

SEMTAC Meeting Summary  
April 7-8, 2021; Virtual

SEMTAC Chair Rick Lewis called the meeting order at 0900 via Zoom virtually. Chief Lewis asked for a moment of silence for the victims and families involved in the Boulder incident. Dr. Jeff Beckman called the role and a quorum was determined with most members present. The minutes from the January meeting approved.

Dr. Beckman recognized those SEMTAC members who are leaving their positions due to term limits. These members were: Pam Howes, Stacey Pemberton, and Thomas Gronow. Dr. Beckman then recognized those SEMTAC members who are eligible to apply for a second term: Dr. Kathleen Adelgais, Chief Fernando Gray, Dr. Krista Turner, Tim Dienst, and Marc Burdick. The deadline for applying for SEMTAC has been extended to April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Beckman provided a brief update on new and changing staff within the Health Facilities and EMTS Division. Chief Lewis asked if there was any correspondence for the SEMTAC during the last quarter. There was none.

Division Director Randy Kuykendall provided an update on various Bills before the legislature which could affect the Division. This update included bills affecting not only EMTS but also Health Facilities. Most of them will be discussed further during the Public Policy and Finance section of this report.

Upcoming SEMTAC Dates:

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

The July 7-8, 2021 meeting is still scheduled to take place in Gunnison. This is only if the Public Health Emergency allows and the meeting will be provided both virtually and in person.

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

Eric Schmidt provided an update on the Funding Section Grants Program

- FY21 Funding Cycle
  - Only one purchase order remains to be executed due to changes by the agency awarded
  - 84% of second quarter progress reports have been completed; Andre has sent emails to remind those who have not submitted as yet
  - 23 Grants have been completed to date with \$11,257 in reversions. This is not quite enough to award any additional grant applications but Eric is hopeful to do so if a few more reversions come in soon
  - There were no Emergency Grant requests in the quarter
- FY22 Funding Cycle
  - There were 59 Provider Grant applications and 2 System Improvement applications
  - These projects requested \$4.4M in state dollars and there is approximately \$3.7M in funds to award
  - There were seven financial waivers requests and six of those passed the review
  - Nine RETAC hearings have occurred with two more to come in April
  - The SEMTAC grant hearings will be May 13-14 virtually

Martin Duffy provided an update on the Trauma Program

- Children's Hospital Colorado-Colorado Springs underwent a virtual Level II trauma review. They passed the review with no issues. SEMTAC recommended redesignation at Level II

- Lutheran Medical Center underwent a virtual trauma review. They were moving from Level III to Level II. The facility had two “Not Met” criteria and a Plan of Correction was provided. SEMTAC recommended redesignation at Level II with review of the PoC by the state
- The Positively Collaborative award was presented to Stephanie Vega with UC Health

Chief Rick Lewis thanked Dr. Keyan Riley for leading the SEMTAC in January in Chief Lewis’ absence. He went on to encourage the community to recruit highly qualified and diverse applicants for the SEMTAC appointments.

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

- UC Health Highlands Ranch Hospital received an automatic redesignation at Level III with no deficiencies
- St. Joseph’s Hospital received an automatic designation at Level III with no deficiencies. This was a new facility designation as they had previously been a Level IV
- San Luis Valley Health received a redesignation at Level III with a Plan of Correction due to a deficiency and the Plan of Correction.

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

- The committee completed review of minutes and state update
- The remainder of the time was spent completing the Mission Statement and developing Goals for the committee into the future. Well attended with great work on the topics

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

- I have no update here as I was not able to attend the meeting
- Their work can always be found on the VPN network

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

- The Mobile Simulation trailers are still waiting for a release for work due to the pandemic
- The COPPER Hospital ED pediatric readiness program is moving forward with five pilot sites
- Other topics included
  - National EMS for Children Survey
  - COPECC Program and PECC targeted issues grant
  - Research Updates

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

- Tim Petreit updated the group on the Path4EMS program. They are working hard to get the program advertised and out to the community
- There were no Sentinel Events recorded during the quarter
- The National EMS Safety Summit was well attended even though it was held virtually

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

- The group heard comments from facilities who have just gone through the Virtual Trauma Review
  - Most felt the program worked well and they appreciated the frequent meetings with the state office prior to the review.
  - Many felt the review of charts was more accurate as the reviewers had more time to conduct the review
  - All felt that there was a loss without the in person review but would be in favor of something hybrid when available
- The state has asked for advice from the STAC regarding the option to permanently remove “on site” from the rules regarding trauma reviews. This is currently happening via a waiver and several reviews have occurred virtually. The official letter will not be needed until the state goes before the Board of Health for the change
- The group also reviewed and accepted guidelines for the trauma program regarding trauma reviews

- The committee will recommend to SEMTAC the draft changes to Chapter 3 regarding the FSED language. The request was made and approved by SEMTAC
- Martin Duffy informed the committee about a project to integrate data from non-designated facilities and Free Standing Emergency Departments into the state trauma data. This project will require education for the facilities and the RETACs as there will be a requirement the facility communicate with the RETAC. There will be a more formal presentation in July with the hope to begin getting data by January 2022

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

- Stephanie Vose provided an update on CREATE. There is still a lack of applications and thus funding is available which is likely due to the pandemic. Terri Foecterle was appointed by SEMTAC to the CREATE Financial Waiver Review committee
- Kim Fear updated the committee on the HUTF account. Income continues to be lower than previous years which is again likely due to the pandemic
- Eric Schmidt provided an update on the Funding program which was discussed earlier in this document
- Randy Kuykendall spoke about the EMS Provider peer assistance program funding
  - SEMTAC previously approved \$350K for each of two years to support the program with the plan that the legislature would fix the funding issue by 2021
  - The legislature has not taken up the issue due to the pandemic and thus Randy asked for another year of funding to support the program.
  - The PPF discussed the importance of the program and agreed to support the request which the SEMTAC ultimately approved.
  - Randy K assured the committee that the legislature would consider this issue next cycle
- FY23 Incentive Category
  - Eric spoke about the process for an incentive category within the EMTS Provider Grant program
  - Any applications for an incentive category must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - The PPF approved the applications and scoring tool for the incentive category and will review any applications during the October 13, 2021 meeting
- FY22 System Improvement applications
  - Mile High RETAC application for funding for the statewide RETAC Forums
  - Plains to Peaks RETAC application for funding for a statewide rural/frontier R&R project
  - Both projects were presented to the PPF and will be scored. Award announcements by June 30
- FY22 Regional Medical Direction Grant applications
  - PPF reviewed all 11 RETAC RMD grant applications
  - PPF approved all 11 applications as adequate
- FY22 RETAC Supplemental Funding Requests
  - PPF reviewed all 11 Supplemental Funding requests and approved them as a group
- Legislative Update provided by Tim Dienst
  - Secure Transport of Behavioral Health Patients
  - Increased Medicaid Funding if approved by HCPF
  - Potential COVID Relief Funding for Ambulance Service
  - Nurse Triage within PSAP
  - Chemical Restraints for Patients in Out of Hospital setting
    - PPF will likely host several special meetings to discuss options regarding this legislation
    - PPF will work with the SEMTAC to draft an advisory for the EMTS Branch
    - Bill is calendared on the Judiciary Committee of the House for April 21

Donnie Woodyard provided the EMTS Branch Quarterly report which includes a new format and interesting data points.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 1145. These are summary notes and should not be considered minutes