinator has caught most of the web site up to date. She will now work on getting someone to enhance the web site and make it look more professional.

Letter of Support for Suicide Study

CDPHE has asked for the MHRETAC to write a letter of support for a suicide study that will focus on men between the ages of 25-64. Men in the Denver Metro area have elevated suicide rates or other factors of interest. Letter was submitted.

Standing Committee Reports:

Destination Committee- Dr. Christopher Colwell

Dr. Hedegaard is limited with her time and will not be able to provide data to the MHRETAC for QI issues. Coordinator has contacted Clinical Data Management for a proposal to collect analysis and provide data for the MHRETAC. The committee will review the proposal on February 16th, 2006 at 11am at Dist. Three Police Station.

Bylaws Task Force- Carol Hurdelbrink

The committee reviewed the bylaws and recommends no changes at this time.

Other Reports:

State Update- Randy Kuykendall and Maria Crespín

Deferred

North Central Region- Shirley Terry

All committees and agencies have been working on providing the grant requests for NCR and UASI. All proposals are due on January 19th to Scott Kellar and Marty Flahive. The proposals will be organized by lead in each area and sent back out to committees for review. NCR board will approve the grant on February 3, 2006 and submit to the State by February 6th. MHRETAC Coordinator and Linda Underbrink are considered the subject experts and lead for the Medical Surge Component and medical related grant proposals.

UASI- Shirley Terry

The feds have expanded UASI boundaries to include the cities of Denver, Aurora, Arvada, Lakewood, Thornton and Westminster. The "buffer zone" radiates out ten miles from the combined area. Essentially, most of the NCR is now included in the UASI area. Marty Flahive is working on the governance and IGA agreements for the new region.

Unfinished Business:

Trauma Care Preservation Coalition

Senate Bill 19 was introduced by Senator Tochtrop on January 11, 2006. This bill is concerning a requirement that emergency medical care coverage be included in automobile insurance policies. Coordinator has sent the details and bill to all MHRETAC stakeholders. Everyone was encouraged to contact members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

UASI- Medical Community Strategic Planning Meeting

The Medical Community Strategic Planning comprehensive plan has been completed and correlated with the 37 target capabilities. This document will assist in writing the priorities for the grant. Many of the goals are included in the revisions of UASI Strategic Planning efforts.

HRSA EMS Cache- Debra Polk

6 caches are planned. The following hospitals and EMS agencies have agreed to participate in the caches to date: Swedish, University, Anschutz Inpatient Pavilion, AMR and Rural/Metro. At this time, there is no need for an MOU but may need a policy on how the supplies should be deployed, rotated and replenished.

2nd Quarter Report

The report was submitted per contract. Send Coordinator a request if you would like a copy.

New Business:

Nomination of Officers

Dr. Christopher Colwell sent a request for nominations for Chair and Treasurer via e-mail. The nominations were unanimous to keep Dr. Joan Bothner as Chair and Jean Zambrano as Treasurer with terms to starting January 2006 and ending December 2007.

Council Membership

Denver County has appointed two new Council Members, Dr. Katheryn Beauchamp and The Honorable Carol Boigon. Both terms were effective December 31, 2005 and expire on December 31, 2007.

Adams County is re-appointing Rick Lindsay.

The other Council Members that need to renew their terms are: Randy Council, Jean Zambrano, Dr. Jan Dehler, Rich Martin, Jamie Moore, Glenn Ohrns and Dian Bowers.

Ambulance Licensing

John Pickle from Broomfield and Dian Bowers from Elbert County attended the last Multi-Agency Ambulance Licensing Committee. Dian and the Coordinator presented the initial information to Elbert County Commissioners. Coordinator wrote a brief note for John Pickle regarding their participation in the program.

Meeting Timelines

Coordinator handed out the timelines of meetings and locations for 2006.

5th Annual MHRETAC Resource Council Book

MHRETAC Coordinator handed out CD's with the Biennial Plan, Bylaws, IGA, Timetables, Council Members and other pertinent information for the Council Members.

C-DOT Grant- Teen Seat Belt Use

The contract has been signed by Dr. Joan Bothner and is back with C-DOT for final signatures.

2006 Grant Process, Radiation Detectors

The Radiation Detection program that was started last year will be a part of the grant request for this year.

New Legislation Proposal

Coordinator proposed that this year someone should sponsor a bill to provide for RETACs to receive \$150,000 for RETACs of more than 10 counties. In addition, it has been 5 years since the legislation was enacted without provisions for an increase in funding sources. Rick Lindsay has agreed to look into this situation.

Pandemic Flu

This is one of the state's scenario initiatives for the state to work on this year. Health and Human Services in a News Release has provided additional funds for pandemic influenza preparedness efforts. Each state will receive \$500,000 and additional funding based upon population. Colorado is slated for \$1,605,882.

Homeland Security Secretary Mike Leavitt is conducting summits in all 50 states over the next few months. Colorado is set for some time soon- date is unknown.

Information on pandemic preparedness efforts is available at www.pandemicflu.gov.

Open Forum for Audience and Council Members:

Coordinator asked about the current room setting in the Rita Bass Auditorium. It was agreed that this location was not going to work. Next month will be in Classroom A and B.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn.

Next Meeting-

The next meeting date will be March 16, 2006 from 11am to 1pm, Rita Bass Auditorium, 190 W. 6th Ave.

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