

# SECRETAC Meeting

October 14, 2020

## Order at 10:04

### Roll Call

Members: Brandon Chambers, John Reitan, Jean Sykes, Renay Crain, Cherilyn Wittler, Shellie Engelhardt, Doug Sykes, Hannah Muth, Eunice Weber, Jeremy Burkhart, Mario Rodriguez, John Spano, Ray Gonzales, Riley Frazee, Robbie Quick,

Guests: Jason Knudson, Care Connect; Cheryl Brewer; Mike Archuleta

Excused Absences: Marge Campbell

Introduction of Guests

### Approval of Minutes

Jeremy made motion to approve minutes from September. Mario seconded. Motion approved unananimously.

### Monthly Reports

#### Approval of Financial Report:

Change in format. Jeremy made a motion to approve financials and Eunice seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Monthly Bills – Medical Director Fee for first quarter, Contract for Coordinator Services, Accountant Contract through Crowley County. Provided to members in board packet. Jeremy moved to approve bills and John seconded. Approved unanimously. Mario requested that the RMD request be made out to Crowley County EMS. Brandon advised he will talk to Dr. Weber and it shouldn't be a problem.

County Funding: No activity. Jeremy requested whether King Vision purchases would be an approvable expense if bought as a package including some disposable items. Brandon stated disposables purchased with the non-disposable items would be okay.

Education and Training: Brandon just sent out a notice today with information on upcoming classes. Mike Archuleta provided an education report. Moving PHTLS to December 28-30<sup>th</sup>. TNCC classes coming up. Advanced Medical Life Support class in Bent County next week. Next week webinar on REBOA. Mike will look into scheduling an ACLS Instructor course.

### Coordinator Report:

Contract Deliverables for September met without a problem.

November deliverables coming up.

Bent County Needs Assessment delayed again due to COVID. Have until December now to roll out the needs assessment. Will likely all be virtual with the exception of a local piece. State not allowing State employees to travel. Have not received a preliminary report.

RMD/EMPAC Report – Not too much to report on. Reviewed Ketamine.

RETAC Forum –

Supplemental funding through Medicaid/CDPHE available for some places. Related to Cost Reporting. Rocky Ford, Lamar and Bent Co got funding this last year. Public Emergency Medical Supplemental Payment process. Colorado EMS Supplemental Funding Program. Must be a for-profit organization. Application process. Webinars available. Information in the board packet. Look for RETAC Forum Mtg September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Training Schedule. Good help available to get into the process.

Sentinel Event Reporting – Near Miss Reporting. It's about learning from mistakes. <http://events.clirems.org> on September 3<sup>rd</sup> RETAC Forum update

SEMTAC Report – Jean Sykes and Ryan Cook represent our area on SEMTAC.

Financial reports (annual) approved for accuracy.

Application process for EMS grants changed this last year. Required pre-application process made it very difficult for anyone to get everything done if they waited until the last minute. Now pre-application process must be completed 7 days prior to grant closing (February 15<sup>th</sup>). This was just approved.

Incentive Category – Can apply for an approved incentive category and get 90% of grant covered. This year if anyone applies for an Injury Prevention grant it will be covered at 90%.

CARES Program – Agencies are slowly getting signed up. Jillian Moore contact information will be shared again.

Website – Currently locked out of website. Only RETAC in State without a website. We don't have any requirement to have a website, but the information must be publicly available online. Website development would cost less than \$1000. Maintenance fee (yearly) would be required. Jeremy proposed the possibility of sharing website with the Southern Colorado RETAC. Very similar RETACs. Could cost share with them. Brandon advised it might be a good possibility. Several on the board advised it would be good to approach SCRETAC regarding their perspective.

UV Light Information – Originally presented by Marge Campbell. In her absence today, Brandon provided additional information. Some information in board packet. Some of the larger ambulance services in the state already use UV Lighting to disinfecting the back of the ambulance. Brandon advised "fogging" system is more effective but more messy. Systems out there advertised already. \$2500 to \$4000 per system. Proposal for regional project to purchase one per agency. Jeremy researched some more. UV air purifying system already in two of Lamar units. Jeremy provided some clarification on the use of UVC instead of UVA/UVB so less degradation. Riley Frazee advised they use a similar UV light to help clean the ambulances in Walsh Ambulance. Brandon forwarded email from Jeremy regarding more

information. John Spano requested/suggested a proposal for the next meeting. Brandon clarified we need to look at the differences in air purification vs. equipment/ surface disinfection. Additionally, looking at options (portability) to disinfect the front of the units as well as the back. Brandon will do some additional research to provide more information on specific costs.

Key Resource Facility – Trauma Ch 4 rules indicate RETACs must identify a key resource facility. We don't have any Level I or Level II Trauma facilities so have to look further out. Closest Level II is Parkview Medical Center. Centura Health has others. Jeremy suggested we look at what other RETACs are doing (SECRETAC and Plains to Peak). Discussion tabled until we obtain more information after Brandon has talked to other RETACs.

Pre-hospital Destination Guidelines – Required to have pre-hospital destination protocols for adults and pediatrics in regards to Trauma Triage Algorithm set in Trauma Chapter One. Most RETACs populate the algorithm in a very vague role. Has been populated with "transported to the closest most appropriate facility." Discussion surrounding when patient care is transferred to air transport crews vs a facility. Need to make sure local medical direction is involved in decision making processes. Brandon recommended we keep it simple. Jeremy asked about air ambulance guidelines for transport. Hannah provided relayed information from Jason Knudsen about what their guidelines are for air transport (due to technology audio failure). Jason was then able to further clarify. Air transport flies to closest most appropriate facility as well.

Motion needed. Jeremy made a motion to move as we've described to have the document read closest most appropriate facility. Hannah seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**Additional:**

Jeremy reported on CARES ACT money. Encouraged everyone to apply for funding. Lamar has received significant amount of equipment to benefit their service through the CARES ACT program. Must be used for unbudgeted funds.

Brandon reported FEMA adding funding to Firefighter Assistance Grant. Applications are due November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jeremy also reported on PA grants through FEMA. Approach EM for additional information.

Brandon reported briefly on disposal of Schedule I drugs. Legislation coming.

Jeremy stated this weekend is the "Take Back" Program for receiving drugs. Lamar PD participates.

Jeremy asked about approved DEA reverse distributors.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2020. Continuing remote meetings for now.

**Adjourn** – Motion made by John Spano to adjourn. Jeremy seconded. Motion approved unanimously at 11:56.

Respectfully Submitted.

Cherilyn Wittler, EMS Director

SECH Ambulance Service