



# Fiscal Year 2014 Quarterly Activity Report

## Western RETAC

### Quarter 1

July, August, September

#### Current Issues

1. Work with Board, EMTS agencies, and six Board of County Commissioners to approve the new Intergovernmental Agreement and update the By-Laws to correspond with the agreement
2. Work with regional facilities and agencies to improve working relationship with WRETAC
3. Work with training facilities, trauma facilities, and prehospital providers in the region to offer accessible certification classes and continuing education in area
4. Work with agencies and offer grant writing assistance to help them find funding sources through CREATE Grants, Provider Grants, Foundation Grants, and other sources to fund training of personnel and purchase needed equipment to enhance the quality of emergency medical and trauma services in the region
5. Work with the Western Colorado EMS Leadership Group to move forward with the Regional Medical Direction Grant process and establish medical direction, policies and protocols for the region
6. Work with collected data in the region to find what skill training is needed to maintain proficiency of the providers and offer classes and skills training to enhance the quality of health care in the region
7. Investigate funding sources available and obtain funding for data driven injury prevention programs and continue with the Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition.

#### RETAC Activity/Accomplishments

Describe activity within the region during the reporting period. In particular include progress toward biennial plan goals and local/regional projects. Please list any partners on specific projects or accomplishments.

The WRETAC Coordinator continued to work with the WRETAC Board, EMTS agencies, and six Board of County Commissioners to approve the new Intergovernmental Agreement and update the WRETAC By-Laws to correspond with the agreement. The final draft of the By-Laws was submitted to the WRETAC Board and final approval for its adoption was made at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Coordinator attended meetings with the Emergency Room Committees at Montrose Memorial Hospital, Delta County Memorial Hospital, Gunnison Valley Hospital, and the Medical Director at the Telluride Medical Clinic to present the new IGA and By-Laws. These facilities had all pulled away from the WRETAC in January, 2012. Each facility was encouraged to again participate with and support the WRETAC with its reorganization of the Board of Directors and the requirement that all members would be newly appointed by the six counties. The IGA stated that each county would appoint two members to reflect as equally as possible representation between hospital and pre-hospital providers. The Board would consist of thirteen members, with one member

appointed from the regional training facility. Each facility supported the document and agreed to submit letters of interest for representation to the WRETAC Board to their Board of County Commissioners.

The WRETAC Coordinator presented the new Inter-Governmental Agreement, By-Laws, and Description of Duties of the WRETAC Board to all pre-hospital agencies in the six counties. Each was encouraged to support the documents and submit letters of interest for positions on the WRETAC Board of Directors.

A presentation was made before the Board of County Commissioners in Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, and Hinsdale Counties for support of the documents. Signatures for approval had been received from five of the counties by the end of September and the San Miguel County BoCC was scheduled to meet in October.

**The WRETAC Coordinator has worked with regional facilities and agencies to improve the working relationship with WRETAC.** She has met with Administration and staff at Delta County Memorial Hospital, Gunnison Valley Hospital and the Emergency Managers from each county to discuss the counties taking over ownership of the surge trailers that were currently owned by the WRETAC and located at the two hospitals. Discussion is continuing and it has been decided that the two trailers will continue to serve in the same capacity but will be managed by the Emergency Managers. Discussion with Montrose Memorial Hospital, Delta County Memorial Hospital, Gunnison Valley Hospital, and Telluride Medical Clinic included the importance of them working with the WRETAC again to work toward maintaining a quality EMS and Trauma System for all areas. All trauma facilities were represented at the last WRETAC Quarterly Meeting.

Agency visits by the Coordinator has included Crested Butte Fire and EMS, Gunnison Valley EMS, Montrose Fire Protection District, Paradox Fire and EMS, Nucla Naturita Fire and EMS, Telluride Fire and EMS, Ouray County EMS and Emergency Management, Delta County Ambulance District, Hinsdale County EMS and Lake City Fire, and Olathe Fire and EMS.

WRETAC was in attendance at the Montrose Regional Airport Tabletop Exercise, SEMTAC meetings, the West Regional Health Care Coalition meetings, Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition meetings, Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority meeting, the Pitch in to Win Workshop in Telluride, RETAC Forum in Estes Park, and the EMS World Expo in Las Vegas Nevada to gather information on the Community Paramedic program. The WRETAC sponsored its Quarterly Meeting with representatives from many of above agencies and the Executive Board continued to meet Monthly.

**The WRETAC is working with training facilities, trauma facilities, and prehospital providers in the region to offer accessible certification classes and continuing education in area.** E-mail notification is now being used to inform trauma and EMS agencies of upcoming classes. The Coordinator has met with the Education Coordinator at Montrose Memorial Hospital, the Director of the EMS Program at Colorado Mesa University, the Delta Montrose Technical College EMS Program, and Professional EMS Education to work together and inform agencies of upcoming classes. This information along with training posted on COEMS has provided a number of training opportunities to regional providers. Communication has taken place to try to bring a training conference to the Montrose area next summer.

**WRETAC continued to work with local agencies and offer grant writing assistance to help them find funding sources through CREATE Grants, Provider Grants, Foundation Grants, and other sources to fund training of personnel and purchase needed equipment to enhance the quality of emergency medical and trauma services in the region.** The WRETAC Special Projects Coordinator attended a meeting with other grant writers in the

area and attended a webinar that gave information on local grant opportunities to find out what grants were available to local providers to meet their funding needs. She met with another local grant writer to discuss plans to collaborate on future funding projects. Grant assistance was given to Paradox Fire and EMS, Ouray County EMS, Telluride Medical Center, and Norwood EMS.

**The WRETAC Coordinator and staff has worked with the Western Colorado EMS Leadership Group to move forward with the Regional Medical Direction Grant process and establish medical direction, policies and protocols for the region.** The Special Projects Coordinator has met with the Regional Medical Direction Coordinator with Montrose Fire Protection District to assist him with the State grant reporting requirements.

The WCEMSLG has approved regional protocols for the six county agencies and medical directors are working with agencies to implement QA/QI meetings and call reviews. The WRETAC Coordinator has met with the RMD Medical Advisor and Coordinator to discuss the current RMD grant requirements and the best way to move forward with the process in the next grant cycle. Both groups agree that skill training updates were needed for providers in the rural areas and the data gathered from the call reviews should be used for scheduling needed training for agencies. Involvement in the RMD process will continue with both groups.

**The WRETAC staff investigated possible funding sources available for data driven injury prevention programs and continue sponsoring the Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition Program.** WRETAC received notification from CDOT that the FY 2013-2014 grant funding for the WROSC Program was reduced. The Special Projects Coordinator met with CDOT for pre-work on the CDOT grant award and began to look for other funding sources to supplement funding the WROSC Program. Other injury prevention programs are now being looked at that could be implemented in the region. The Special Projects Coordinator participated in the Colorado Trust Health Seminars and attended a Seatbelt Workshop in Denver. She collaborated with the Southeast Central Occupant Protection Coordinator on projects and met with the Nurse Trauma Coordinator in Delta about Occupant Protection. The WROSC sponsored a booth for Occupant Protection at the Telluride Farmer's Market and gave away coupons to the people who were wearing seatbelts for the drive in movie snack bars at both the Delta and Montrose movies.

### **Regional/Local Funding Overview for prior contact year**

There were no regional or local projects funded in the prior fiscal year.