

# SECRETAC Meeting

November 18, 2020

Meeting Called to Order at 10:05AM.

**Roll Call** – Provided by Coordinator Brandon Chambers

Members and Guests: Recorded by Coordinator Brandon Chambers. Several members joined later and were recognized by Coordinator Chambers.

Introduction of Guests

Review of Zoom Meeting Norms. Notification of apology letter received for unintentional open mic at last meeting.

**Review of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

No discussion on October Meeting minutes. John made a motion to accept minutes. Mario seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**Monthly Reports**

Approval of Financial Report: Brandon reported. Three documents provided to group. John made motion to approve financials. Riley seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Monthly Bills – Accounting Fees and Contract for Coordinator Services. No upcoming travel expense expected. Riley made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mario seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**County Funding:** Grant Application has been received from **Crowley County**. Grant request for one Masimo Rad 57 and Reflective Coats and an Airway Trainer. Motion made by Riley to approve the application. Seconded by Eunice Weber. Approved unanimously. Motion carried

**Kiowa County** also turned in a grant application for education to assist in recertification of EMS providers as well as EMT training and repairs on radios and ambulance. Kiowa County provided clarification within the application regarding expenses. Riley made a motion to approve. John Spano seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**Otero County** just turned in grant request on cot maintenance, community AED program, ambulance inspections, and provider safety. Eunice made a motion to approve the Otero County application. Riley seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

**Education and Training:**

Mike Archuleta provided an update. He will send information to Brandon to pass out information on upcoming webinars and classes. Dr. Mains introduction.

Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury and Skull Fracture training flier sent out by email earlier.

Jillian Moore – CARES Foundation. Agencies can participate for free across Colorado. She presented on the program. Trying to get all counties engaged and involved. Southeast RETAC is stepping up. John Spano reported that Bent County are finding the data input easy and the program helpful.

### **Coordinator Report:**

Contract Deliverables – Report in packet. Encouragement to get counties to complete grant process to get funding. Rollover funding goes into regional projects. Need to start working on next year's biannual plan. Will be moving forward in the future.

2020 Bent County Needs Assessment – Received another extension due to COVID.

EMPAC/RMD Meeting Updates – Reviewed EMTS Scope of Practice. Several updates made. Will go into effect on Jan 1, 2021. Finalized guidelines for 2021 Fiscal Year. Biggest changes to guidelines will remove many call in requirements for Intermediates. Once guidelines are updated, agencies will be notified about putting new changes into practice. Next meeting in February.

SEMTAC Update – Next meeting will be virtual in January.

Trauma Chapter 4 Updates – Regarding RETACs. Specific requirements were discussed at last meeting. Number 10 involves identifying Key Resource Facilities. SCRETAC identified multiple Level 1 and Level 2 centers. Dr. Mains provided some clarification on Key Resource Facilities. Recommendation made to select multiple hospitals. Dr. Mains suggested we include both Penrose and St. Anthony's. John Spano made a motion that we utilize "Centura and Parkview". Brandon clarified that to include the hospitals Dr. Mains listed. Melissa Noe suggested we include Swedish in Denver. Hannah Muth suggested we do include Parkview as a Level 2. John Spano stated he wanted to amend his motion to include Swedish and Parkview. Riley seconded to approve the amended motion. UC Health Memorial had been mentioned as well. Discussion as to whether to include Memorial. John further amended his motion to include Memorial in Colorado Springs. Riley seconded the amended motion. Amended motion includes the following Level 1 Centers – Centura Health Penrose Main and St. Anthony's Hospital in Colorado Springs, Swedish Hospital in Denver, and UC Health Memorial in Colorado Springs. Level 2 center to be listed is Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo. The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously and carried.

Trauma Chapter 1 Updates – Prehospital Trauma Triage and Destination Guidelines for Adults and Pediatrics. Brandon stated he believes we can state "transport to the closest, most appropriate facility." Dr. Mains provided some clarification and encouraged our RETAC to adopt vague terminology rather than selecting a specific hospital. He advised to leave this at the discretion of the EMS providers and their medical direction. Brandon advised that per recent conversation with Dr. Weber, he also advised to adopt vague terminology that allows field discretion. Ray Gonzales recommended the terminology as stated. Riley made a motion to state, "closest appropriate facility." Eunice seconded. Marge asked question about how that affects Holly when they may have a closer hospital inside Kansas. Brandon stated that may not be an issue. Riley requested Dr. Mains input on whether it might be better to take a patient across state lines in certain circumstances. Dr. Mains suggested we investigate hospitals that are close, but he does not see any reason why it may not be acceptable to transport to Kansas facility in certain circumstances. Dr. Mains stated the point of the vague terminology is to hopefully allow "wide discretion" to medical direction and EMS personnel on scene. Ray requested any

further discussion. Hearing none, the motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously. Motion carried as stated.

Combined Hospital Transfer Center Plan – Colorado Hospital Association plan did not account on transport arrangements. Developed regarding COVID transports. Resources are running thin. Difficulty in finding hospitals who will accept new patients due to being overwhelmed. Riley advised further. Stated AMR may not have the availability they originally thought to assist with transport of COVID positive patients. Riley suggested that Brandon be the first point of contact and Riley be a backup. Marge requested whether the Governor has been notified of the situation and Brandon advised he has been notified particularly where finances are concerned. This situation is being dealt with regarding how to manage prior to opening Alternate Care Facilities (ACF). State does not want to open ACF until it is evident that hospitals are full. Also, there are issues in transferring COVID patients from a higher level to a lower level facility. Facilities are supposed to update bed status twice daily. Roy Elliot moved to approve Brandon as the primary contact and Riley as the secondary contact and Eunice seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Motion carried. Brandon requested that agencies email him with what they may or may not be able to manage.

Website – Brandon approached the SECRETAC involving a shared website. They agreed to allow this. They stated that SECRETAC would be responsible for updates involved in getting our RETAC on their website. Ray asked for discussion. Jim Baldwin made a motion to approve joining with the website merger. Eunice seconded. Approved unanimously. Motion carried. Brandon will move forward with this.

UV Light Information – Brandon stated it has been recommended that counties seek county COVID funding to help pay for this rather than RETAC funding. Marge reported that they are looking to purchase one for their service through their Fire/Ambulance service. She stated there are some units available from the same company her service is purchasing from. Marge stated they are purchasing (\$2500) from FAR UV which is able to be used around people. Riley reported they are also looking to purchase and stated they were told that if you request Ultraviolet light it may be denied, so may need to put “whole room sanitizing system.” Riley reported the ones that they are purchasing are about \$3600 per unit (purchasing 2). Walsh is purchasing MAE through Frasier. That particular unit is not safe for use around people. (Riley further advised when requesting reimbursement/funding through COVID relief need to be more specific about how the items requested are related to COVID.) Brandon stated high end cost for UV light is \$4000 and low end is \$2500. Brandon recommended that counties try to see if they can get these products through COVID relief funding first and use RETAC funding as a second resort.

Brandon advised he needs to clean up some old documents from Google drive so will be allowing board members access to download what each wants. He does have a backup copy but will be removing some things from the Google drive. He advised he can share a link with almost all data (minus one folder containing personal information). He will give us until the next meeting to download what we want to keep.

Trauma algorithms are updated and included in Google Drive.

**Additional:** Nothing stated.

Motion to adjourn by Marge and Eunice seconded. Approved unanimously at 12:23.

Next Meeting:

Respectfully Submitted.

Cherilyn Wittler, SECRETAC Secretary

EMS Director SECH Ambulance Service