

SEMTAC Summary Notes

April 13-14, 2022

SEMTAC Chair Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 0900. Dr. Jeff Beckman called the roll of members.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as presented.

Dr. Beckman thanked Chief Rick Lewis (SEMTAC Chair) and Dr. Keyan Riley (SEMTAC Vice Chair) for their service on SEMTAC. They are both term limited and this will be their last meeting. All other current SEMTAC members who are expiring are eligible to reapply for a second term. Applications must be turned in by April 15th.

Chief Lewis and Dr. Beckman then moved to a recognition time for retired Division Director Randy Kuykendall. Numerous former SEMTAC chairs and friends of Randy spoke about his time at CDPHE and before. Nice recognition and he was presented with a Colorado flag which had flown over the state capitol. Randy has returned to CDPHE on a part time basis to work on specific projects.

Dr. Beckman noted that Elaine McManus is the interim Division Director while the position has been posted and interviews are taking place. Randy will be working on the EMS Modernization Bill for the department.

The upcoming SEMTAC meetings were reviewed

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
	Jan 11-12, 2023	Jan 10-11, 2024
	Apr 12-13, 2023	Apr 10-11, 2024
July 13-14, 2022 Doubletree	Jul 12-13, 2023	Jul 10-11, 2024
Oct 12-13, 2022 La Junta	Oct 11-12, 2023	Oct 9-10, 2024

Will Dunn provided an update on the work of the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council (EMPAC)

- EMPAC met on February 14th and are in the process of reviewing the waiver guidelines to ensure they are adequate and consistent.
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 8th and will be virtual

Trauma Program Update-Martin Duffy

- St Anthony Hospital (Level I), Denver Health Medical Center (Level I), and Foothills Community Hospital (Level II) each had Not Met criteria during their most recent ACS and State of Colorado combined surveys. They were recommended for redesignation at the current level with appropriate Plans of Correction.
- North Colorado Medical Center (Level II) met all criteria and were recommended for redesignation for another three years.
- Martin presented the Positively collaborative award to Kim Greene from Central Mountains RETAC

In his SEMTAC Chair report, Rick Lewis reminded the SEMTAC members of their duty to review grants in May.

Terri Foechterle provided an update on the work of the Designation Review Committee

- Four facilities received automatic redesignations with no deficiencies during their review. This included Keefe Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne Wells
- Parkview Medical Center moved from a Level II to a Level III and passed with no deficiencies. This move was due to staffing issues regarding the Neurosurgery platform

Dawn Mathis provided an update on the work of the Education Committee

- Task force created to review the EMR scope of practice and the Psycho motor skills criteria required

Carol Gould provided an update on the work of the EMTS Injury Committee

- I was unable to attend but their update is provided on the state website

Dr. Kathleen Adelgais provided an update on the work of the Pediatric Care Committee

- I was unable to attend but their update is provided on the state website
- The committee does need a member of the PPF committee to join their committee

Tim Dienst provided an update on the work of the Public Policy and Finance Committee

- Eric Schmidt, EMTS Funding Manager, updated the group on the program
 - FY22 Grant Cycle continues with 10 complete projects, 86% quarterly reports submitted, and \$135K in reversions
 - No Emergency Funding requests for FY22 this quarter
 - FY23 Grant Cycle continues. Pending the approval of a \$2M budget addition, the grant fund should have approximately \$6.5M in state funds to award. Regional Grant hearings are nearly complete. The SEMTAC grant hearings will be May 12-13.
 - The Task Force to review the grant program will hopefully be able to start later this month
 - The FY24 Incentive Category process has begun with PPF approving the process to include incentives other than a reduced cash match for FY24
- The Committee reviewed and scored six System Improvement Grant applications
 - SLV RETAC: RQI CPR Program
 - NE RETAC: Consultative Visit request
 - Montrose Memorial Hospital: Community Paramedic Mental Health Transport Program
 - Mile High RETAC: RETAC Forum Support
 - Eagle County HSD: Support for the CARES program
 - Children's Hospital Colorado: Child Trafficking Education
- The Committee reviewed and approved the eleven RETAC Regional Medical Direction applications
- The Committee reviewed and approved the eleven Supplemental Funding applications
- Legislative Update
 - Medicaid Rate Increase included in Long Bill
 - \$2M one time increase in the Provider Grant fund included in the Long Bill
 - All Payer Access for EMS
 - EMS Modernization Bill

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

- Group is looking specifically for ways to improve reporting for the EMS Sentinel Event program

Dr. Keyan Riley provided an update on the work of the State Trauma Advisory Committee

- Martin Duffy noted that the ACS will continue to do only virtual trauma reviews for the near future
- Martin also noted that 100% of the 38 Non-designated facilities have completed their initial work and are now submitting data into the state for trauma patients
- Dr. Riley made a plea for physicians specifically to volunteer to support the designation process and become reviewers. There is a significant lack of emergency physicians and trauma surgeons for this process to ensure there are no conflicts of interest during the review cycle.
- The group also discussed the reduction in trauma level for Parkview Medical Center from Level II to Level III. There was discussion about the additional time and distance which may be required to move patients to the appropriate level of trauma center for definitive care. The group will monitor and support the Southern RETAC in their review of the processes going forward

Dr. Beckman provided an update from the EMTS Branch

- Two new employees: Audra is a program assistant and Bill Clark is with the data program
- The waiver for EMTs to provide Flu and COVID vaccinations has been extended through December 31st
- The waiver for Intermediates and Paramedics to provide mono-clonal antibodies was extended through December 31st
- The Chapter 3 EMS Data Rules will be heard next week by the Board of Health