

SEMTAC Meeting Notes  
January 9-10, 2019

Dr. Charles Mains (SEMTAC Chair) called meeting to order. Quorum established

Minutes from October 2018 approved.

Randy Kuykendall (HFEMTS Division Director) provided information about available SEMTAC positions due to resignations.

- Administrator of a Rural Trauma Facility; was Patty Thompson
- Member of a Volunteer EMS Organization; was Stephanie Eveatt
- Emergency Manager; was Jill Filer
- Neurosurgeon at a Level I; was Dr. Kathy Beauchamp
- There will also be four additional positions available in July 2019

Randy also spoke about new staff at the EMTS Branch

- Andrew Yancy will be the Certification Manager
- Stacey Quesada is the new EMS for Children manager
- Jill Hunsecker-Ryan has been appointed by the Governor to lead CDPHE

Randy provided a Division update

- Michelle Reese is stepping down as the Deputy Division director for family reasons. She will still be available and provide support to the Division. Her position will be advertised.
- Several bills have already been introduced at the state Capitol which may affect the HFEMTS Division

Dr. Mains and Randy reported that San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center had sent a letter to SEMTAC thanking them for the grant funding they have received over the years.

SEMTAC Meeting Dates into the Future

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Jan 8-9	Jan 12-13
Apr 10-11	Apr 8-9	Apr 6-7
July 10-11	July 8-9	July 6-7
Oct 2-3	Oct 7-8	Oct 12-13

Dr. Jeff Beckman (EMTS State Medical Director) provided an update on the work of the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council (EMPAC).

- Dr. Kevin Weber is the new EMPAC Chair but was unable to attend today.
- Dr. Diana Kollecher is the new EMPAC Vice Chair
- There are currently 422 active waivers
- Next meeting will be February 11 at 1000 at CDPHE. The Regional Medical Director group will meet prior at 0800

Martin Duffy (Trauma Program Manager) presented two items for SEMTAC

- Re-review of North Colorado Medical Center. This Level II Trauma Center had a review in Nov 2017 with two deficiencies in their PI program. After a focused re-review in Nov 2018, the same deficiencies remained for a variety of stated reasons. The SEMTAC had many questions for the facility and there were numerous facility representatives as well as Banner Health representatives on site to answer questions. Ultimately, the SEMTAC recommended a continued designation as a Level II with a full review in one year with monthly reporting on their plan of correction.

- Awards
  - Martin gave a Lifetime Achievement award to Nancy Frizzell from Glenwood Springs hospital. Nancy has retired but had a huge influence for rural trauma at the state level. Nancy was not present but the award was accepted by someone from her facility.
  - Martin presented the “Positively Collaborative” award to Wendy Erickson, St Francis Medical Center. She was nominated by Marissa McLean from UC Health Memorial. Wendy was not available to accept so Kim Schallenberger accepted on her behalf.

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse (EMTS Branch Chief) informed the SEMTAC that the Rules Pertaining to CPR were up for review according to the established schedule. She stated that there would likely be no significant changes to the rule beyond some minor language updates. Rather than forming another Task Force to review the rule, she suggested that the state office could review and update the rule and provide the proposed modifications to the community. The SEMTAC agreed with the option.

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse, Eric Schmidt, and Dr. Jeff Beckman gave a presentation to the SEMTAC regarding the rules, history, and options for Critical Care Ambulance standards. At the October SEMTAC meeting, the Western RETAC had requested SEMTAC to consider baseline standards for a Critical Care Ambulance. Current licensing standards only include BLS and ALS. The state office doesn’t license ambulance services or ground ambulances. That duty falls to the local Boards of County Commissioners. After the presentation and discussion, the SEMTAC advised the EMTS office to work with Colorado Counties Inc to consider options for ways to simplify and standardize ground ambulance licensing. More to come on this topic at future SEMTAC meetings.

Dr. Charles Mains gave his Chair’s Report

- Dr. Mains spoke briefly about the H1N1 influenza status in the state of Colorado.
- Dr. Mains informed those attending that Ray Coniglio’s wife passed away unexpectedly recently. Dr. Mains asked for a moment of silence for the Coniglio family.

