

SEMTAC Meeting Notes
October 3-4, 2012

The SEMTAC held committee meetings on October 3rd with the full Council meeting on October 4th. These notes reflect a summary of those meetings and are not minutes.

SEMTAC Chair Dan Noonan called the meeting to order and a quorum was present. Deputy Director Randy Kuykendall introduced two new EMTS Section staff members. Matt Paswaters is the new Boards and Commissions staff member. Barb Foster is the Professional Standards Program Manager. This position oversees licensing and certifications within the section.

Chief Noonan announced that Dr Jeff Beckman and Zane Lauben were appointed to the Designation Review Committee.

Chief Noonan informed the Council that the Consolidated Communications System Authority had requested a representative from SEMTAC to sit on their board. Chief Ray Jennings, Grand County, agreed to represent SEMTAC.

The next SEMTAC meetings are scheduled as follows:

January 23-24, 2013
April 10-11, 2013
July 24-25, 2013
October 23-24, 2013

There was discussion about holding the April meeting somewhere outside of the Denver area similar to the Glenwood Springs meeting in April 2012. Randy noted that the meeting was well attended but that it did cost approximately twice as much to hold the meeting outside of Denver since many of the SEMTAC members live within the metro area and don't require motel rooms to attend. He requested any suggestions for the April meeting location be sent to him as soon as possible.

The results of the Rapid Planning Event started by CDPHE lead Dr Chris Urbina was finally brought before the full SEMTAC for a recommendation. The draft document has been in the public for a while now and there were many comments received in both written and verbal formats. There was an interim STAC meeting to hear public comment, the STAC met again on the 3rd to refine the recommendations, and the thoughts were again refined during the SEMTAC meeting. The following is a summary of the final recommendations brought to SEMTAC. They were ultimately approved and moved forward to CDPHE.

Critical Care Ground Transport:

Recommend that SEMTAC appoint a task force to review the need for implementing and recognizing an official Critical Care certification program in the state of Colorado and how to assist in making this program available statewide.

Recommend that, with a change in scope, CDPHE consider adopting a new minimum equipment requirement for ambulances maintaining critical care capabilities.

Interfacility Transport:

CDPHE should undertake a project to analyze available data to see if inter-facility air medical transport dispatch consistently utilizes the closest appropriate aircraft (both fixed wing as well as rotor).

CDPHE should consider if the designation process for Level I and Level II centers should include guidelines for the manner in which "one call " centers are operated and have a process to assure

such centers are acting in a manner which is in the best interest of the public. This will assure confidence in the integrity of these "one call" services for those who rely on them to facilitate patient transfer.

Medical Records and Imaging Transfer between Facilities:

Recommend that CDPHE collaborate with the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) and other interested groups to create or facilitate ongoing efforts at the state and local level to share medical records and images.

Outreach/Education from Level I/II Facilities to rural Facilities and Required Education at Rural Trauma Facilities:

Recommend that CDPHE investigate whether there are gaps in the availability of continuing education for lower level and non-designated facilities.

Telemedicine Consultation:

It is recommended that these recommendations be deleted.

Data Performance and Improvement Subcommittee:

The department should develop a task force to work on a proposal for what a statewide CQI process would look like to send for review by the Attorney General.

Trauma Center Designation:

Recommend that CDPHE assign a group to carefully define the scope of care at all trauma center levels. Define changes that constitute a significant change in scope of practice and define a process for the review and designation of facilities.

Designation Criteria for Level I & II Trauma Centers:

Recommend that the department assign a work group of appropriate stakeholders to recommend a volume criteria for Level I centers.

Recommend that the department assign a work group of appropriate stakeholders to consider and recommend a volume criteria for Level II centers.

Deputy Director Kuykendall indicated to the Council that the department would only be able to staff three projects from these recommendations at one time. The Council then proceeded to prioritize the SEMTAC recommendations in the following order:

- 1) Designation Criteria for Level I & II Trauma Centers
- 2) Data Performance and Improvement Subcommittee
- 3) Trauma Center Designation
- 4) Critical Care Transport
- 5) Outreach/Education from Level I/II Facilities to Rural Facilities and Required Education at Rural Trauma Facilities
- 6) Medical Records and Imaging transfer between facilities
- 7) Interfacility Transport

Grace Sandeno, Trauma Program Manager, brought forward four Level II Trauma Centers who had undergone their triennial reviews for the consideration of the SEMTAC. Memorial Hospital, Penrose Hospital, and Medical Center of Aurora passed the review with no deficiencies and were recommended for redesignation as Level II centers. University Hospital had three Not Met deficiencies. The recommendation was to pass them with a plan of correction and re-review in one year.

