



Fiscal Year 2014 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC

Quarter 3
January, February, March

Current Issues
1. Work with Board, EMTS agencies, and Board of County Commissioners to approve the new Intergovernmental Agreement and receive letters of Interest from interested EMS Providers and facilities for appointment to the WRETAC Board of Directors (Completed 2 nd Quarter)
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 Intergovernmental Agreement between the six counties that serve as the Western RETAC was signed during the second quarter and appointments have been made to the Board. The Board now consists of thirteen members with two appointees from each county and a representative from the Delta Montrose Technical College. New officers have been elected and the Executive Board formed to meet monthly with one member from each county. Ad Hoc Non-Voting membership to the Board now includes official letters from St. Mary’s Hospital, Montrose Memorial Hospital, and Montrose Fire Protection District. The Board of Directors has welcomed their representatives and continues to encourage participation from other agencies.

The WRETAC Coordinator and staff has worked with regional facilities and agencies to improve the working relationship with WRETAC. The Coordinator has continued working with and communicating with the EMS agencies in the region. Agency visits included North Fork Ambulance District, Olathe Fire Protection District-

EMS, Montrose Fire Protection District, Nucla Naturita Fire and EMS, Norwood EMS, and Delta County Ambulance District. The Special Program Coordinator visited with Crested Butte Fire and EMS, Delta County Ambulance District, Delta Montrose Technical College, and Ouray County EMS to assist with grant writing. She also attended the Good Morning Montrose Meeting for educational updates on community topics and attended the awards ceremony for the grant from the Montrose Community Foundation for Community CPR. The Telluride Medical Center is preparing for their State review for their Level V designation and has full support of the WRETAC and Montrose Memorial Hospital has notified WRETAC about their upcoming review this fall. The Coordinator continues to encourage all agencies to submit Letters of Interest for Ad Hoc positions on the Board and send representatives to the quarterly meetings.

The WRETAC Coordinator was in attendance at the SEMTAC meetings held in Denver, the Image Trend Report Writing Class held in Denver to learn and help inform agencies on the process, the West Regional Health Care Coalition meetings, Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition meetings, Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority meeting, the RETAC Forum in Estes Park, West Area Emergency Managers Meetings, Delta County ESF8 Meeting, and EMS Day at the Capital in Denver. The WRETAC sponsored its Quarterly Meeting in February and had representatives from many of above agencies in attendance. The Executive Board continued to meet monthly.

The WRETAC continued to work with training facilities, trauma facilities, and prehospital providers in the region to offer accessible certification classes and continuing education in the area. E-mail notification continues to be used to inform trauma and EMS agencies of upcoming classes and webinars. The Coordinator has met with the Education Coordinator at Montrose Memorial Hospital, 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. The WRETAC continues to promote attendance at conferences and a CREATE Grant was awarded to help send 20 participants to the Fire and EMS Conference held in Grand Junction in January. Communication has continued to try to bring a training conference to the Montrose area later this summer. A System's Improvement Grants has been submitted to fund a one-day training conference in Montrose with the help of Professional EMS in Grand Junction. Another grant has been submitted to help with WRETAC operations and purchase equipment and software to make it possible to share training in the region by the use of webinars. Webinar classes are currently available through Denver Health, St. Mary's Hospital, and Health One. Information on webinars has been forwarded to all agencies in the region and the Coordinator has participated in sessions to learn and promote the classes. This has been a valuable resource offered in the area for continuing education.

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 Program Coordinator assisted Crested Butte Fire and EMS, Delta County Ambulance District, and Ouray County EMS with Provider Grant writing and she submitted two statewide equipment Provider Grants for the RETACs. The Special Programs Coordinator also assisted the Delta Montrose Technical College write a CREATE Grant application to support training opportunities and helped the Basin Clinic research information on grant opportunities. The regional provider grant hearings took place in Montrose on March 11th with the participation of many agencies. WRETAC submitted a System's Improvement Grant to try to bring a one-day training conference to Montrose and meetings have taken place to research the project. The

WRETAC submitted a group grant application and received CREATE Grant funds to help fund EMS providers in the region to attend the Fire and EMS Conference in Grand Junction. The WRETAC staff has actively taken part in the committee to make improvements in the CREATE grant evaluation process which will affect agencies statewide. Grant funding has been awarded to the WRETAC from the Montrose Community Foundation for beginning a Community CPR Program. This will improve community knowledge towards EMS and strengthen the chain of survival for community access and action.

The WRETAC Coordinator and staff has worked with the Western Colorado EMS Leadership Council 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. It has been agreed that the funding of the RMD project will go through the WRETAC in the next fiscal year and the Special Events Coordinator has submitted the grant application for funding through the System's Improvement Grant Process. The WRETAC Coordinator has met with the Medical Director for the RMD Program to discuss needed continuing education in the region, the possibility of bringing a one day conference to Montrose late next summer, and the possibility of setting up webinars for rural training of the EMS providers in the region. 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 support from both groups under the WRETAC funding. There has been good support of the RMD program from the medical directors in the region and the regional protocols have been approved and are being adapted to each agency.

The WRETAC staff investigated possible funding sources available for data driven injury prevention programs and continue sponsoring the Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition Program. Other injury prevention programs were looked at that could be implemented in the region. WRETAC support will be offered through future participation with active local groups directed toward suicide prevention and fall prevention. The Special Projects Coordinator participated in the Colorado Teen Driving Alliance phone conference meetings, Injury Prevention Group call in meeting during SEMTAC, Child Fatality Review Team Training, attended the CDOT webinars on Problem Identification and Strategic Highway Safety, and sponsored the Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition meetings. She met with Gunnison Law Enforcement and schools about a student ticket program for occupant protection and developed "tickets" for youth in Gunnison for 4th grade students. She has submitted the CDOT Quarterly Report and Financials and has applied for the new CDOT grant for Occupant Protection. The Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition Program continues to be sponsored by WRETAC and communication continues with the Southeast CDOT Coordinator to collaborate on issues and activities for the future.

Regional/Local Funding Overview for prior contact year

There were no regional or local projects funded in the prior fiscal year. We are currently involved and activity continues this year with the Mini-Grant process from funds received from CDPHE. The projects have all been approved through WRETAC and the reimbursement process is now taking place with the purchase of needed equipment and training. This funding includes trauma nurse training, communications equipment, cardiac monitor, water rescue equipment, and an MCI trailer. Agencies have been very appreciative of the added funding available through the process.