Committee, Task Force, and Workgroup Reports

- Dr. Mains gave a report on the Continuous Quality Improvement Task Force
  - The Task Force has been paused for a bit. There were no meetings in December or January. Work will begin again soon.
- Dr. Steinbruner gave a report on the Designation Review Committee
  - Four facilities received their automatic redesignation after no deficiencies on their reviews.
  - Three facilities have started Plans of Correction after a Met with Reservation on their reviews.
- Dawn Mathis gave a report on the Education Task Force
  - The committee continues to work on the Instructor Education Curriculum. They had hoped to have a final draft for SEMTAC at this meeting but will return in April with a final draft.
- Carol Gould gave a report on the EMTS Injury Committee
  - I was unable to attend but they have a great website.
- Dr. Mains gave a report on the Expanded Scope of Care Task Force
  - The task force has completed the draft rules for Neurosurgery Expanded Scope at Level III and IV. The SEMTAC reviewed the document and recommended approval.
- Stacey Quesada gave a report on the Pediatric Emergency Care Committee
  - Review of options for simulation training.
  - Very good presentation by Tim Dienst and James McLaughlin on their MAP program at UPRHSD.
- Rick Lewis gave a report on the Public Policy and Finance Committee
  - HUTF EMS Account funding has been delayed to the department. They have a new computer system which is not yet “bug free”. They hope to have things corrected in near future.
  - FY19 EMTS Provider Grant

- All but two grants have been executed. These are waiting on agency signatures.
  - Two FY19 grants were withdrawn so those funds were used to fund the next applications on the list.
  - 12 FY19 grants have been completed.
  - 75% of second quarter reports were submitted. Eric Schmidt reminded everyone to please get their reporting done in a timely fashion.
- FY20 EMTS Provider Grant
  - Application is open now and will close on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Financial Waiver Review will be Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 0800-1200 at CDPHE
    - Tim Dienst, Tom Gronow, Terri Fechterli, Rick Lewis, Sean Wood, Pam Howes
  - RETAC Grant reviews occur in March/April
  - SEMTAC Grant reviews occur on May 9-10 at CDPHE. SEMTAC members signed up for groups.
  - System Improvement and RETAC Supplemental Funding will be heard by PPF in April
- Emergency Grants
  - One application from the SW RETAC. Still under review.
- Shawn Howe gave a report on the Safety Committee
  - Responder resiliency strategies reviewed by Mike Grill
  - Ambulance Crash Data reviewed by Bruce Evans and Brian Lyons
  - Discussion about definitions for Sentinel Events
  - Bruce spoke about a training course for operation of ambulance cots
  - Mile High RETAC EAP Project reviewed
  - National EMS Safety Summit scheduled for March 26-29 in Denver. Information on the Mile High RETAC website.
- Dr. Mains gave a report on the Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee
  - The Neurosurgery Expanded Scope was reviewed and approved by STAC. Then approved by SEMTAC.
  - The new ImageTrend trauma registry went live on January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Discussion about the DRC designation rubric. It will be back in April for approval.
  - Definition of 30 day readmit has been updated. I believe it now refers to 30 days from the patients first admission.
- Kim Muramoto gave a report on the Trauma Chapter 3 Task Force
  - Trauma Chapter 2 Task Force is now the Trauma Chapter 3 Task Force.
  - Group has not met in December or January. Will resume in February.

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse informed the SEMTAC that the quarterly Branch report is available online at:

<file:///C:/Users/Kim%20S/Documents/P2P%20Council/Meeting%20Materials/2019/January/EMTS%20Branch%20Report%20Jan%202019.pdf>

She then spoke about the REPLICA program

- There are currently 16 states involved. They are working on definitions and a set of draft rules
- The program IS NOT YET IN EFFECT so you must still be licensed in each individual state.
- Next meeting of the national group is in March. They hope to hold a hearing for all rules in May.

These are my summary notes from the SEMTAC meeting and should not be considered minutes. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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