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State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council Public Policy and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Jan. 29, 2014

Public Policy & Finance Committee members: Dr. David Dreitlein, Jim Felmlee, Commissioner Lew Gaiter, Chief John Hall, Captain Rob Hudgens, Commissioner Linda Joseph, Chief Randy Leshner, Chief Rich Martin, Fred Morrison, Commissioner Buddy Schmaltz, Carl Smith, Jimmy Taylor.

EMTS Branch staff: Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Matt Concialdi, Kim Fear, Mike Gerber, Alexandra Haas, Dr. Art Kanowitz, Randy Kuykendall, Matthew Paswaters, Michelle Reese, Grace Sandeno, Eileen Shelby, Marschall Smith, Bill Voges.

SEMTAC and members of the public: Lynn Andersen, Carolle Ann Banville, Dr. Andrew Berson, Sean Caffrey, Brandon Chambers, Tamara Connell, Dee Crump, Dr. Gene Eby, Aaron Eveatt, Josh Eveatt, Stephanie Eveatt, Nancy Frizell, Terri Foechterle, Cassie Greene, Rob Handley, Stephanie Harrison, Staci Love, Karen Maciejko, Karen Masters, Lori McDonald, Melody Mesmer, Jon Montano, Shayne O'Connor, Joan Palen, Vikki Pope, Laura Rogers, Kim Schallenberger, Jeff Schanhals, Eric Schmidt, Shirley Terry, Linda Underbrink, Phyllis Uribe, Dr. Kevin Weber, Nancy Weisenhorn.

Call to order

10:05 a.m. A quorum was established.

Introduction

Randy Leshner welcomed everyone to the Public Policy and Finance Committee meeting.

Old Business

Review of minutes

The committee reviewed the October 2013 meeting minutes. **Rich Martin made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and David Dreitlein seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Fiscal Year 2014

Randy Kuykendall introduced Kim Fear, the division's new fiscal services manager. Kim discussed the placemat and indicated that updates have been incorporated since the last release of this document in October. She answered questions about reversions, clarifying that the projected reversions for personal services, operating and indirect has been set at zero because the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Branch is fully staffed, and there are no vacancy savings projected. She also answered questions about fund balance, clarifying that 16.5% is the ceiling amount set for fund balance and that currently the fund is around 15%. Jeanne-Marie reported that in the current year, \$2.5 million has already been requested for reimbursement and 62 categories have closed. With that, there has been \$22,473 in reversions. Kim

mentioned the Colorado Operations Resource Engine (CORE), which is a replacement to the current state accounting system. The transition should be seamless to entities that have contracts or purchase orders with the department, but there is a potential risk of delays to July start dates.

Fiscal Year 2015

Jeanne-Marie reported that CREATE has approved approximately \$472K for the current fiscal year and \$143K for next fiscal year. In line with making program improvements each year, a small group will be put together to look at the scoring tool and have discussions on whether there is an appropriate and realistic cut-off number for scoring. Right now, the CREATE scoring tool has a 50 point weight, but there is no assigned cut off between funding/denial. Jeff Schanhals, Terri Foechterle and Jon Montano volunteered to be a part of the small group, which already include the ERC and the CREATE financial waiver group members. A series of stakeholder calls will be held through February to gather input, and the topic will also be discussed at the March RETAC forum.

The committee next heard the volunteers for the provider grant financial waiver review, which is scheduled for Feb. 27. The group members are Rob Hudgens, John Harney, John Hall, Eric Schmidt, Lew Gaiter and Randy Leshner. **Fred Morrison made a motion to accept the financial waiver review group members and Jimmy Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Jeanne-Marie distributed the calendars for March RETAC reviews and the May SEMTAC reviews, and talked briefly about the upcoming hearings. She mentioned there would be an evaluator training at noon, and that everyone was encouraged to attend. The training is in preparation for the April PP&F meeting, as well as the RETAC and SEMTAC hearings.

Fred Morrison asked that staff consider altering the committee day schedule and specifically the PP&F time frames to allow enough time for the system improvement hearings and the regional medical direction reviews that are to take place at the April meeting. The committee agreed, and staff will make the arrangements.

Fiscal year 2016

Jeanne-Marie mentioned that a group was being formed to look at the organizational profiles and recommend needed updates and changes. The group so far, which was put together at the last RETAC forum, includes Jim Felmlee, Tim Dienst, Eric Schmidt, Jon Montano, Shirley Terry, Brandon Chambers and Sean Caffrey. Carl Smith volunteered to be a part of this group as well. Progress will be reported at the next meeting, and work is expected to last through the summer with final recommendations to be heard at the October meeting.

Dan Noonan requested that the idea of smaller grant requests having an expedited, alternate process be looked at again. This idea was previously brought forth, but did not have any conclusion. Michelle Reese indicated that staff members will check into the rules to see what might be allowed and report back to the committee in April.

Grantee presentations

Two presentations followed by grant recipients so they could explain the benefits of the grant funds and the outcomes of their projects. Jim Felmlee presented on a resident EMT program for Center Fire Protection District. Brandon Chambers and Dr. Kevin Weber presented on regional medical direction for Southern and Southeastern Colorado RETACs.

There will not be any presentations at the April meeting, given the full agenda, but they will return for the July and October meetings.

Meeting adjourned

Following an update from Linda Underbrink on peer protection and legislative efforts, and with no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next regular meeting

April 9, 2014, time TBD at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver.