

SEMTAC Meeting, October 12-13, 2011

Summary Notes, Kim E Schallenberger

Meeting was called to order by Chief Dan Noonan, quorum present, minutes approved.

Chief Randy Kuykendall announced that Governor Hickenlooper had made the following appointments and reappointments to SEMTAC.

Daniel Noonan, Durango, Fire chief of a service that provides prehospital care in a rural area

Dr Eugene Eby, Greenwood Village, Emergency Board Certified physician

Randy Leshner, Loveland, Government provider of prehospital care

Linda Joseph, Moffat, County Commissioner from a rural county

Dr Walt Biffel, Denver, Board Certified surgeon providing trauma care at a Level I trauma center

Fred Morrison, Gypsum, Officer or employee of a public provider of prehospital care

Dr David Dreitlein, Montrose, officer or employee of a private provider of prehospital care

Travis Polk, La Salle, Trauma nurse coordinator

Robert Hudgens, Pueblo, member of the general public from an urban area

Lew Gaiter III, Fort Collins, County Commissioner from an urban county

Dan Noonan reminded all that SEMTAC officer elections are held during the October meeting. Dan Noonan was re-elected as the Chair of the Council. Dr Walt Biffel was elected as the Vice Chair.

SEMTAC meeting dates for 2012-2013 are as follows:

2012: Jan 12, Apr 12, Jul 12, Oct 4

2013: Jan 24, Apr 11, Jul 25, Oct 24

Dr Chris Urbina, CDPHE Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer, and Nancy McDonald, HFEMS Division Director, spoke about an initiative that CDPHE will be undertaking. This is at the Governor's direction and will include the LEAN processes. This will be done over 6 months and will involve 6-8 members of SEMTAC. Areas to address include: trauma coverage across the state, trauma regulations, preparedness of trauma centers, patient volume standards for different trauma levels, etc.

Randy Kuykendall spoke about the CREATE program and provided an update. Kathy Mayer and Brandon Chambers are the current SEMTAC members appointed to review education grant requests. Ray Jennings and Ralph Vickery were appointed as alternates.

Commissioner Linda Joseph reminded the SEMTAC that EMS & Trauma Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012. This is the day after the next SEMTAC meeting. She encouraged SEMTAC members to take a more active role in the event.

Grace Sandeno, Trauma Program Manager, requested action from SEMTAC on the following items:

Level I Trauma Center Designation for St Anthony Hospital and Swedish Medical Center. Neither had any deficiencies and the designation was accepted by SEMTAC.

Keefe Memorial Hospital submitted a waiver request which was discussed and approved.

The department appointed Dr Charles Mains and Rob Handley to the Statewide Trauma Advisory Council. The SEMTAC appointed Nancy Frizell to the STAC and appointed Dale Quimby as an alternate.

The Designation Review Committee had no report this quarter. There were no Level III-IV designations which required review.

Grace presented the Positively Collaborative Award to Nancy Frizell, Valley View Hospital.

Dan Noonan provided a short you-tube video and encouraged all present to support Dr Urbina's request for the LEAN project.

Nancy Frizell, Chair of Injury Community Planning Group, provided an update. Several items but I was unable to attend the committee meeting. She did encourage stakeholders to review the online training program regarding EMS Provider Suicide Prevention.

Dr Gene Eby, Liaison to the EMPAC, provided an update. The EMPAC reviewed several waiver requests and they continue to work on a tool kit for EMS Medical Directors. The next meeting of the EMPAC will be November 3rd during the EMSAC Conference in Keystone. Results from the Pediatric RSI survey will be discussed.

Dr Lara Rappaport, Chair of the Pediatric Emergency Care Committee, provided a report. New members or reappointments to the PECC include: Vicki Cassebaum, Dr Chris Darr, and Jim Richardson. The next meeting of the PECC is October 27 at 1330.

Dr Joel Schaeffer, Chair of the Statewide Trauma Advisory Council, provided a report. The group continues to review the Chapter II Trauma Rules. The current topic includes transfer guidelines for TBI. Dr John Nichols had presented a template for not only TBI but which could be used for other injuries. The group also discussed the waiver request from Keefe Memorial Hospital and recommended approval.

Randy Leshner, Chair of the Public Policy & Finance Committee, provided an update. The PP&F had reviewed the financial reports of the eleven RETAC Regions and recommended acceptance. The SEMTAC also accepted the reports as adequate. The committee has been working on FY13 Provider Grant updates and recommended the SEMTAC accept the changes. SEMTAC approved.

Dr Holly Hedegaard, Data Program Manager, provided an update on the data conversion to Image Trend for the state EMS Data Collection system. At least 30 agencies are now using Image Trend and full conversion is expected to occur over the next 18 months.

Randy Kuykendall provided a report on activity within the EMTS Section. This included his appointment as Interim Deputy Director of the HFEMTS Division. Michelle Reese is now the Interim Chief of the EMTS Section and Sean Caffrey will be the Interim Operations Manager within the Section. His full report can be found at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/em/semnac/SectionReport.pdf>

These are my notes from the meeting and should not be considered minutes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Other stakeholders from the Plains to Peaks RETAC were in attendance at the meeting and would also be able to answer questions. These stakeholders include:

Dale Quimby, SEMTAC member, Memorial Health System

Rob Handley, Limon Ambulance Service, Plains to Peaks RETAC Chair

Tim Dienst, Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District, Plains to Peaks RETAC Vice Chair

Kim E Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator