

SEMTAC Meeting Notes
April 11-12, 2012
Glenwood Springs, CO

As always, these are my notes from the recent SEMTAC meeting held this time in Glenwood Springs, CO. The governor has encouraged the EMTS section to hold one meeting each year somewhere other than Denver. This was the first time this was attempted and I would say that the audience was equal to any audience I've seen in Denver. There were however several new faces and some that were missing. The department is asking for comments about the effort and would appreciate any feedback.

Meeting called to order with a quorum by SEMTAC Chair, Chief Dan Noonan. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Deputy Director Randy Kuykendall provided the SEMTAC with a letter from the Western RETAC. Chief Noonan read it verbatim. Essentially, there is significant disharmony within the Western RETAC. All of the trauma facilities within the RETAC collaborated on the letter and have withdrawn from the RETAC stating that their goals were different from those of the RETAC. Some discussion and offers from members to assist with the problem. It was noted that significant changes have already occurred within the structure of the RETAC since the letter was written.

Upcoming meeting of the SEMTAC:

July 12, 2012	January 24, 2013
October 4, 2012	April 11, 2013
	July 25, 2013
	October 24, 2013

SEMTAC Vacancies: Randy Kuykendall spoke about some expiring terms on the SEMTAC. These are three year appointments by the governors office. The terms expire in July 2012. They are as follows. If you know of anyone interested and qualified, please encourage them to apply.

- County Commissioner from an urban county
- Board-certified physician in pediatrics
- Registered nurse involved in rural emergency medical and trauma services
- Administrative representative of an urban trauma center
- Fire Chief of a service that provides prehospital care in an urban area
- Board-certified surgeon providing trauma care at a Level II Trauma Center
- Board-certified neurosurgeon providing trauma care at Level I or II trauma center
- Person from the general public residing in a rural area

Nancy McDonald is the Division Director of the Health Facilities and EMS Division within CDPHE. She spoke about the recent Rapid Planning Event that occurred recently regarding the Trauma System. She was the facilitator. I provided my comments about the process earlier and she didn't provide anything additional at this time. The next three day session for the RPE will be May 9-11 in Denver.

Nancy McDonald did inform those in attendance that Randy Kuykendall had the Interim title removed from his Deputy Director title. Michelle Reese has also been installed as the Chief of the EMTS Section. This again removed the Interim title.

CREATE Program Update: Jeanne Marie Bakehouse, EMTS Grants Manager, provided an update. There have been 165 applications for education funding this fiscal year. There is approximately \$100K left in the fund which started at \$500K.

FY13 Provider Grant update: Ms Bakehouse also provided an update on this program. There were 35 waiver applications this year which is up significantly from years past. There were only seven applications which failed to pass the waiver review. Overall, there were requests totaling \$6M with a fund of approximately \$8M. All but two Regional hearings have occurred. The SEMTAC hearings will be May 16-17 in Denver.

Trauma Program Update: Grace Sandeno provided the update for the Trauma Program. St Anthony Central was reviewed by ACS and the State for their Level I Trauma Center status. They passed and were recommended for redesignation by SEMTAC. Denver Health was also reviewed with no issues. SEMTAC also recommended redesignation for them. Grace presented the "Positively Collaborative" Award to Dr Holly Hedegard for her many years of service to the department.

Committee Reports:

SEMTAC Chairs Report: Chief Dan Noonan provided several videos intended to inspire the group to do collaborate with each other and to work together.

Injury Community Planning Group: Nancy Frizell provided the update. A group from Larimer County informed the group about their Motor Vehicle program which includes car seat fit stations, a teen driver program, and an older adult driver program. Nancy spoke about the ICPG website which is www.coprevent.org. There will be a Motor Vehicle IP workshop in Colorado Springs in July. Carol Gould provided an update on the CDOT Occupant Safety grant program and the RETACs. Sean Caffrey has been tasked as the champion for the EMS Suicide Prevention Program.

Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council: Will Dunn provided the update. At the February meeting there were 38 waiver applications. 28 were approved, one had a conditional approval, and 5 were withdrawn. The EMPAC is working on a process to update the EMS Practice rules which they hope to have ready by the 2nd quarter of 2013. The Pediatric RSI task force will be meeting on the third Monday of each month from April through July with the first meeting on April 16th. The EMPAC is also beginning to consider some previous "parking lot" issues at their meetings.

Designation Review Committee: Dr Charles Mains provided the update. There were three lower trauma facilities redesignated with no issues. There were also two reviewed who came back with met with reservation in some criteria. The items did not fit the matrix that was previously developed and were unique items. Both facilities were approved with plans of correction.

Pediatric Emergency Care Committee: Dr Lara Rappaport provided the update. Dr Rappaport noted that the Pediatric RSI discussions continue and are quite lively. She also noted that the group has applied for a grant to create a mobile simulation lab for pediatrics. She encouraged all to review the EMSC website.

Statewide Trauma Advisory Council: Dr Joel Schaeffer provided the update. The group continue to work on the Chapter Two trauma rules but are bogged down currently with the Neuro issues. A smaller group has been appointed to consider this issue along with other similar ones. They have spent nearly a year trying to get through one page of the rewrite. Much of the requirement for

lower levels to consult with higher levels on Neuro care has been modified. They continue to work with the data section on some benchmarking issues.

Public Policy and Finance Committee: Chief Randy Leshner provided the update. The group reviewed a written process for allowing stakeholders to bring forth specific items which they would like to be considered for a lower match within the Provider Grants program. This would begin for grants in FY14. The process is now open and will be advertised with the first proposals to come to PPF at the July meeting. The RETAC "white paper" or "opportunity paper" was tabled until fall due to low staffing issues within the department. The PPF heard 21 System Improvement grant requests and scored them. There were numerous RETAC requests for Regional Medical Direction funding. Chief Dan Noonan spoke to the SEMTAC about considering how to fund RMD into the future. Since the state seems to be supporting the projects and the RETACs are moving forward, he felt that annual grant applications may not be the best funding method and encouraged the group to consider other options.

Trauma Designation Waiver Request: St Anthony North requested a waiver of the board certification for one of their trauma surgeons. The physician was not eligible for board certification now due to his age and the process was not available when he started. The SEMTAC provided an approval recommendation at this time.

EMTS Section Report: Deputy Director Kuykendall and Section Chief Reese provided the section update. They mostly referred to the written report which is also available online at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/em/semnac/CurrentMtgInfo/ChiefReport.pdf>

They also spoke about several vacancies within the department with two more moving on. Rio Chowdury and Krystal Banks have both taken other positions within the CDPHE. Dr Hedegard has moved to Washington DC. Celeste White has taken another position at CDPHE. Marilyn Bourn and Nick Boukas have both taken other private sector jobs. This leaves the department with some staffing issues but they hope to have the positions filled by July.

EMS Safety Task Force: This task force was not reported on at SEMTAC but continues to meet. The next EMS Safety Summit will be held October 10-12, 2012 in Loveland. The focus of the conference this year is Provider Safety and Health.

These are my notes from the meetings. Other Regional stakeholders were also in attendance including Dale Quimby who is the only SEMTAC representative from our Region. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the meetings or my notes.

Kim E Schallenberger, Plains to Peaks RETAC Coordinator