

SEMTAC Meeting Notes
January 13-14, 2021
Virtual via Zoom Platform

SEMTAC Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Dr. Keyan Riley at 0900

- Dr. Jeff Beckman, SEMTAC Secretary and Deputy Division Director, completed the roll call with 24/25 SEMTAC members present and 5/7 ex-officio members present.
- Meeting minutes from October were approved
- Dr. Beckman provided a 15-minute description of the great work done by the HF and EMTS branches during the pandemic. They completed much of their daily duties remotely and numerous members also worked within the emergency operations center.
- Dr. Beckman also informed the SEMTAC that seven positions are open for applications. Those current appointments are encouraged to reapply. The community is also encouraged to apply for the open positions. The deadline for applications is April 9, 2021. These are the open positions.
 - Board-certified physician certified in pediatrics; currently: Dr. Kathleen Adelgais
 - Registered nurse involved in rural emergency medical and trauma services; currently: Anastasia Pemberton
 - Administrative representative of an urban trauma center; currently Thomas Gronow
 - Fire chief of a service that provides prehospital care in urban area; currently: Fernando Gray
 - Board-certified surgeon providing trauma care at a Level II trauma center; currently: Dr. Krista Turner
 - Regional Council Chair; currently: Timothy Dienst
 - Member of the general public from a rural area; currently: Marc Burdick
- Dr. McVicker moved to provide a formal recognition from SEMTAC of the great work done by the EMTS Branch during the pandemic. SEMTAC approved
- No Correspondence or public comments

Upcoming SEMTAC Meeting Dates

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Jan 12-13	Jan 11-12
Apr 7-8	Apr 13-14	Apr 12-13
Jul 7-8	Jul 13-14	Jul 12-13
Oct 13-14	Oct 12-13	Oct 11-12

SEMTAC is hopeful to have an offsite meeting in Gunnison for the July 7-8, 2021 meeting if the current pandemic will allow. April will still be virtual.

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

- Last meeting November 9, 2020
- Dr. Weber reelected as Chair and Dr. Kohliker as Vice Chair
- Much discussion both by the committee and public regarding Ketamine
- Michelle Reese provided an update on the Ketamine Task Force
- 20 waivers reviewed: 19 renewals and 1 new, all approved
- 52 waivers were retired due to updates to the Chapter 2 Scope of Practice
- 391 active waivers: 346 ALS, 42 ALS/BLS, and 3 BLS
- Next meeting February 9, 2021

Eric Schmidt, Funding Section Manager, provided an update on the EMTS Provider Grant

- FY21 EMTS Provider Grant
 - All purchase orders/contracts have been executed

- Concern that the number of 2nd quarter progress reports completed is low; encouraged all grant applicants to get their reports completed
- 12 FY21 projects have been completed with minimal reversions
- There have been no Emergency Grant requests
- FY22 EMTS Provider Grant
 - Important Dates
 - Grant application opened: December 16, 2020
 - Seven grant workshops held in January
 - Financial Waiver Review: February 24, 2021
 - RETAC Provider Grant Hearings: March 10-April 21
 - System Improvement Grant reviews: April 7, 2021
 - SEMTAC Provider Grant reviews: May 13-14, 2021
 - Financial Waiver Review Team Selected
Shawn Howe, Sean Wood, Marc Burdic, Kim Schallenberger, Tim Dienst, Thomas Gronow, Richard Cornelius

Martin Duffy presented the Positively Collaborative Award for the Trauma Program

Lana Martin with Children's Hospital Colorado-Colorado Springs was nominated by Julie Ramstetter with San Luis Valley Health

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

- The group approved the revised bylaws and provided training for new members of the committee
- There were no trauma reviews in the last quarter due to COVID

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

- There are currently 58 Licensed EMS providers in the state. The option to transfer from certified to licensed became active on January 1st
- Annie Klein provided a very good update on the Path4EMS peer support program
- Very good discussion about a mission statement and goals for the newly formed committee
- Donnie Woodyard, EMTS Branch Chief, spoke about two topics
 - He congratulated the state educators as he provided data showing that NREMT pass rates for both EMT and Paramedic levels is well above the national average
 - He spoke about concerns that out of state EMS students who come into Colorado for clinicals are not certified by the state of Colorado. The committee will look at this during future meetings

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

- Most information is available on their website
- Carol spoke about UC Health Memorial providing virtual Stepping On education in several rural counties

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

- The group changed the name of the committee from Pediatric Emergency Care Committee to Pediatric Care Committee. This was to avoid confusion with the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator at the agency level
- Marc Burdic was selected as the committee Vice Chair
- The group updated the bylaws to include a new member from the SEMTAC Education Committee
- Many pediatric surveys are underway

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

- With the retirement of Ron Seedorf, the committee met Stephanie Vose who will be the new CREATE program manager

- Update on the HUTF Account
- Eric Schmidt updated the group on the FY21 and FY22 EMTS Provider Grants
- Selected members for the Financial Waiver Review Committee
- Legislative update provided by Tim Dienst
- Good discussion about the role and goals for the PPF committee. The committee will ask the EMTS staff for guidance about proposed projects for the group

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

- Received an update on the Path4EMS peer support program
- Reviewed any Sentinel Events reported
- Hope to have a curriculum for safe operation of ambulance cots to provide to the Education Committee soon
- Dr. Adelgais asked if the committee could look at safe transport of pediatric patients in the future

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

- A request from the previous meeting to augment the membership of the committee was considered by the department and postponed for now.
- Operations and Procedures document was approved
- A rule change to conform naming of FSED and CCEC facilities within the trauma rules was approved.
- A waiver offered by the department to state rules regarding the “on site” requirement for trauma designation reviews. The waiver is necessary due to the pandemic and the need to continue to review and designate facilities. The waiver would change the “on site” requirement to allow for hybrid and/or virtual reviews for up to a year. The plan would be revisited at that point or sooner if appropriate. The STAC had good discussion about potential concerns and advantages to the program. The ACS is already planning to do virtual reviews for the foreseeable future. After discussion, the STAC voted to recommend that SEMTAC approve the waiver request. The waiver request was approved by the full SEMTAC

Donnie Woodyard, EMTS Branch Chief, provide the Branch Quarterly Report

Mr. Woodyard provided updates from each of the programs at the state. Those updates can also be found online at [January 13-14, 2021 - Google Drive](#)

The SEMTAC meeting was adjourned and the SEMTAC members stayed online for EMTS Provider Grant Reviewer training.

These are my notes of the recent SEMTAC meeting. They should not be considered as official minutes. Please contact me with any questions. Kim Schallenberger