

## SEMTAC Summary Notes

July 13-14, 2022

Acting SEMTAC Chair Jean Sykes called the meeting to order at 0900. Dr. Jeff Beckman called the roll of members.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as presented.

Dr. Jeff Beckman announced the newly appointed members of SEMTAC

Hollie Seeley, Denver: Administrative Representative of an urban trauma center

Dr. Michael Sheinberg, Loveland: Board Certified Neurosurgeon at Level I or II

James Woodworth, Morrison: Government Provider of Prehospital Care

Carter Smith, Mancos: Officer or Crew of a Volunteer Organization providing Prehospital Care

Jodie Taylor, Highlands Ranch: Board Certified Trauma Surgeon at a Level III

Dr. Beckman announced the SEMTAC members who were reappointed

Kelly Gallegos, Alamosa: Administrative Representative of a rural trauma center

Christopher Rodriguez, San Luis: County Emergency Manager

Dr. Eric Hill, Westminster: Licensed Physician who is a Prehospital Medical Director

G Wagner, Pueblo: Flight Nurse of an Emergency Medical Service Air Team

Dr. Beckman thanked those SEMTAC members who are leaving SEMTAC

Ryan Cook, Lamar: Officer or Crew of a Volunteer Organization providing Prehospital Care

Dr. John McVicker, Colorado Springs: Board Certified Neurosurgeon at Level I or II

Fernando Gray, Golden: Chief of service providing emergency care in urban area

Commissioner Sykes announced it was time to elect officers for SEMTAC

Tim Dienst was elected the Chair of SEMTAC

Dr. Eric Hill was elected as the Vice Chair of SEMTAC

Commissioner Jean Sykes was elected Parliamentarian for SEMTAC

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
	Jul 12-13, 2023	Jul 10-11, 2024
Oct 12-13, 2022 La Junta	Oct 11-12, 2023	Oct 9-10, 2024

Randy Kuykendall provided an update on department activities related to legislation from the past session.

SB225 created a Governor appointed EMS Sustainability Task Force. As the newly elected Chair of SEMTAC, Tim Dienst will be the chair of this Task Force. This legislation will also move the licensing of ground ambulance services from the county to the state level.

SB226 was passed and should provide additional funding for the enhancement of the healthcare workforce across the state. This should include funds for education to support recruitment and retention of EMS staff.

Martin Duffy provided an update on the work of the Trauma Department

Children's Hospital Colorado was reviewed by the state and the ACS. They had no deficiencies and were recommended for redesignation as the Regional Pediatric Trauma Center.

UC Health Medical Center of the Rockies was review by the state only as a new Level I trauma center. They had no deficiencies and were recommended for designation a Level I Trauma Center

University of Colorado Hospital Anschutz was reviewed by the state and the ACS. They had no deficiencies and were recommended for redesignation as a Level I Trauma Center

St Mary's Medical Center was reviewed by the state and the ACS. They had one deficiency and with a Plan of Correction were recommended for redesignation as a Level II Trauma Center

Martin Duffy presented the Positively Collaborative Award to Linda Underbrink for her work in bringing together all of the facilities in the metro area to work on divert issues. Well deserved.

Commissioner Sykes asked the SEMTAC to consider all of the SEMTAC Committees and whether they should continue or be expanded. Additionally, the Injury Prevention Community lost funding for their ongoing committee. The Council discussed the value of the IP committee and how it might be sustained. The SEMTAC ultimately agreed to form a new committee under SEMTAC for Injury Prevention. It may have an expanded scope moving forward. All other committees will continue on their current missions. SEMTAC members need to submit their requests for committee assignments to Matt Paswaters or Tim Dienst.

Donnie Woodyard, EMTS Branch Chief, asked the SEMTAC to form the Ground Ambulance Licensing Task Force. This is in response to SB225 legislation which mandated the licensing of ground ambulances to move from the county to the state level. The SEMTAC moved to create the Task Force with at least four members volunteering to participate: Jamie Woodworth, Dr. Kathleen Adalgais, Richard Cornelius, and Commissioner Sean Wood. One of these persons will become the Chair of the Task Force. Meetings should start in August.

Dawn Mathis provided an update on the work of the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council.

The Council met virtually on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Data Section provided updates to the group. Continued work on refining the waiver process continues. Next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

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

Four facilities were considered for redesignation. Terri's connection wasn't good so I couldn't hear everything but I understood that all were recommended for redesignation. Some may have Plans of Correction. The group also considered the request from Montrose Memorial Hospital to move from Level III to Level IV due to staffing issues. They hope to return to Level III once those issues are resolved. St Joseph Medical Center also has requested to move from Level III to Level IV. This was at least partially due to their location so close to high level trauma centers.

Dawn Mathis provided an update on the work of the Designation Review Committee

The group discussed options to help CREATE grant applicants be more successful.

SB226 was considered and the potential for education funding.

A subcommittee is working on a template for ensuring skills at the EMR level during initial education.

The greatest portion of the discussion was led by Donnie Woodyard regarding changes recommended by the NREMT for Paramedic education. The NREMT has recommended that accreditation be removed as a requirement for training centers. This may be in response to some states where the pass rate is sub-par. The Education Committee drafted a letter to submit to SEMTAC for consideration to send to the NREMT. The SEMTAC agreed and will also be drafting a separate letter condemning the move.

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

I was not able to attend this meeting but Carol indicated that all meeting materials were available on the website.

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

The data section provided updates on pediatric deaths in Colorado.

Pediatric Ready facilities project continues to move forward with the first site visit scheduled for July

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

Christine McGroarty provided an update on the status of the HUTF Account. It is doing well.

Eric Schmidt provided an update on FY22 and FY23 Grant cycles

FY22 cycle has ended with numerous outstanding payments to be made to grant applicants. There are several projects with ambulances which will be carried over into FY23 due to the supply chain issues. One emergency funding request was considered and funded last quarter to repair two ambulances for one agency.

FY23 cycle is underway with the funding announcement made at the end of June. The process now is for agencies to wait for purchase orders and contracts to begin their projects.

FY24 cycle incentive category had no submissions so there will be no incentive category for FY24.

The Grant Program Improvement Task Force has met twice with another meeting scheduled soon.

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse was on the call and will be doing some work for the funding section to get purchase orders and contracts completed.

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

The Path4EMS program is expanding and will now allow up to \$1500 in treatment for those who apply. The care can also be received at locations closer to home for many individuals. This is an effort to encourage more participation in the program. The \$2.55 fee per registration has been discontinued as it cost more to recover the funds than it was worth to the program.

The committee will be continuing to work with national experts on ways to encourage participation in the sentinel event reporting system. These will include NASA and Airline industry experts.

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

The group discussed the recent move by three facilities to reduce their trauma level designation. The group considered if this was part of a trend or if each event was unique. In general, the group felt that the pandemic had added stressors to the healthcare system and this may be a by product of that stress. No trends we seen among the three cases but the committee will continue to follow the issue.

The non-designated facility reporting system appears to be working very well with good participation among the facilities. More data to come in October.

Dr. Jeff Beckman informed the SEMTAC that Elaine McManus who has been serving as the interim Division Director has been appointed to the position full time. She spoke to the Council briefly.

Donnie Woodyard provided an update from the EMTS Branch. All information can be found in the quarterly newsletter which is on the website at: [July 13-14, 2022 - Google Drive](#)

Amber Viitanen provided information about the new rules regarding prehospital data and the move to NEMSIS 3.5. There will be a "Town Hall" meeting to discuss the rules with the community. Details will be provided to the community.

As always, these are only my notes from the meetings and should not be considered as official minutes. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. [kschally@plainstopeaks.org](mailto:kschally@plainstopeaks.org) Kim Schallenberger