



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

Meeting Minutes

**Rita Bass
190 W. 6th Ave.**

March 16, 2006

Members Present:

Adams County- Carol Hurdelbrink, Jackie Reynolds
Arapahoe County- Jean Zambrano, Sgt. Randy Councell
Broomfield County-, Joe Bruce, Dr. Charles Mains, Dr. Jan Dehler
Denver County- Dr. Christopher Colwell
Douglas County- Rich Martin, Jamie Moore
Elbert County, Dian Bowers, Glen Ohrns

Members Absent:

Adams County- Rick Lindsey
Arapahoe County- Dr. Mark Kozlowski
Denver County- Dr. Kathryn Beauchamp, Carol Boigon
Douglas County- Dr. Burt Katubig
Elbert County- - Dr. Joan Bothner

Minutes Prepared by:

Shirley Terry, Mile-High RETAC Coordinator

Quorum Established:

Yes

Call Meeting to Order/Introductions:

Dr. Charles Mains called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes of January 19, 2006 were approved as written.

Presentations:

EMS Data Collection- Chris Montero and Mike Merrill

Chris Montero and Mike Merrill presented the goals and objectives of the EMS Data Collection project. All agencies are to be downloading EMS data by July 1, 2006. Beta testing is web based- go to www.coems.info- this will take you directly to the EMS section on data collection on the SEMTAC web site.

800 MHz DTR Project- Ron Lutz

Ron Lutz presented information regarding 800 MHz systems for hospitals and EMS agencies. The MHRETAC will be conducting a study to determine which hospitals in the region have 800 MHz capabilities and will identify the interoperability problems.

Treasurer's Report- Jean Zambrano

Jean Zambrano presented the 1st quarter financial report for the MHRETAC.

Coordinators Report- Shirley Terry:

Level I and II Meetings-

The Trauma Directors from the Level I and II trauma centers have started to meet monthly to deal with the Level I and II rules that need to be written.

Designation Review Committee-

This committee has started to meet monthly to review the current site survey results. Hospitals attend to provide additional information regarding their surveys when they have met with reservations.

Agency Profiles

Most of them have been returned by now. Some are having trouble saving the documents and returning them via e-mail so have faxed or mailed them to me.

EMS Provider Grants

MHRETAC Provider Grant Reviews today
SEMTAC scoring will occur in May
Award finalization in June
Public Notice on July 1, 2006

New criteria set for cost of ambulances, equipment, computers and training.
Established maximum amounts to request various these items.

Council Membership

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

Regional EMS Council

Coordinator announced that she is organizing a Regional EMS Council that will expand into the UASI and NCR. The goal is to get the EMS community organized regionally to deal with trauma system related issues such as data collection and all hazard preparedness and grant opportunities. The group is scheduled to meet the 4th Wednesdays from 2-4 at Rita Bass.

Regional Hospital Council

Coordinator announced that she is organizing a Regional Hospital Council to address the issues of trauma system related issues and all hazard preparedness and grant opportunities. No date has been set yet.

Standing Committee Reports:

Destination Committee- Dr. Christopher Colwell

The committee listened to a proposal by CDM to compile the trauma data for the MHRETAC and produce specific reports for the region. This information could then be used to quality improvement projects. Further information is needed before a decision can be made.

Other Reports:

State Update- Randy Kuykendall and Maria Crespin

The regional EMS meeting is tonight at CDPHE from 7-9. This is an opportunity for the EMS community to hear the latest changes in the EMS rules and EMT certification. This is also an opportunity to have your voice heard.

SEMTAC will be meeting on April 6, 2006. The Medical Director book should be available by the end of the month.

North Central Region- Scott Kellar

NCR Board Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 9 at Camp George West to finalize the grant.

Credentialing Committee

This committee is looking at what types of information should be on the proxy or smart cards. First wave will focus on first responders. Joe Bruce, Glen Ohrns and Randy Councill are on this committee with the MHRETAC Coordinator

Evacuation Committee

This committee is just starting to organize following the conference that was held a couple weeks ago. MHRETAC Coordinator will be on the Steering Committee and the Medical Committee for evacuation planning. The training conference will be April 17, 2006.

Grants Committee

The work on the grant is completed with the final approval from the NCR Board on Friday, March 17, 2006. This committee consists of the county emergency managers and the two RETAC coordinators. The proposal to the NCR board will be to make this same group the Executive Committee for NCR and to continue with regular monthly meetings.

Citizen Corp

There is a regional effort to get CERT, Medical Reserve Corps as well as Neighborhood watches organized. Elbert County is taking the lead on developing the Medical Reserve Corp. They would like to get it started at perhaps the Air Show to be held this summer.

Hot Tamale Exercise

This exercise will be held on April 4th. Each county will begin to identify the problems associated with mass prophylaxis for the first responders.

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.

MMRS- Jodi Watson

MMRS has some money for 23 hospitals to conduct planning and execution of their plan for mass prophylaxis of their own hospital staff. This money is due to expire in September. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Unfinished Business:

Trauma Care Preservation Coalition

Senate Bill 19 has been defeated.

UASI- Medical Community Strategic Planning Meeting

The committee continues to expand its membership and is focusing on revising the strategic plan. The committee has a template for developing projects and will be working on the medical assessment upon grant approval.

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.

2nd Quarter Report

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

Legislative Proposal-Rick Lindsey

Deferred- Rick Lindsey is absent.

New Business:**Exemption from Audit-**

Coordinator presented the Exemption from Audit that was prepared by Bruce Fosdick. Council members are to sign and Coordinator will send by March 31, 2006.

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.

C-DOT Grant- Teen Seat Belt Use

The committee is working on developing a job description for the campaign coordinator. The job should be posted in the next few months. The MHRETAC may need to provide \$500 for some additional injury prevention expenses.

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.

Pandemic Flu

This is one of the state's scenario initiatives for everyone to work on this year. Homeland Security Secretary Mike Leavitt is conducting summits in all 50 states over the next few months. The date for Colorado is unknown at this time.

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

The Winning Edge Team Ambulance- Shirley Terry

Years ago, around 1997, Jeff Anderson in Lamar gave an old ambulance that he used for injury prevention activities to Shirley Terry with the intent that it be utilized in injury prevention activities in the metro area. Denver Health agreed to house it and provide insurance coverage for it. The actual ownership went to the Denver Adams ATAC and was passed on to the MHRETAC in 2000.

When MHRETAC received the C DOT injury prevention grant, the idea was to use the ambulance for these high school activities. The Coordinator was surprised to read in the EMS newsletter that the ambulance was now in the possession of the Plains to Peak RETAC.

The Council directed the Coordinator to investigate into what happened to the MHRETAC ambulance.

MHRETAC Grant for FY 2007

Coordinator outlined the following items that will included into the budget for next year; VFIS insurance \$1393.00, Elbert County Ambulance Licensing-- \$978, C-DOT Injury Prevention Project \$500, Elbert County Mini Conference, \$500 and monies for creating a new web site for the MHRETAC.

Open Forum for Audience and Council Members:

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn.

Next Meeting-

The next meeting date will be May 18, 2006 from 11am to 1pm, Rita Bass Auditorium, 190 W. 6th Ave.

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