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Attendees: See attached [roster](#)

Proposed Agenda:

- 1) Welcome existing and new members (sign [roster](#))
 - a. Welcome new member, Mark Molavi (PVH EMS)
- 2) Approval of August meeting minutes
 - a. Discussion of any issues finding the October minutes posted to the poudre-fire.org website. No issues.
 - b. October Minutes approved
- 3) Review Purpose and Mission
 - a. Review: This committee is committed to proactive facilitation and continual improvement of outcome oriented, patient centered, pre-hospital emergency care for citizens in the NLCERA
- 4) UCH Operational Update
 - a. Steve Main's last meeting with our committee, he retiring. Janice Mierzwa will be the interim PVH EMS manager until a permanent person is selected. PVH EMS is conducting a national search.
 - b. Janice Mierzwa's contact information: cell: 970-460-9724 970-495-8083 (w) ; 970- 237-7902 (Steve's office)
 - c. Tom: BLS ambulance will be in place for PV226 or 227 for interfacility transports or in disasters (all 220 series are BLS identifiers)
 - d. There is a new BLS ambulance service called Citywide ambulance in town: promoting themselves as BLS transport. Their base is Denver.. Not 911 capable.
- 5) PFA Compliance Update
 - a. We continue to move forward and make progress towards continual improvement with NLCERA EMS compliance.
 - b. Discussion to confirm the NLCERA EMS Committee format and four main topic areas (communications, training, transport, and planning) as we move into 2017.

- i. All agreed we are making progress within these topic areas and should keep them for now.
 - c. Mike G: Perhaps need a representative from Law Enforcement to be added? Consider to invite on a rotating basis – share information about what they are seeing that should be considered. Communications, training, response, etc....
 - i. Mike Gress and Bill will head a subcommittee to make contact with Law.
 - d. Mary: Include Jeff Schanhals from the RETAC. Mary will invite him to the Feb meeting. Grant cycle begins Valentine’s Day
- 6) Focused discussions on Challenges and Opportunities regarding:
 - a. Communications
 - i. Dispatch Centers
 - 1. Bill reported from email discussions with Diane regarding zones 3,4,5 yesterday, and they discussed radio challenges. Message is that Dispatch matters and ties in with the data. Tom is the conduit for info to the volunteers. On scene vs at patient...challenge is to break the pattern of just reporting on scene. This is essential to be able to interpret the data.
 - a. Mike G: how can we get information from what we see out of the Data?
 - b. Bill: This information will be shared at the rural chief’s meetings.
 - c. The version 4.0 of the PFA’s database will track “at patient” much more accurately. First step is to make sure that at patient is listed.
 - d. Mike M: pointed out that some of the time dispatch does not log at patient when they report it.
 - 2. Dwayne Rory through Bill update – Airlink is trying to work on how to get notified earlier rather than wait for dispatch. Darren said that Dr. Hutcheson reiterates it is important to get everyone to call for ground standby asap.
 - a. From Duane - Procedure in place being explored to notify crews before being dispatched by PSAPs. More on this as it develops.
 - b. Pam Rice – Medivac has been working on the procedures to get the Baldwin Evaluation admin time down to 3-4 minutes from 15. Being notified as soon as possible is the key to a safe and rapid response.
 - c. Not sure if other Medivacs are getting their times down.
 - 3. Skylink/Skytrack – The program is proprietary and not available to monitor air resources.

- a. Bill to ask Carol about the proprietary availability for PSAPS.
 - b. Apparently there is a dispatch coding which indicates air resources are enroute.
 - 4. Call processing times: Still working on evaluating it. Bill to continue with analysis for call processing times in comparison between city and county. 2017 understanding the times will be a focus.
 - 5. Radio channel Encryption: CSU, PVH EMS and TEMS for PVHS have encryption.
 - a. PFA will get new radios in 2017 which will have encryption capability
 - i. At this time, PFA does not have that ability and it will be many months (hopefully by February 15) before new radios are online.
 - ii. Mike G. to send out update to PFA regarding radio purchase and change from updating existing radios.
 - ii. Feedback Forms – Received
 - 1. None received
 - 2. All NLCERA agencies are encouraged to use the feedback forms for recognition, questions, comments, or compliance issues.
- b. Training
 - i. NLCERA Rural EMS Update
 - 1. PVH EMS
 - a. Bill reminded the group that Tom Cain requested a representative from each NLCERA Agency. Tom Cain updated it is for infectious disease notifications if needed.
 - i. Ready Op was suggested in October – the committee expressed no activity.
 - ii. Mary and Bill to contact Lori to explore Ready Op and possibly a demonstration in February.
 - iii. Lori Hodges – Ready Op, through LC OEM, has agency information and phone numbers. Possibly need to update these and then they would be available if needed. (See October minutes)
 - iv. Tom Forbes – need to update all in 2017, and on regular basis (possibly quarterly).
 - ii. Mike Gress asked for ideas:
 - 1. Mike G: when we invite people like the RETAC – we need to give serious thoughts about what joint issues need to be focused – and

