



Fiscal Year 2014 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC

Quarter 4
April, May, June

| Current Issues |
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| 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. No action was made this quarter as the goal has been completed. 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, Montrose Fire Protection District, TransCare Ambulance, TriState CareFlight, Basin Clinic, Montrose Regional Dispatch Center, and Classic Lifeguard. 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 to work with and communicate with the EMS agencies in the region. Agency visits included Ouray EMS Training and Monthly Meeting, Olathe Fire Protection District-EMS Monthly Meeting, Montrose Fire Protection District, and Norwood EMS. The Special Program Coordinator has visited with TransCare Ambulance, Horsefly Fire, Gunnison P.D., Montrose County, Vista Charter School, Delta County HHS, Montrose Hospital and Ouray County EMS. Montrose Memorial Hospital is preparing for their State review for their Level III designation and it has the full support of the WRETAC. The Coordinator continues to encourage all agencies to submit Letters of Interest for Ad-Hoc positions on the Board or at least send representatives to the quarterly meetings.

The WRETAC Coordinator was in attendance at the SEMTAC meetings held in Denver, phone conference with the Special Program Director for the SEMTAC grant Hearings, the West Regional Health Care Coalition meetings, Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition meetings, Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority meeting, the RETAC Forum in Crested Butte with the Board President and Special Program Director, West Area Emergency Managers Meetings, Delta County ESF8 Meeting, and DOLA review personnel for the evaluation of the health care system in the West End Montrose County. The WRETAC sponsored its Quarterly Meeting in May and had representatives from many of above agencies in attendance. The Executive Board continued to meet monthly. The Coordinator has met with local agencies such as P.A.C.E., Region 10, and injury prevention groups that are established in the area to determine how we can work together and have the WRETAC offer support and help with grant funding in the future. Requests for Proposals have been received to design a new web-site for the WRETAC. Decision will be made by the Board next quarter to select the proposal that will build the site and allow WRETAC to bring updated information to agencies, EMS providers, and the public via the site.

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. The Delta Trauma Conference was held June 6th. 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 Coordinators at Montrose Memorial Hospital, the Delta Montrose Technical College EMS Program, St. Mary's Hospital, 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 CREATE Grant funding was awarded to help send providers to the NWRETAC Leadership Conference, and send 16 participants to the Rocky Mountain EMS and Trauma Conference in Breckenridge. A System's Improvement Grants has been awarded to fund a one-day training conference in Montrose with the help of Professional EMS in Grand Junction. 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 Horsefly Fire and Delta County Memorial Hospital with grant writing. Support was given by telephone participation to grant applicants at the SEMTAC provider grant hearings which took place May 15th and 16th. WRETAC has been approved for a System's Improvement Grant to bring a one-day training conference to Montrose. The WRETAC was awarded group

grant funding through CREATE to help fund EMS providers in the region attend the NWRETAC Leadership Conference in Glenwood Springs and the Rocky Mountain EMS and Trauma Conference in Breckenridge. The WRETAC staff has attended meetings by phone to offer comments and help with the committee to make improvements in the CREATE grant evaluation process which will affect agencies statewide. Grant funding has been awarded earlier in the year to the WRETAC from the Montrose Community Foundation for beginning a Community CPR Program. 21 individuals have now been trained through the combined effort with Montrose Memorial Hospital. 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 grant funding has been approved to make the WRETAC the fiscal agent for the funding for the RMD Program. The staff has met with the Regional Medical Direction Coordinator and Regional Medical Director to assist them with the State grant reporting requirements and deliverables required for this fiscal year. Discussion continues to see what is needed for continuing education in the region. Funding has been approved through Systems Improvement Grant funds for the WRETAC to bring a one day conference to Montrose. The group is looking into the possibility of setting up webinars for rural training of the EMS providers in the region and bringing Children's Hospital's Simulation Trailer to 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 Coordinator attended a workshop in Golden to obtain training on the CQI process. State and local data will continue to be monitored to see what training is needed in the region to maintain skill levels of EMS providers through the QA process.

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 Injury Prevention Group call in meeting during SEMTAC, and sponsored the Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition meetings. She coordinated with Gunnison and Ouray Law Enforcement and Ouray County EMS to initiate a ticket program in schools for occupant protection and developed "tickets" for 4th grade students in Ouray and Gunnison to issue to adults not using seat belts. A Teen Seat Belt Challenge was conducted at Vista Charter School in Montrose. Funding has been received for the CDOT grant for Occupant Protection in the next fiscal year. 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. Activity continued this year with the Mini-Grant process from funds received from CDPHE. The reimbursement process has taken 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.