

SEMTAC Summary Notes

January 10-11, 2024

Chairman Tim Dienst called the meeting to order at 0900 and the role was called. Quorum present.

Minutes from the October and two special meetings were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Jeff Beckman, SEMTAC Secretary, spoke about SEMTAC positions.

- Current Vacancies
 - Member of the General Public from a Rural Area
 - Rural County Commissioner
 - Urban County Commissioner
- Soon to be Vacancy
 - Urban Hospital Administrator
- Open in July
 - Physician specializing in pediatric medicine
 - RETAC chairperson
- Dr. Jeff Beckman will be resigning as the state Medical Director. The SEMTAC took time to recognize him for his service.

Upcoming SEMTAC Meetings

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
	Jan 9, 2025	Jan 15, 2026
	Apr 10, 2025	Apr 9 2025
Jul 11, 2024	Jul 10, 2025	Jul 9, 2025
Oct 10, 2024 (Burlington)	Oct 9, 2025	Oct 15, 2026

EMS Account Task Force Recommendation

- Richard Cornelius led a task force through four meetings to consider options for increasing the HUTF vehicle fee to support the EMTS Provider Grant, the EMTS Branch, and the RETAC in general.
- Significant data and discussion during the meetings. All concluded that an increase is necessary to make up for inflationary pressures and decreases in the fund due to expanding programs within CDPHE such as the Peer Support program, Imagetrend, trailer fees, and other programs. Additionally, the newly approved Ground Ambulance Licensing program at the state level is projected to need \$1.3M annually.
- The group considered potential increases from 1 to 6 dollars. The group also considered legislative changes to include trailers in the fee which were removed a few years ago. Ultimately the group settled on a recommendation which will provide significant support for all programs while not fulfilling all of the projected needs. The 225 Sustainability Committee will be working toward sustainable funding in two years and will consider long term funding solutions.
- The final recommendation was to double the current fee from \$2 to \$4 and add language to include trailers in the fee once again. This amount would provide \$5.1M to the EMTS Branch with the balance being split between the EMTS Provider Grant and Regional Programs in a 2:1 ratio. Commissioner Sean Wood felt that there were legislators who would be willing to take this request on and push it through the legislature. EMSAC will be a big partner in the process.

SEMTAC Task Forces

- As the work of the Ground Ambulance Licensing Task Force is completed, the SEMTAC moved to dissolve the task force. If additional work is needed, it can be done by PPF or the TF could be restarted.
- Three Task Forces established by SEMTAC in July have been on hold waiting for staffing at the branch.

- Interfacility Transfer TF: Peter Myers (deputy division director) indicated the branch now has the staffing to move forward with the requested task forces. The IFT Task Force will start right away with the membership approved in July.
- IV Authorization Curriculum TF will start as soon as possible. Likely February
- The Task Force to consider reduction of the age for certification as an EMT from 18 to 16 will be forwarded to the 225 Sustainability group for consideration in the year three agenda.

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

- Next meeting will be February 12th

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

- Chris spoke about the automatic recommendations for redesignation and the one plan of correction during the past quarter

Carter Smith provided an update on the work of the Education Committee

- Work to develop skills competencies continues and is near completion for the EMT level. Work on the AEMT level is also underway
- The committee was excited that the IV Authorization Task Force was getting ready to move forward. They will be willing to provide review and comments as appropriate.

Chris Rodriguez provided an update on the work of the Prevention Committee

- I was not able to attend this committee meeting. Their documents are included on the state website.

Dr. Kathleen Adalgais provided an update on the work of the Pediatric care Committee

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

- The status of the HUTF account was reviewed
 - The beginning fund balance is better than shown over the past two meetings. This is due to fewer dollars expended within the grant program
- FY23 EMTS Provider Grant
 - 59 projects are still incomplete due to the supply chain issues and ambulances
- FY24 EMTS Provider Grant
 - All projects started
 - One emergency grant awarded
- FY25 EMTS Provider Grant
 - Grant application is open with grant workshops available
 - Pre-application is due February 8th, Final grant due February 15th
 - Financial Waiver review is February 23rd, Regional hearings in March. SEMTAC hearing May 9-10
- FY25 Financial Waiver Review
 - Financial Waiver Review committee selected
- Richard reviewed the goals established by the committee and the group agreed that the potential to increase the HUTF should be the focus for now.
- Tim Dienst provided an update on legislation at the state and federal level

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

- The group has decided to provide good support for the Sentinel Event reporting software and are encouraging others to also.

- The IFT Task Force received staffing from the Branch and will begin moving forward. There has been significant work don't already by the Central Mountains RETAC to develop a risk assessment tool. CM RETAC gave final approval to their document and made it available to the community earlier this week.
- The Mile High RETAC National EMS Safety Summit is fast approaching

Wendy Erickson provided an update on the work of the State Trauma Advisory Committee

- Marci Dowis provided an update on the Whole Blood Coalition. It appears that El Paso County and Clear Creek/Grand Counties will be initiating prehospital Whole Blood Administration by Feb/Mar
- There is an online survey for community members to provide feedback about the Whole Blood program. Here is the link: [Home - Colorado Whole Blood Coalition \(mailchimpsites.com\)](http://Home - Colorado Whole Blood Coalition (mailchimpsites.com))
- Robyn Wolverton updated the group on the work regarding the Stop the Bleed in schools legislation. They are off and running. They would like to keep schools asking for education so they provided a flyer for anyone to get out to their school.
- Trauma designation applications will be done online moving forward through the ImageTrend system.
- Wendy led the group through an overview of an article discussing "trauma deserts" in rural America. The article specifically looks at Colorado and spurred good conversation. This article could even drive some new goals for the committee.

Peter Myers provided an update on the EMS Sustainability Task Force work

- Amber Viitanen made another data presentation for the group; very interesting
- The second year of the task force is surrounding potential concerns about inequities in the delivery of prehospital care in the state.
- The full task force will be taking the months of Jan, Mar, Apr off while the chair/vice chair are in session at the Capitol. The various task forces will of course be meeting to conduct research and work to support the program.
- Feb 20th is the EMS at the Capitol event and there will be an EMS Sustainability meeting that day.

These are my summary notes and should not be considered minutes for the meetings. Please contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

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