- committee members and NLCERA chiefs write letters of support, etc...
 - 2. Mary will call Jeff S. in January and discuss RETAC grant opportunities
 - 3. PVHS: 2017 will be asking for lift assemblies, full body splints, and \$40,000 real life Simulation Manikins,
 - 4. Discussion about improving “at patient” notification by a clicker or radio button programed to log in CAD.
 - a. Motorola – soft key for a prearranged message. Mike Gress will follow up with Motorola.
 - 5. The simulation manikin must be available for all departments. Staffing is necessary (training) with multiple people. The NLCERA can write a letter for support for funding.
 - a. Mike G. need all fire chiefs in NLCERA to sign one letter of support.
- iii. October 15 - Quarterly Rural Fire Chiefs Meeting
- a. Next Rural Chiefs meeting February 18, 08:30-10:00; Western Ride Restaurant.
 - b. Chiefs are encouraged to attend or send a designee who can speak for their respective departments.
 - i. Mike G. encouraged support from chiefs for attendance. Tom Forbes suggested we try RediOp to notify all departments of quarterly meetings to test the system.
 - 1. Bill to contact Lori to see if an option.
 - c. Bill to send out an agenda, please send agenda items for inclusion.
- iv. PFA Annual EMS Symposium – updates
- 1. PFA/PVH EMS Symposium February 17, 2017
 - 2. Mary reviewed the Pediatric Trailer and the EMS Conference on February 17, 2017.
 - a. Mary is working on having the trailer for one extra day to train volunteer departments.
 - 3. The trailer will be in a PFA station for warmth and security.
- v. Other Opportunities – October – December 2016
- 1. Direct link to Rural EMS Training Calendar:
 - a. On NLCERA website
 - b. Main page of the NOCOEMS page:
 - i. Check [NOCOEMS](#) for available NLCERA EMS training opportunities

2. PVHS will be putting on BLS advanced airway class – there will be a cost. Links are available, check training calendar.
 3. Educational Offerings in the area were covered (EMT class, Conferences, See training calendar).
 - a. Children’s Hospital Pediatric conference
 - i. Jan 26-27, 2017
 1. Pam – excellent speakers
 - b. Letitia recommended that the EMS educational offerings be put on NOCO training calendar.
 - i. Tom Cain to check on these additions to the calendar.
 4. Ketamine is now on board for PVHS.
 5. Tom Cain asked who needed an old ambulance stretcher/cot?
 - a. Let Tom know if you do.
 6. Tom Forbes (RFLVFD/WFPD) discussed possibilities of ALS in the mountains on targeted days. (summers) This could shave at least 30 minutes off en route times.
 - a. There will be another EMT this summer up at Glacier View. This should be on the agenda for the rural chiefs meeting. Glacier view has 1-2 Paramedics, Crystal has one,...this needs to be a collaborative effort. Maybe consider the Community Paramedic for staffing .
 - b. Bill to add summer PVH EMS coverage discussion to the Rural Fire Chiefs EMS Quarterly meeting February 18, 2017.
- vi. Radio class video status? Needs?
1. A radio class will be explored for 2017
- c. Transport
- i. Discussion – improvements since August?
 1. PVH EMS update?
 - a. No updates; all working well
 - ii. Rural EMS – status update
 1. Tom Forbes – No issues
 - iii. Air Resources – status update
 1. Call early for air resources.
 - iv. Lessons learned or improvements?
 1. Continue with strategic influence from this group of stakeholders.
- d. Planning
- i. OEM (FC and LC) updates?
 - a. Bill to check with Lori and Chris about future updates.

- ii. Will develop strategic priorities in 2017.
 - iii. Exercises?
 - 1. Update in February or training calendar.
 - iv. Regional or State opportunities?
 - 1. Update in February or training calendar.
- 7) As time allows - agency updates affecting NLCERA
- a. PFA - Work is being done to update NLCERA map – drive times, GIS info.
 - b. PFA - EMR to state certifications
 - c. PFA - EPI IM might end up in Chapter 2
 - d. Letitia: all WFPD paramedics are done testing and have passed. Their Paramedics ride one 12 hour ride with PVHS in Fort Collins every 6 weeks.
 - e. Tom Forbes – The last completion of the 800 communication tower is expected to be fall 2017
 - f. Dr. Tremblay – this is good process to assure continuation.
- 8) Meeting ended 10:05.

8) Next Meeting February 8, 2017; 08:30 – 10:00; PFA Station 12, Training room.

Please contact Mike Gress or Bill Salmon with any questions.

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