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State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council Public Policy and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes April 11, 2012

Public Policy & Finance Committee Members: Brandon Chambers, David Dreitlein, Lew Gaiter, Ray Jennings, Linda Joseph, Randy Leshner, Kathy Mayer, Fred Morrison, Travis Polk, Nancy Stuart, Ralph Vickrey.

EMTS Section Staff: Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Sean Caffrey, Rio Chowdhury, Art Kanowitz, Randy Kuykendall, Michelle Reese, Grace Sandeno, Bill Voges.

Public: Amy Allen, Marc Burdick, Kevin Burgess, Tom Candlin, Amy Carter, Chan Clymer, Tim Dienst, Kevin Eldridge, Nancy Falleur, Gail Finley, Nancy Frizell, Robyn Funk, Erin Gibbs, Pam Gripp, Craig Gravitz, Steve Hilley, Paula Holman, Rob Hudgens, Brad Jackson, Theresa Jimison, Zane Laubhan, Karen Maciejko, Dawn Mathis, Mike Merrill, Melody Mesmer, Christopher Metsgar, Tessa Meunier, Jon Montano, Chris Montera, Dan Noonan, Howard Paul, Larry Reeves, John C. Rich, Jim Richardson, Kathie Riley, Carol Runyon, Kim Schallenberger, Jeff Schanhals, Eric Schmidt, Shirley Terry, Linda Underbrink, Phyllis Uribe, Anne Wardrop, Tony Wells.

Call to order: 8:05 a.m. A quorum was established.

Introduction and meeting overview

Randy Leshner welcomed everyone to the Public Policy and Finance Committee meeting. Jeanne-Marie announced that Krystal Banks and Rio Chowdhury had both accepted promotions within the department and would be moving on to their respective new jobs later this month.

Old Business

Review of minutes

The committee reviewed the January 2012 meeting minutes. Nancy Stuart made a motion to accept them and Ray Jennings seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Grants program

Jeanne-Marie updated the committee on the progress of the Colorado Resource for EMS and Trauma Education (CREATE) program, and she indicated that more than 150 applications have been handled since July 1 and that more than \$560,000 has been approved for funding.

A placemat was distributed, and Jeanne-Marie indicated there weren't any significant changes other than a minor update to the Interest Earned line.

Jeanne-Marie updated the committee on the status of current FY12 provider grants, as the third quarter has just ended. Quarterly progress reports were due March 31, and enough reversions had come in during the previous quarter to make a few new awards in the provider grants program. Additionally, two emergency grants had been received and funded. Ray Jennings requested that the emergency grant award information be posted or distributed.

For FY13, Jeanne-Marie updated the committee on the upcoming grant cycle. Financial waiver review was held in early March, with 35 applications for waiver of the 50% match. Seven did not pass the financial waiver review. Nine RETAC hearings have already been held, and the last two are to be held later this month. SEMTAC provider grant hearings are scheduled for May 15-16, and system improvement reviews will be held during this meeting after the business portion.

Jeanne-Marie updated the committee on the work the task force had done on the incentive category process. A draft set of questions and a scoring tool were distributed. Discussion centered on the process, and there was agreement that this process did not necessarily indicate that an incentive area would be selected at the end, but that it would allow for submissions and their subsequent review. Ray Jennings made a motion to accept the incentive category process, and Linda Joseph seconded. Further discussion revealed the need for a comprehensive introductory paragraph that would accompany the questions when they were sent out. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Sean Caffrey updated the committee on the ImageTrend project, and outlined an opportunity to purchase a CAD integration module using some cost savings from the current FY12 year. The state could purchase a CAD time data repository for \$18,000 over 5 years (\$10,000 initial cost + 1,600 annual maintenance cost). Agencies/dispatch centers would be responsible for purchasing an approximately \$5,000 interface to connect their CAD info into the state repository. Sean said there was a survey out currently gauging interest, and that the department was interested in feedback on whether to proceed with this opportunity.

Randy Leshner and Randy Kuykendall spoke about the RETAC opportunity paper, which was distributed earlier this year. The department has been gathering written feedback, and a packet of comments was distributed. Randy Kuykendall indicated that there is work to be done and that opportunities exist, but given some recent personnel changes in the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Section it might be best to continue to take feedback this summer and readdress this paper in the fall. There was general agreement to this timeline.

The committee heard and scored the FY14 system improvement funding requests. During the course of the hearing, one request was withdrawn based on changes locally since the submission deadline of Feb. 15, 2012. The department will collect the scores, rank order them, make final decisions and post public notice announcement of awards in late June.

During the hearing, discussion centered on regional medical direction and whether the past few years have shown that the program is successful and whether a more permanent funding source should be found. The committee agreed to continue discussions on this topic, and it will be a July agenda item. There was also discussion on the conference requests and long-term sustainability.

Meeting adjourned

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Next regular meeting

July 11, 2012, Sabin Room, CDPHE