

SEMTAC Meeting Notes

April 8-9, 2026

SEMTAC Chair Richard Cornelius called the meeting to order and a quorum was determined to be present.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved without changes

Richard Cornelius and Rachel Carson were recognized as leaving the SEMTAC in July after serving two terms. They were thanked and presented with a crystal dish and certificate.

Upcoming SEMTAC Meeting Schedule

2026	2027	2028
	Jan 13-14	Jan 12-13
	Apr 7-8	Apr 12-13
Jul 8-9	Jul 7-8	Jul 12-13
Oct 7-8 Grand County	Oct 13-14	Oct 11-12

At the January SEMTAC meeting, a Public Policy & Finance Committee recommendation to reduce the services available for Path4EMS users from 15 to 10 sessions was tabled. The tabled motion was brought back to the April SEMTAC meeting for consideration and discussion.

- The change is being considered to reduce costs for Path4EMS during this significant fiscal challenge
- Path4EMS was never intended to be funded by the EMS Account. The Legislature passed an unfunded program and assigned it to the EMTS Branch of CDPHE.
- The original legislation also indicated that the resource was only for those agencies who don't have access to an employer EAP or other resource. In other words, rural/frontier agencies. The transparency from the Path4EMS program has been limited so we don't really know what agencies are using the service.
- The SEMTAC has been recommending an increasing amount of money from the EMTS grant fund for a couple years now. There was a request to move that amount to \$1.2M which was defeated last meeting.
- There was at least 90 minutes of discussion and testimony. Testimony from Adams County FPD demonstrated that the service is being used by all types of agencies who are not part of the original intent. Adams County FPD has a multi-million dollar budget with full time staff and the resources that come with that size of agency
- In the end, the SEMTAC voted 15 to 6 in favor of limiting the number of sessions to 10 annually.

Amber Viitanen presented the Excellence in Quality Care & Data Reporting Award to Grand Valley FPD in Parachute.

Martin Duffy presented Intermountain Health Luther Hospital to the SEMTAC for consideration of their recent Level II designation review. No deficiencies. SEMTAC recommended redesignation.

Martin Duffy presented UC Health Medical Center of the Rockies to the SEMTAC for consideration of their recent Level I designation review. No deficiencies. SEMTAC recommended redesignation.

Martin Duffy presented a posthumous award to Nancy Bartkowiak for her Lifetime of Service. Ms Bartkowiak was the TPM at St Thomas More in Canon City. A moment of silence was observed.

Eric Lucas presented the EMPAC report.

- Chapter Two revisions will likely be heard by the CDPHE Chief Medical Officer soon.
- A summary document with updates is available from the RETAC upon request.

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

- Seven facilities underwent a review in the last quarter with all passing without deficiencies. They receive an automatic redesignation. These included:
 - Middle Park Hospital, Level IV; St Anthony's North, Level III; Spanish Peaks, Level IV;
 - Long's Peak, Level III; St Anthony's Summit, Level III; St.Elizabeth Hospital, Level IV
 - St Francis Woodmen, Level III

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

- The EMT IV Curriculum is on hold until the EMPAC completes the updates for Chapter Two. The committee wants to ensure that all changes are reflected in the new curriculum
- The new Chapter Two rules will allow for all levels to provide Community Paramedic Services. This raises questions about scope and education. There is some time as the new rules will likely not go into effect until October.

Marci Dowis provided an update on the work of the Prevention Committee

- Two reports on OB were provided
 - Amber Viitanen provided data regarding OB deserts in the state and the reasons for IFT of perinatal and postnatal transfers
 - Presentation on various issues with postnatal care to include post partum depression
- Statewide Wholeblood program updates
- STB update; funding will be coming to an end soon

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

- I was not able to attend this meeting and the update was shortened due to time constraints

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

- Martin Duffy spoke about the Trauma Nurse Advance Course. It was not deemed to replace the TNCC course
- Martin spoke about the TNC/TMD course and next classes
- Martin made a request to trauma surgeons to participate in trauma designation reviews

- Consideration of Advance Practice Providers and their role in trauma for the upcoming review of Chapter Three

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

- Caroline Furman updated the CREATE grant status. The Grant Improvement Task Force had made a request for the CREATE grant to align with the EMTS Provider Grant regarding the requirement for financial documents. A balance sheet, income statement, and budget are required for financial waiver and encouraged but optional for 50% match. The SEMTAC voted to approve this change.
- Christine McGroarty updated the EMTS Account status. As always, there is significant confusion about the status based on the varying documents provided. The PPF Chair actually asked if an audit was needed to bring all the documents in line. Christine indicated that a new person has been hired to streamline the processes and make it easier to understand. Ultimately, there are more expenses than revenue and the community needs to consider options.
- The FY28 EMTS Provider Grant Incentive Category form was reviewed and approved.
- The standing FY27 Supplemental RETAC Funding applications were reviewed and approved.
- The FY27 Regional Medical Direction Grant applications were reviewed and approved.
- The PPF Committee heard testimony from two System Improvement grants
 - Mile High RETAC request to support the statewide RETAC Forums
 - Southwest RETAC request to support their Life Saver AED program
- The PPF discussed and approved the request for \$600K to support the Path4EMS program in FY27. The motion was brought forward by the chair of PPF, Richard Cornelius after it was approved by PPF in a previous special meeting.
- The consideration of “one time” supplemental funding for RETACs was not discussed during the PPF Meeting. Even though the chair of PPF, Richard Cornelius, also presided over the special PPF meeting when the RETAC funding request was approved. As there was no motion to bring the issue forward, it died and there was no discussion. This issue pretty much derailed the rest of the meeting with limited discussion or reporting on the additional agenda items.

These are my notes only and do not reflect the actual minutes of the meeting

Kim Schallenberger