

Colorado Trauma System  
Rapid Improvement Event Process

Update 1/11/2012

Objectives

- Analyze the current processes of trauma center designation.
- Analyze the outcomes of trauma patients within the framework of the current system of trauma center designation.
- Identify opportunities for system improvements and recommend mechanisms for implementation.
- Achieve these objectives by July, 2012.
- Report findings and recommendations to the SEMTAC and Executive Director/CMO.

RIE Process

- 10 members of SEMTAC, appointed by the SEMTAC Chairman, including:
  - Walter Biffel
  - David Dreitlein
  - Eugene Eby
  - Lew Gaiter
  - Ed Lopez
  - John Nichols
  - Dan Noonan
  - Travis Polk
  - Dale Quimby
  - Joel Schaefer
- Facilitator – Nancy McDonald
- Team Leader – Randy Kuykendall
- Two 3 day events using LEAN principles, modified to conform to Colorado Open Meetings requirements, as the basis of team decision making.
- Both events will be held in Denver, March 5-7 and May 9-11, 2012, location and exact timing TBD.
- Subject matter experts will be consulted as determined by the RIE team.
- Community stakeholders may attend. *Periodic opportunities for input will be solicited at designated times during the RIE; however, the public will not be invited to participate in the actual team process.*
- Stakeholders are encouraged to provide respectful input to team members as might be appropriate outside of the RIE events.

## Results

- Provide a report to SEMTAC and CDPHE regarding opportunities that will improve trauma patient outcomes in Colorado.
- Any recommendations that require rule changes will then need to be developed through the SEMTAC and ultimately promulgated by the Board of Health.
- Broad public stakeholder input will be solicited by the SEMTAC and CDPHE during any rule and/or policy development and approval activity undertaken subsequent to the Trauma System RIE process.