

SEMTAC Meeting
Summary Notes; April 9, 2020

SEMTAC Chair Dr. Charles Mains called the virtual, Zoom meeting to order at 0900. HFEMTS Division Director Randy Kuykendall did role call and there was a quorum present. The draft minutes from the January 2020 meeting were approved with one correction.

Randy Kuykendall provided a listing of the current SEMTAC members who have served for two terms and are thus term limited. The list also included open positions on the SEMTAC and the current member who is eligible to reapply.

- Fire Chief providing prehospital care in rural area: Chief Bruce Evans; Term limited
- Rural Commissioner: Thomas Davidson; Term Limited
- Level II Emergency Physician: Dr. David Steinbruner; Term Limited
- Trauma Nurse Coordinator: Kim Muramoto; Term Limited
- Level I Trauma Surgeon: Dr. Charles Mains; Term Limited
- Rural Commissioner: Sean Wood; Eligible to apply for second term
- Urban Commissioner: Laura Thomas; Eligible to apply for second term
- Member of General Public from Rural Area: Terri Foecterle; Eligible to apply for second term
- Member of Private EMS Provider: Shawn Howe; Eligible to apply for second term
- Member of General Public Urban Area: Dawn Mathis; Eligible to apply for second term

In general, applications for these positions are due by April 10th. Randy indicated that due to COVID19, that deadline will likely be extended and he encouraged people to apply for the positions.

Randy indicated that much of the Division staff is working remotely. This was not a huge adjustment as the Division had been implementing this option for some time.

Upcoming Meeting of the SEMTAC

2020	2021	2022
	Jan 13-14	Jan 4-5
	Apr 7-8	Apr 12-13
July 8-9; Gunnison	July 7-8	July 12-13
Oct 7-8	Oct 13-14	Oct 11-12

Randy asked Dr. Jeff Beckman, state Medical Director, to provide an update on current HFEMTS COVID19 actions.

- Facilities in the state are currently prepping for a surge of patients by expanding bed capacity and working to acquire more ventilators
- Some of the current data is encouraging as the impact of "Social Distancing" appears to be working
- PPE continues to be a challenge for facilities and EMS agencies
- Crisis Standards of Care plan will be enacted soon

Dawn Mathis provided an update on the work of the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council (EMPAC)

- At the February 10th meeting of EMPAC
 - EMPAC reviewed 22 waivers: 8 Initial, 14 renewal; all approved
 - 455 total waivers in the state: 4 BLS, 38 BLS/ALS, 413 ALS only
 - Reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 2 relating to the addition of Licensure to EMS practice
- At the special meeting of EMPAC on April 3rd
 - Due to COVID issues, the EMPAC voted to extend all current waivers until June 30th
- Next meeting of EMPAC is May 11th

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

- Sky Ridge Medical Center; State and ACS Review
 - All Criteria met; SEMTAC recommended redesignation as a Level II
- Parker Adventist Hospital; State and ACS Review
 - All Criteria met; SEMTAC recommended redesignation as a Level II
- North Colorado Medical center; State and ACS Re-Review
 - February 2020 Re-Review occurred
 - All Criteria met; SEMTAC recommended redesignation as a Level II
- All April and May Triennial Trauma Reviews have been postponed due to COVID19; Current designation will continue; state is working on options for a new review schedule

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse, EMTS Branch Chief, spoke about the work which has occurred since 2017 surrounding Trauma Chapters 1-4. The draft Chapter revisions and reorganization has been open for public comment since the January SEMTAC meeting. No significant comments were provided during that time. Dr. Charles Mains asked for a recommendation from the SEMTAC regarding the revisions. The SEMTAC approved unanimously of the revisions and recommended they go before the Board of Health for hearing and approval. The BoH meeting is next week. Jeanne Marie and Dr. Mains thanks everyone for their work on this project.

Dr. Charles Mains provided his SEMTAC Chair report for April. Dr. Mains thanked the SEMTAC members, the state staff, and the providers across Colorado for all the great work done over his tenure as SEMTAC Chair.

Dr. David Steinbruner gave an update on the work of the Designation Review Committee

- The meeting was cancelled for April because the only facility reviewed had no deficiencies and was automatically redesignated

Tim Dienst gave an update on the work of the Education Task Force

- Task Force work to review EMS Chapter 1 for potential updates due to the Licensure of EMS legislation has been completed. The draft version is available online in the Google Drive
- Tim thanked all of the Task Force members for their work
- The SEMTAC will vote on the revisions during the July meeting
- Tim asked the SEMTAC to stand down the Education Task Force with the caveat that they will likely come to SEMTAC at the July meeting to request a standing Education Committee be created moving forward

Carol Gould provided an update on the work of the EMTS Injury Prevention Committee. Meeting notes are available on the Violence and Injury prevention network.

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

- COVID19 Updates included comments that pediatric hospital visits are generally down by about 50%
- The Children's Hospital Colorado-Anschutz campus is working to open up about 30 beds for adults should they be needed during the COVID event
- Medical Center of Aurora is using the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children simulation van for COVID triage
- Updates on the COPPER and COPECC projects which are somewhat on hold due to COVID
- The group reviewed the EMSC 2020 Strategic Plan

Rick Lewis provided an update on the work of the Public Policy and Finance Committee

- Kim Fear reported that there are fewer funds coming into the HUTF fund at this time and the year end balance for the EMTS Account may be near zero
- PPF reviewed four System Improvement requests for FY21; scores will be provided to the state office

- PPF reviewed 10 Regional Medical Direction requests from the RETACs. All requests were approved together for funding for FY21
- PPF reviewed 11 Supplemental Funding requests for the RETACs. All requests were approved together for funding for FY21
- Eric Schmidt, Funding Section Manager, updated FY20 and FY21 EMTS Provider Grant processes
 - FY20 will be completed by June 30; there are no expected extensions of contracts due to COVID but any requests will be considered case by case
 - All major manufacturers indicate they are considered essential employers and plan to complete projects such as ambulances
 - 24 projects have been completed; \$6500 in grant reversions
 - FY21 EMTS Provider Grant is moving forward
 - One RETAC hearing is still to be completed; System Improvement requests were reviewed
 - SEMTAC Grant hearings will be May 14-15
- Ron Seedorf updated the CREATE education grant program
 - There have been quite a few reversions due to COVID where agencies felt they had to cancel events
 - There have also been fewer requests for funding due to COVID concerns
 - Discussion about online education during this unusual time; Eric Schmidt indicated that online education is approved for applications but that there has never been an application to date
 - Dr. Charles Mains noted that the ACS has extended ATLS certs due to COVID. All cancelled courses will be rescheduled at a later date.
- The committee held discussions about options to use reverted grant funds for EMS operations due to the COVID issues. There was also concern that federal money appropriated for COVID may not make it to the ambulance services. The state department will monitor this issue and assist agencies as appropriate

Shawn Howe provided an update on the work of the Safety Committee

- The Sentinel Events project is open but not getting much traffic at this point
- The cot safety training project is ongoing
- PPE is a significant concern for EMS agencies during the COVID event
- Dr. Beckman urged support for the Crisis Standard of Care activation
- Shirley Terry informed the group that the EMS Financial Symposium and National EMS Safety Summit had to be postponed until August due to COVID. It has been rescheduled for August 18-21

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse provided an update on the EMTS Branch

- She encouraged all to reach the Quarterly Branch Report provided in the Google Drive
- Jeanne Marie introduced three new staff members
 - Cecilia Cook has returned to the Branch as a Certification Tech
 - Angela Banh has joined the Data Team
 - Tim Petri is leading the new Peer Support program

Tim Dienst asked all SEMTAC members to support EMS funding at the federal level by writing their legislators. Tim provided a simple way to do so through the NAEMT Advocacy website.

There were approximately 105-120 persons on the Zoom meeting at any one time. I felt the meeting was very well conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 1030.

These are my notes summarizing the SEMTAC meetings. Please contact me with any questions.

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