

SEMTAC Meeting Summary
Grand County EMS Station
Granby, CO
October 7-8, 2026

SEMTAC Chair Marci Dowis called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Meeting minutes from July were approved as presented. No correspondence for October for SEMTAC.

Valorie Peaslee (Foothills RETAC Exec Director) and Austin Wingate (Grand County EMS Chief) gave a presentation about the Foothills RETAC and Grand County as the host for the offsite meeting. Very good.

Upcoming SEMTAC dates

<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
Jan 13-14	Jan 12-13	Jan 10-11
Apr 7-8	Apr 12-13	Apr 11-12
Jul 7-8	Jul 12-13	Jul 11-12
Oct 13-14	Oct 11-12	Oct 10-11

EMTS Branch Chief Mike Bateman presented a white paper on the addition of a Department Committee to support the Interfacility Transfer Community. The IFT Task Force has done good work in the past and this new committee will be able to continue and expand on that work. Mike presented the recommended IFT Committee membership list which was discussed and some edits were suggested. The SEMTAC did approve the formation of a Department Committee. The Department will now recruit non-SEMTAC members to fill specific roles. The final list of members will be presented to SEMTAC in January with an initial meeting in April. The SEMTAC accepted three volunteers from their membership today to serve on the new committee: Tom Anderson, Travis Freeman, and Tyler Vaughn.

Mike Bateman spoke about needing to adjust the Committee Meeting schedule with the addition of the IFT Committee and other ongoing issues with meeting conflicts. Mike presented two options which both included moving Committee meetings to Thursday morning and then starting the SEMTAC meeting at 1200 on Thursday. This would create two full days but does allow for more attendance at committee meetings by the SEMTAC members and the community as a whole. The SEMTAC asked for time to review the options and even provide additional feedback for the January meeting. The new schedule would take effect in April 2027.

Amber Viitanen presented the results of a survey conducted by the Path4EMS Task Force. The overall results were that the community does utilize the service and is very supportive. The entire presentation is available on the state website.

The Positively Collaborative Award was presented to Austin Wingate from Grand County EMS.

Amber Viitanen presented the Excellence in Quality Care & Data Reporting award to Telluride FPD.

Will Dunn provided an update on the work of the EMPAC

- The final version of the Chapter Two revisions was approved by Ned Calonge who is the chief medical officer for CDPHE. The updated rules will go into effect October 15, 2026.
- The Undifferentiated Altered Mental Status Patients Task Force will have a meeting on Friday, October 23rd
- The Next EMPAC meeting is scheduled for November 5th at the EMSAC conference in Keystone.

Mike Bateman provided an update for the EMTS Branch for the quarter

- The Chapter One Education rules which allow for EMT to perform as Community Paramedics after passing the appropriate testing was approved by the Chief Medical Officer also and will go into effect on October 15th.
- There are currently 216 Licensed Ambulance Services in the state.
- The EMS Sustainability Task Force published the Phase Four report and are currently working on the Phase Five report. The next meeting is in the afternoon after the SEMTAC meeting. The Task Force will have a final report available for review at the EMSAC conference in Keystone.

Tracy Lauzon provided an update on the work of the Designation Review Committee

- Tracy was elected as the committee chair for FY27
- Numerous facilities were recognized for completing their triennial reviews over the past two quarters. Since there were several not read into the record in July, Tracy took the opportunity to congratulate all facilities.

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

- Carter Smith and G Wagner were re-elected as the Chair and Vice Chair for FY27
- Carter requested the SEMTAC to approve Mental Health-Resiliency education to be authorized for CE credits for recertification. There is no change to the overall number of credits needed but these will be specific options. The SEMTAC voted to approved the change.
- The EMT-IV curriculum document will be reviewed for potential changes due to changes in the Chapter Two scope of practice.

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

- Marci Dowis and Dr. Nichole Feeney were elected as Co-Chairs for the committee
- Several presentations on E-Bike safety programs were given.

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

- Dr. Feeney and Danny Barela were elected as Chair and Vice Chair
- COPPER continues to expand across hospitals in Colorado
- I was not able to attend the meeting in person.

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

- Michael Hassel and Scott Weaver were elected as the Chair and Vice Chair for FY27
- The CRHC CREATE education grant program director, Caroline Furman, has moved on to other opportunities. Karen Millspaugh provided the update for the CREATE program. They are in the interview process now for a new CREATE grant coordinator.
- Mike Bateman presented an updated “Re-Placemat” to the committee for review. This spreadsheet attempts to provide much more transparency for the financial review. There will be more definitions added. Questions about options to reflect an Income Statement and/or Balance Sheet were offered by the members. Mike stated that they are working to provide the requested information and it will be brought back in January for continued review.
- Peter Meyers provided an update on the status of the SEMTAC requested Financial and Performance Audit of the EMS Account and the Branch. Peter noted that CDPHE leadership is taking the request seriously and offered to consider an internal audit to address specific concerns. This was offered due to the fact that a comprehensive audit will take a lot of time and could be a significant expense. The general feeling from the PPF Committee, the SEMTAC, and the general public was that a comprehensive audit is needed to establish a base line. It was noted that an audit of the EMS Account has likely never happened. Peter was going to check into that issue and will report back. Peter stated that the Branch is creating a Google Sheet for SEMTAC members to submit specific questions about finances and to offer suggestions for improvements to the Re-Placemat. It is important to note that the Google Sheet will only be open to SEMTAC members. The community was encouraged to work through SEMTAC members to submit questions or concerns.
- Tim Petreit provided updates on the status of the FY27 current EMTS Provider grant cycle and the upcoming FY28 cycle. The updates to the timeline have worked well so far.
- Jessica Nelson provided an update on the Path4EMS program. She gave new numbers for utilization and vendors. Jessica noted that the current grant funding will expire soon and there will be a shortfall of approximately \$740,000 for the cycle. The PPF Committee and ultimately SEMTAC approved an appropriation of that amount for the cycle. A caveat that the staff must continue to search for additional grant funding for the program.
- Val Peaslee provided an update from the Grant Improvement Task Force. The group has made significant progress on the scoring tool and will review the upcoming grant guidance document for FY28. The next steps include matching the CREATE program to the Provider Grant program were appropriate. The group will continue to meet and plan to make updates to the overall Grant Guidance document for the future. Great work
- Bob Fager provided an update on the Path4EMS task force. Bob noted that the Task Force was planned to end with this meeting but he requested that the TF be continued as there is work to be done. The SEMTAC approved the request.
- The PPF Committee reviewed 10 of the 11 RETAC Annual Financial Reports. They were accepted as adequate. The 11th report will be presented in January for review.

G Wagner updated the group on the work of the Safety Committee

- Heard a report from Jessica Nelson with the Path4EMS program
- The group will be working to improve data collection for incidents involving aggressive actions towards EMS providers

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

- Dr. Poles and Tianne Woodward were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair
- Marci Dowis provided an update on the Whole Blood Coalition
- Martin Duffy requested an update to the Chapter Three rules. The current requirement for reviewers to be “currently active in trauma care at the level being reviewed or above” will be updated to “have experience within the last three years”. This is being done to enhance the pool of reviewers specifically at the physician level.
- Grace Sandeno provided a framework for work to open and review the Chapter Three Trauma Designation Rules.
- Nicolena Mitchell provided an update on the National Pediatric Readiness Project.

These are my summary notes and should not be considered as minutes. Please contact me with any questions. Kim Schallenberger