Chief Michelle Reese brought forward the revisions to EMS certification and education rules that will be going before the Board of Health in the near future. These revisions are to comply with HB12-1059 which was passed to accommodate military members and their spouses. The changes can be found on line at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobheadername2=Content-Type&blobheadervalue1=inline%3B+filename%3D%22Proposed+Revisions+to+EMS+Certification+and+Education+Rules.pdf%22&blobheadervalue2=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251821726951&ssbinary=true>

Sean Caffrey, EMS System Development Coordinator, brought forward a draft document to address the type of Triage Tag to be used in Colorado. That document is also available online at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobheadername2=Content-Type&blobheadervalue1=inline%3B+filename%3D%22Triage+Tag+Policy.pdf%22&blobheadervalue2=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251821728515&ssbinary=true> SEMTAC had no additional comments on the draft document so it will become policy.

Chief Noonan again provided a PowerPoint presentation relating to philosophy which had numerous deep thoughts.

Carol Gould, CDOT, provided the update on the Injury Prevention Planning Group. ICPG will have co-chairs to include Carol Gould and Warren Croucher. The national Lifesavers Conference will be held in Denver on April 14-16, 2013 at the Convention Center. Information provided about upcoming training on Older Adult Falls. Information provided regarding Safe Sleep environments for infants. Encouragement to inform the EMS community about the EMS Suicide prevention education available online.

Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council update provide by Will Dunn. There is a new member on the EMPAC: Dr Collicker (sp)? Will indicated there were 85 waivers to consider last meeting. 39 of those were transfers from one medical director to another. Four were withdrawn and 22 were tabled to the next meeting. There are 34 waivers on the docket for November so far including the 22 which were tabled. They hope to have the list of all waivers from 2010-12 posted to the section website by this Friday. The EMPAC will be working with Chief Reese on a Community Paramedic task force.

Dr Charles Mains provided the update for the Designation Review Committee. Several Level IV facilities were reviewed and moved through the system. These included Keefe Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne County and Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington. Both Level IV facilities passed the review with no deficiencies. Lincoln Community Hospital in Lincoln County was recommended for redesignation as a Level IV with a plan of correction and a re-review in one year.

Dr Christine Darr provided the update for the Pediatric Emergency Care Committee. No significant update available at this time.

Dr Walt Biffle provided the update for the Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee. Dr Biffles's update was the results of the Rapid Planning Event.

Chief Randy Leshner provided an update for the Public Policy and Finance Committee. Randy was reelected as the committee Chair and Brandon Chambers as the Vice Chair. The PPF and SEMTAC

reviewed the financial records for all eleven RETACs in FY12. Eight of the eleven were accepted as presented. The other three had provided just the fourth quarter of FY12 and were requested to supply the additional documentation. Having done that, all eleven were accepted as presented. There were enough reversions in the CREATE program since it was halted to begin operating again as of October 1st. \$122,000 had been reverted and helped to jump start the process. Long term modifications to the program to enhance its viability are ongoing. There has been over \$100,000 in reversions from the Provider Grant program. Those monies will be used to fund the next available project on the Provider Grant list. Modifications to the Funding Guide for FY14 regarding Conferences were reviewed and approved by the SEMTAC. The SEMTAC approved \$363,000 be set aside within the System Improvement program for Regional Medical Direction for three years. This will start in FY15. RMD for FY14 will continue to be a competitive process as before.

Deputy Direct Kuykendall provided those in attendance with an update on activity within the Section this past quarter. That report can be found online at:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobheadername2=Content-Type&blobheadervalue1=inline%3B+filename%3D%22Section+Report+-+October+4%2C+2012.pdf%22&blobheadervalue2=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251821728328&ssbinary=true>

These are my notes from the meetings and should not be considered minutes. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. Other stakeholders from the Region in attendance included: Rob Handley, Tim Dienst, and most of the trauma programs at Memorial Health System and Penrose Hospital.

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