

SEMTAC Meeting Notes
October 9-10 2025; Steamboat Springs

SEMTAC Chair Richard Cornelius called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

- SEMTAC Appointments Changes
 - Leaving
 - Carol Gould-CDOT
 - Re-appointments
 - Michael Hassell, Michael Scheinberg, Carter Smith, G Wagner, James Woodworth
 - New Members
 - Dr. Josh Poles
 - Tom Anderson
 - Commissioner Jody Shaduck
 - Erica Dubrey-CDOT

July meeting minutes approved

Welcome presentation provided by Addy Bristol, Executive Director, NW RETAC

Upcoming SEMTAC Meetings

<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Jan 7-8	Jan 13-14	Jan 12-13
Apr 8-9	Apr 7-8	Apr 12-13
Jul 8-9	Jul 7-8	Jul 12-13
Oct 7-8	Oct 13-14	Oct 11-12

Martin Duffy presented three trauma facilities for consideration by the SEMTAC

- HCA HealthONE Aurora as a Level II
 - All state criteria fully met; SEMTAC recommended redesignation as Level II
- UC Health Memorial Hospital Central Colorado Springs as a Level I
 - All state criteria fully met; SEMTAC recommended redesignation as Level I
- UC Health Hospital Authority Anschutz as a Level I
 - One criteria not met; Collaborative Clinical Services-Radiology
 - SEMTAC recommended redesignation as a Level I with a plan of correction

Martin Duffy presented the positively collaborative award

Amber Viitanen presented the Excellence in Quality Care & Data Reporting Award to Eric Murray with SW Teller County EMS

Will Dunn provided an update on the work of the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council

- Will informed the new member about the EMPAC

- Chapter Two Scope of Practice remains open at this time and there will be a special meeting in Keystone at the EMSAC conference on November 5th to consider changes.
- Next regular meeting of the EMPAC will be November 6th at the EMSAC meeting in Keystone

Chris Duran provided an update on the work of the Designation Review Committee

- New leadership elected for cycle: Chris Duran, Chair & Kent Collins, Vice Chair
- St Mary Corwin (III), Gunnison Valley Hospital (IV), Community (IV), Rangley (IV), Pioneers (IV) were all reviewed and automatically redesignated at their current level with clean reviews upon survey
- Rio Grande (IV) and SW Memorial (IV) were redesignated as Level IV with plans of correction

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

- New leadership elected for cycle: Carter Smith, Chair & G Wagner, Vice Chair
- The IV Curriculum Task Force will have input with the EMPAC at the meeting in Keystone in November
- Nationally, there is a move to incorporate military medics with NREMT
- The next CEMSEA conference will be May 14-16 in Pueblo

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

- Some membership changes on the committee for the new cycle
- There are currently 25 facilities who have completed the COPPER designation and the number of facilities requesting review is growing
- The National Pediatric Reporting Period for ambulance services will take place in March 2026

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

- New leadership elected for the cycle: Richard Cornelius, Chair & Scott Fitzgerald, Vice Chair
- Due to the committee continuing to go past the two-hour meeting time frame, they voted to expand the meeting to three hours starting at 0900 and ending at 1200
- Christine McGroarty presented the placemat with the financial picture for the HUTF account and the EMTS Branch. The fund balance continues to decline with no remedy in site. There are currently 22 FTE within the EMTS Branch
- All FY26 EMTS Provider Grants are underway
- There are still some FY24 and FY25 EMTS Provider grants which are not completed due to timeline issues. These are affecting financial accounts also
- The FY27 EMTS Provider Grant program is moving forward. The addition of an incentive category for EMTS Safety Equipment was approved by SEMTAC.
- The Grant Program Improvement Task Force continues to be led by Val Peaslee
 - The PPF and ultimately the SEMTAC approved a shift in the timeline for the provider grant processes. This shift will start 6-8 weeks earlier than the current program. This will allow for more time to get purchase orders and contracts in place by July 1st of the grant performance period so agencies/facilities will have a full twelve months to complete the projects.

- The Task Force has requested that language limiting Personnel grants be removed from the grant guidance and that all changes to the guidance be reviewed by the PPF committee prior to implementation.
- The Task Force continues to enhance the scoring tool. The goal is to simplify and remove as much subjectivity as possible
- The Path4EMS program Task Force continues to be led by Scott Fitzgerald
 - The program continues to realize exponential growth, but the program came with no funding
 - Funding for the program currently is from the HUTF account and is set at \$600K annually but that amount is likely not adequate either due to growth.
 - Two of the SEMTAC County Commissioners are working to get some OPIOD payout funding to support the program
- The SEMTAC accepted the RETAC Financial Reports as adequate for FY25
- The SEMTAC accepted the NE RETAC Biennial Plan as adequate.
- The combined RETACs presented a funding proposal for the next three years to the PPF committee for consideration. Despite having seen the majority of the information previously, the PPF committee chose to schedule a special meeting to provide a comprehensive review of the plan. This should happen in collaboration with the December RETAC Forum or just prior.

G Wagner provided an update on the work of the Safety Committee

- New leadership for the current cycle: G Wagner, Chair and Jaime Woodworth, Vice Chair
- The EMTS Branch is working on language to support the implementation of the new IFT Safety Tool. The language is intended to educate all stakeholders about the tool and why it's important to use on every transfer decision.
- Representing the RETACs, Kim Schallenberger brought forward a proposal to restart the IFT Task Force. The original IFT Task Force had a menu of items they were interested in addressing with the Safety Tool being the primary goal.
 - Having achieved the Safety Tool goal, the Task Force was paused. The RETACs asked that the Task Force continue to address the other items on the list.
 - The PPF and the SEMTAC approved the request. The Task Force will consider new membership positions as there was difficulty getting adequate representation from some groups in the initial Task Force

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

- New Leadership: Dr. Josh Poles will serve as the committee chair
- The group continue to identify areas within Chapter Three which should be addressed when the rules open in the near future
 - Trauma Surgeon response times for Level III centers may be changed to mirror ACS
 - MBIG1 patients may be able to stay at local facilities with potential changes
- Marci Dowis provided an update on the Colorado Whole Blood Coalition
- Jen Landis provided an update on the Stop the Bleed program

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

- New Leadership: Marci Dowis, Chair and Julie Ramstetter, Vice Chair
- Amber Viitanen provided data on falls statewide
- The Foothills RETAC IP program provided their update. The group has a video for safe ATV use
- Rangely Hospital spoke about their Yellow Dot program

Peter Meyers provided an update on the EMS Systems Sustainability Task Force

- The Task Force is entering the fourth phase which is Financial Sustainability
- Next meeting on Wed, the 15th of October

Peter Meyers provided an update on the HFEMS Division

- There is a current state government hiring freeze
- This doesn't really affect the EMS Branch as it is considered essential but the CMS Investigations side could be affected by the Federal shutdown

Mike Bateman provided an update on the EMTS Branch

- The state quarterly report is available online
- Four persons have been offered positions as Ground Ambulance Licensing Inspectors with three to start on November 3rd.

These are only my summary notes from the SEMTAC meeting and should not be considered as minutes.

Kim E Schallenberger