

SEMTAC Meeting Notes
April 11, 2013

SEMTAC Chair Dan Noonan called the meeting to order.

Deputy Director Randy Kuykendall introduced two new SEMTAC members.

John Hall from Grand Junction is the Chair of the NW RETAC

Commissioner Buddy Schmalz from Gilpin County sets as a rural Commissioner

The next SEMTAC meeting is scheduled for July 24-25, 2013 at CDPHE. The October meetings will be held on October 23-24, 2013 in Pueblo at the Pueblo Convention Center.

Will Dunn, Chair of the EMPAC, provided an update on EMPAC. There were 10 waiver requests heard in February. Eight were approved and two were tabled until the next meeting pending more information. The proposed revisions to the scope of practice are available on the state website at www.coems.info. Those rule revisions are scheduled to go into effect in June 2013. There will be some current waivers which may not be necessary due to the revisions. However, all medical directors are reminded that waivers must be in place until the rule changes take place.

Randy K informed the group that there are several SEMTAC positions which are due for new persons or for reappointments. These include: Administrator of a Rural Trauma Facility, Medical Director of a Pre-hospital agency, Representative of Flight program or flight nurse, Officer of a volunteer agency providing pre-hospital services, Rural County Commissioner, Trauma Surgeon from a Level III Trauma Facility, Chair of a RETAC. Applications are due by May 1 and are available on the state website.

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse, EMTS Grant Manager, provided history on the proposed rules regarding the CREATE education grants program operated by the Colorado Rural Health Center. Those rules were presented to the SEMTAC and passed. The rules are available on the state website.

Jeanne Marie spoke about the FY14 Provider Grant SEMTAC hearings. There was \$6.2M requested in state funding this cycle with approximately \$5.3M to distribute. The SEMTAC hearings will be May 15-16 and the schedule will be available soon on the state website.

Grace Sandeno, Trauma Program manager, presented two Level II Trauma Facilities for re-designation. Parkview Hospital in Pueblo and Littleton Adventist Hospital in Littleton both had some criteria not met during the January review by ACS and the state. Both developed plans of correction and were recommended by SEMTAC for re-designation with a re-review in one year. Grace then presented her quarterly "Positively Collaborative Award" to Chris Hansen.

Chief Dan Noonan had a presentation about living in the present for his Chair's report.

John Harney, ICPG member, provided a report on the Injury Community and Prevention Group. He reported that the group would like to hear presentations about evidence based prevention programs in the future meetings. He also provided a copy of the NHTSA 2013 guidelines for graduated driver's licenses. Colorado has one of the most restrictive GDL in the nation and was not even close to meeting

the new requirements. The document is open for comments and will potentially be revised in the near future. The LifeSaver Conference is being held in Denver.

Dr Charles Mains, Chair of the Designation Review Committee, provided a report. The DRC reviewed nine trauma facilities in the past quarter. Six were automatically re-designated with no deficiencies. Three facilities had to create plans of corrections for some deficiencies and those plans were accepted.

Dr Christine Darr, Pediatric Emergency Care Committee, provided a report on the PECC. She reported that the vacant EMSC position has been filled with the hiring of Sean Caffrey. A new three year EMSC grant has been awarded to the state. Dr Darr reported that the Facility Pediatric Assessment project has currently received responses from only 38% of the facilities in the state. Facilities were encouraged to go the website and complete the short survey. Dr Darr reported that the proposed Pediatric Mobile Sim Lab should be complete by June and ready for use by the fall of this year. The EMS Pediatric survey will be coming out later this year. The NHTSA document "Safe Transport of Children" is now available online.

Dr Roger Nagy, Co-Chair of the Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee, provided a report on the STAC meetings. The Level I Volume Criteria committee has met to discuss potential changes to the volume requirement for serious trauma patients at a Level I Trauma Facility. A straw vote of the committee provided the following results: 5-no change, 2-decrease, 1-increase, and 1-abstention. The next meeting of the committee will be May 1st. The STAC heard a report from Grace Sandeno regarding the "Trauma Light" product for trauma reporting. The consensus was that the product is not meeting current needs and the group will begin consideration of other ways to collect trauma data from Level IV and V trauma facilities.

The EMTS Safety Committee met on Wednesday. The main focus of work revolved around the upcoming 4th Annual EMS Safety Summit to be held in Loveland on October 9-11, 2013. This year's program will be a safety train the trainer program.

Randy Leshner, Chair of Public Policy and Finance, presented a report on the PPF committee. The committee reviewed all System Improvement requests during the meeting on April 10th. The group also heard and approved the recommended changes to the CREATE program which was brought forth earlier during the meeting. The group reviewed the proposed guidelines for Regional Medical Direction projects being conducted by the RETACs. The document is in draft form yet with approval expected by October after some revisions. The main points to consider are deliverables to receive funding and exactly how the funding will be divided among the RMD programs.

Randy Kuykendall reviewed the quarterly EMTS Section Report and stood for any questions. The report is available online at www.coems.info.

These are my notes only. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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