

SEMTAC Meeting Summary Notes

July 8-9, 2020

Virtual Platform Meeting

Vice Chair Rick Lewis called the meeting order at 0900 using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Randy Kuykendall read through the roll call with a quorum present. Minutes from the April meeting we approved.

Randy introduced the newly Governor appointed members to SEMTAC. Each provided a brief background.

Captain Mark Mason, Colorado State Patrol, Ex-officio

Richard Cornelius, Roaring Fork Fire Authority, Rep: A Fire Chief of a service providing EMS in a rural area

Commissioner Jean Sykes, Bent County, Rep: A rural County Commissioner

Dr. Eric Campion, Denver Health, Rep: Trauma Surgeon at a Level I Trauma Center

Dr. Jeremy DeWall, UC Health, Rep: Emergency Physician

Rachel Smith, Lincoln Community Hospital, Rep: Trauma Coordinator

Randy announced the current SEMTAC members who were reappointed to their respective positions.

Commissioner Sean Wood, Commissioner Lora Thomas, Terri Foecterle, Shawn Howe, Dawn Mathis

Randy provided an update on the HFEMTS Division over the last quarter

- Plans to bring forward legislation to replace the funds missing from the HUTF account due to the change in collections were put on hold due to the pandemic. This will be an agenda item for the 2021 Legislative session
- Since the EMTS Branch is funded through the HUTF, there is no concern about any new financial issues related to the pandemic. Other Branches as the Department have not been so fortunate.
- Randy has been the CDPHE appointed liaison to SEMTAC for the past 16 years. The department is going to appoint Dr. Jeff Beckman to this position starting right away as Randy has additional duties.

Dr. Eric Hill provided a moving tribute to Paramedic Paul Cary who served the city of Aurora and state of Colorado for many years. Mr. Cary had volunteered to go to New York with Ambulnz to support the pandemic response back in March. Unfortunately, Mr. Cary contracted COVID19 and ultimately died as a result. Very nice tribute and then a moment of silence for Mr. Paul Cary.

Officers for the SEMTAC are always elected during the July meeting.

Chief Rick Lewis was elected as the Chair

Dr. Keyan Riley was elected as the Vice Chair

Commissioner Sean Wood was elected as the Parliamentarian

Upcoming SEMTAC meetings

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Jan 13-14	Jan 4-5
	Apr 7-8	Apr 12-13
	Jul 7-8	Jul 12-13
Oct 7-8	Oct 13-14	Oct 11-12

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

- Last meeting was May 11, virtual
 - Presentations on RSI statewide
 - Eagle County data
 - Review of 3 waiver requests: 2 initial approved, 1 initial tabled
- Next meeting will be August 10, virtual

Ron Seedorf provide the Annual CREATE report for SEMTAC

- FY20 approval rate of 72% of 54 grant applications
- FY20 saw 4 Financial Waiver requests: 2 were approved, 1 was denied, 1 was withdrawn
- Due to COVID
 - 3rd and 4th quarter of FY20 saw an increase in reversions due to course cancelations
 - 3rd and 4th quarter of FY20 also saw a decrease in applications but there was a slight increase in June
- Funds currently available for award
 - FY20 \$169,383 was either not awarded or reverted
 - FY21 \$249,554 available for award
 - FY22 \$386,780 available for award
- Presented a document showing the updated funding allowances for various courses
- Two open positions regarding the CREATE program were discussed and filled
 - Kelly Gallegos was appointed to the CREATE Expert Review Committee
 - Jean Sykes was appointed to the CREATE Financial Waiver Review Committee

Branch Chief Jeanne Marie Bakehouse presented the draft EMS Chapter One rules for consideration by the SEMTAC. The rules were first presented at the April SEMTAC meeting and the state has received no additional comments on the draft from the community. These rules were opened for revision due to the legislation passed which provides for licensure of Paramedics. Some additional language cleanup was done while the rules were open. Tim Dienst led the Task Force which drafted the rules. The SEMTAC approved the draft rules as presented. The rules will go before the Board of Health in October 2020 with them to be effective January 2021.

During the July meeting each year, the SEMTAC considers the addition or removal of any committees. Chair Lewis opened the floor for discussion.

- Tim Dienst informed the SEMTAC that the Task Force created to consider the draft rules for licensure felt it was important to reform an Education Committee under SEMTAC.
- After discussion, the SEMTAC voted to make the Education Committee a permanent addition

Martin Duffy provided an update on the work of the Designation Review Committee

- Three new members on the DRC
- One trauma designation was done in the last quarter for Centennial Medical Plaza; redesignated
- The DRC rules will be reviewed over this quarter and brought back for consideration in October

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

- During the pandemic, there has been an increase in domestic violence and substance abuse reports
- Vehicular deaths are down overall but speed related and DUI crashes are up
- Many projects were put on hold during the pandemic

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

- Updates on various projects provided; some on hold due to pandemic
- Patricia Casey gave a presentation about the STARS program in Missouri. This program is a Special Needs Tracking and Awareness Response System. Very interesting
- The EMSC Strategic Plan was approved

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

- CREATE update from Ron Seedorf
- HUTF EMS Account update from Kim Fear. Slight increase in vehicle registrations in June
- Eric Schmidt thanked Jeanne Marie Bakehouse for her work over the years to build the Provider Grant program
- FY20 Funding Cycle

- Cycle closed on June 30th. Many reimbursement requests coming in to the state now
- Need to have reimbursement request to state by July 10th to avoid delay in reimbursement
- One emergency grant for X-ray at Kremmling Hospital was funded
- FY21 Funding Cycle
 - \$3.75M in grant funds awarded for 77 applications; can't start on project until they receive PO or Contract from the state office
 - Funds for FY21 were further reduced because of the pandemic when DMV offices were closed and/or people weren't buying/registering vehicles.
 - Potential that if the registration of vehicles increases soon, there could be additional funding awards during this cycle.
 - All grant applicants were offered the chance to complete a survey after having completed their application. Evaluations were good but considerations for improvements will be discussed
- FY22 Funding Cycle
 - One FY22 incentive category request was received for Injury Prevention.
 - Request will be reviewed further and acted upon at the October meeting
 - Approximately 30% of agencies still need to migrate to the new system for their agency profile
- RETAC Biennial Plan Updates
 - All BP updates were received by the state
 - They will be reviewed by the PPF and discussed at the October meeting

Eric Schmidt provided an update on the work of the Safety Committee

- Tim Petreit provided an update on the responder resiliency program
- www.path4EMS.org is the new site for EMS Peer Support program

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

- Sherry Johnson from St. Mary's in Grand Junction is a new member of the STAC
- Dr. Riley thanked everyone once again for the strong work in updated the Trauma Chapters 1-4
- Trauma Designation site reviews have been delayed due to the pandemic
 - The trauma designation cycle begins on July of each year. All currently designated trauma facilities within their three-year cycle will be extended one full year due to the pandemic
 - Facilities within their initial 18-month designation do not automatically receive the one-year extension. The state will work with them to begin setting up survey in the near future.
 - Some consideration for how a remote site survey could occur
- The STAC operating guidelines are open for review and will be discussed further at the October meeting
- Consideration of increasing the response time for trauma surgeons from 20-30 minutes was discussed again. In general, it was felt that leaving the response time at 20 minutes is appropriate and will remain. The topic can be discussed further if there is good data to reopen the subject. Data from the ACS is still pending.

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse provide the EMTS Branch Report

- Vanessa Brazee is a new staff member as a licensing specialist. She will be working with both Air Ambulance, EMT, and CIH
- Fully 25% of the Branch staff was pulled into the EOC for the pandemic response at the health department. This included: Eric Lucas, Amber Viitanen, Martin Duffy, Adreana Early, and Dr. Jeff Beckman. JMB thanked them for the contributions and to everyone else for stepping up while these people were called away.
- 2020 legislation removed the support of CDPHE for the Stroke Advisory Board and the Coroner Advisory Board. The office is working with both during the transition period
- This is the final SEMTAC meeting for JMB as she will be retiring September 30th. Interviews for the new Branch Chief have taken place and it is hoped to have the new person on site by early August to begin the transition

Randy Kuykendall and Dr. Jeff Beckman spoke about Jeanne Marie Bakehouse's time at the department. They thanked her for her service and presented her with a Colorado flag which has flown over the Capitol. JMH then provided some photos to the virtual audience of her time at the Department. JMB will certainly be missed.

These are my notes from the SEMTAC meeting. They should not be considered as minutes but I'm willing to answer questions.

Sincerely, Kim Schallenberger