

## SEMTAC Summary Notes

July 12-13, 2023

SEMTAC Chair Tim Dienst called the meeting to order at 0900. Dr. Jeff Beckman did roll call and a quorum was confirmed. The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

As this is the July meeting and the start of a new state fiscal year, Dr. Beckman thanked three SEMTAC members who are term limited and thus leaving the Council: Terri Foehcterle, Shawn Howe, and Dawn Mathis. Dr. Beckman then announced those members who were reappointed for their second term: Richard Cornelius, Jean Sykes, Eric Campion, Rachel Smith, and Jeremy DeWall. Dr. Beckman welcomed three new members to SEMTAC: Scott Fitzgerald from Olathe, Tracey Lauzon, Aurora, and George Solomon, Fort Collins.

The upcoming SEMTAC meeting dates are as follows:

2023	2024	2025
	Jan 10-11, 2024	Jan 8-9, 2025
	Apr 10-11, 2024	Apr 9-10, 2025
	Jul 10-11, 2024	Jul 9-10, 2025
Oct 11-12, 2023	Oct 9-10, 2024 Burlington, CO	Oct 8-9, 2025

Dr. Beckman read a letter from the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council regarding the EMT-IV authorization. Will Dunn, chair of EMPAC, spoke to the intent of the letter. The IV authorization has grown over the years to include many skills well beyond the ability to insert an IV. At the same time, the curriculum has not expanded as well and there is significant concern about the whole issue. It was suggested that a SEMTAC Task Force be created to address this issue. Chairman Dienst authorized the formation of the Task Force with SEMTAC volunteers: Dr. Eric Hill, Rachel Smith, and Scott Fitzgerald.

Chairman Dienst informed the Council that work to update the SEMTAC bylaws was complete and the final draft was available for their review. The updated bylaws were approved.

Trauma Program Leader Martin Duffy presented UC Health Medical Center of the Rockies for consideration by the SEMTAC for redesignation as a Level I Trauma Facility. There were no deficiencies during their review and SEMTAC recommended redesignation. Martin then presented the Positively Collaborative Award to Jody \_\_\_\_ from Montrose Memorial Hospital for her exceptional work during their recent move from Level III to IV and then back to III.

Meghan Morrissey with Healthcare Policy and Finance (HCPF) provided a presentation on the newly created Secure Transportation program for Behavioral Health patients. Very good presentation and some questions were asked and answered.

Chief Bruce Evans made a presentation to encourage the SEMTAC and state office to consider lowering the age from 18 to 16 for initial certification as an EMT. Great examples from across the nation were considered and the discussion was broad. In the end, it was suggested that a Task Force be created to research and consider this issue. Chairman Dienst authorized the formation of a Task Force with a good list of SEMTAC volunteers.

Dr. Beckman provided an update on the work of the EMPAC

- 387 Active Waivers
- Collaboration with the SEMTAC on the EMT-IV Task Force
- Next meeting 8/14/23

Chris Duran provided an update on the work of the Designation Review Committee

- Last Quarter saw seven level III and IV facilities undergo their triennial trauma review with no deficiencies.
- Last Quarter saw four Level III and IV facilities undergo their triennial review and obtain a redesignation recommendation with a Plan of Correction

G Wagner provided an update on the work of the Education Committee

- Very successful EMS Educator conference in Western RETAC
- Review of the CREATE education grant program. Suggestion that the state legal team review statute for what exact items must be included in the questions for the Provider and CREATE grant programs.
- Work on the recommendations for Psycho-motor testing continues. The committee is meeting regularly
- Collaboration on the EMT-IV curriculum

Prevention Committee and Pediatric Care Committee

- I was unable to attend these meetings

Richard Cornelius provided an update on the work of the Public Policy and Finance Committee

- Status of the HUTF EMS Account provided by Christine McGroarty
  - The account fund balance is shrinking
- Status of FY23 Funding Cycle
  - Cycle ended on June 30 with final reimbursement requests coming into the office
- Status of FY24 Funding Cycle
  - Award announcements made June 30
- Grant Program Improvement task Force
  - Task Force will reconvene after the GALTF completes it's work
- FY24 RETAC Supplemental Funding Request
  - Review of the funding request over the past 9 months
  - Review of the need for the funding request
  - Great discussion from all sides
  - Recommendation that SEMTAC approve a one time \$50K supplemental funding payment to each RETAC for FY24. SEMTAC also approved the request unanimously.
- RETAC Biennial Plans
  - All eleven plans were reviewed and deems to be adequate.

G Wagner provided an update on the work of the Safety Committee

- Discussion about a triage program for Interfacility Transfer teams based on crew and patient safety
- Request for a Task Force to be formed to support this issue
- Chairman Dienst authorized the formation of a Task Force to consider IFT issues.
- Good group of SEMTAC members volunteered to participate

Dr. Eric Hill provided an update on the work of the Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee

- Review of the number of Plans of Correction and their status
- Update on the status of Montrose Memorial Hospital; Looking Good
- Need general surgeons for trauma designation review teams
- Discussion about the post recovery from the pandemic

Meeting concluded with updates on the status of the EMS Sustainability TF, the Ground Ambulance Licensing TF, and the sections with the EMTS Branch. The EMTS Branch report is available online.

These are my summary notes and should not be considered as accurate minutes for the SEMTAC meeting. Kim S