



Fiscal Year 2015 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC

Quarter 2
October, November, December

Current Issues
1. The proposal has been accepted for the new website design. The project has started to move forward to replace the old website with a new functional website to meet the needs of the WRETAC
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 Council as the fiscal agent for the Regional Medical Direction Grant and help 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
8. Provide training to the WRETAC Board of Directors to enhance the effectiveness of Board procedures

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 Board accepted proposals for a new website design and approved the proposal received from TreeFeather Creative at the Executive Board Meeting in September. The action was ratified at the November Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors. The new website will allow WRETAC to update information and training opportunities to agencies, EMS providers, and the public.

The WRETAC Coordinator and staff has worked with regional facilities and agencies to improve the working relationship with WRETAC. The Coordinator continues to work with and communicate with the regional EMS agencies. An effort has been made to visit monthly agency training meetings to meet EMS providers and share information on what is happening in the region and the State. Agency visits the second quarter included North Fork Ambulance and Fire District meeting, Olathe Fire Protection District EMS training and monthly meeting,

Nucla/Naturita Ambulance, Montrose Emergency Manager, Crested Butte Fire Protection District-EMS Training, Gunnison Valley Hospital EMS Meeting, Delta County Memorial Hospital Trauma Nurse Coordinator, Montrose Regional Airport Fire Department, Montrose Memorial Hospital Trauma Nurse Coordinator, and St. Mary's Hospital EMS Outreach. The Coordinator and Board have continued to encourage all agencies to submit Letters of Interest for Ad-Hoc positions on the Board or send representatives to the quarterly meetings.

The WRETAC Coordinator attended the SEMTAC meetings in October that were held in Grand Junction and the RETAC Forum in Loveland with the Board President. Active involvement has continued with area emergency service and health organizations. Meetings attended included: the West Regional Health Care Coalition meetings, Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition meetings, Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority meetings, West Area Emergency Managers Meetings, the Delta County ESF8 meeting, and the ADRC and PACE meetings to learn regional resources for the elderly and disabled and discuss the possibility of finding a need in the area for community paramedicine. The Coordinator participated in planning and involvement in the Montrose County Health and Human Services P.O.D. Exercise where over 300 individuals were given immunizations in a drive through setting over a four-hour period

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 continued to be used to inform trauma and EMS agencies of continuing education classes and webinars. The proposed website will offer another information source for training opportunities. The Coordinator continued to work with the Education Coordinators at Montrose Memorial Hospital, Delta Montrose Technical College EMS Program, St. Mary's Hospital EMS Outreach, Professional EMS Education, Health One, Denver Health, and other RETAC Coordinators to 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 continued to promote attendance at conferences. A CREATE Grant was submitted by WRETAC and was approved to send twenty individuals to the Colorado State EMS Conference in Keystone. Seventeen providers were able to take advantage of the funding. The Special Programs Coordinator continued to work on the System's Improvement Grant that was awarded to fund a one-day training conference in Montrose with the coordination of Professional EMS in Grand Junction. The conference will be held at Montrose Fire Department on May 30, 2015. The Coordinator continued to work closely with the Regional Medical Director for the RMD program to incorporate training for the regional agencies.

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 Coordinator and sixteen EMS providers were able to attend the Colorado State EMS Conference in Keystone with the help of CREATE Grant funding received by WRETAC. The WRETAC Special Program Coordinator was contacted by rural fire agencies to assist with the Firefighter Health and Wellness Grant. She has agreed to offer grant support and assistance through the process. She also circulated a survey and met with representatives from North Fork Ambulance and Delta Hospital to begin Provider Grants. She applied for two local grants for CPR classes in the Region, one of which was successful. Other projects included AED distribution as well as a local CPR class for residents of the office complex.

The WRETAC Coordinator participated in meetings with the committee formed to review the RETAC Consolidated Grant process to make it more accountable in the future.

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. WRETAC is now the fiscal agent for the RMD Program. The staff 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 continued to see what was needed for continuing education in the region and funding was approved through the System's Improvement Grant to bring a one-day conference to Montrose with the support of the RMD Regional Medical Director. The group continued to look into the possibility of setting up webinars for rural training of the EMS providers in the region and work continued to bring the Children's Hospital's Simulation Trailer to the region. Both groups agreed that skill training updates were needed for providers in the rural areas and the data gathered from the call reviews should be used to schedule needed training for agencies. There has been good support of the RMD program from the medical directors in the region and work began to find a way of offering the regional protocols over an app process to all agencies in the region. Local data continued to be monitored to see what training was 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. The region covered by the WRETAC has had a high number of suicides involving many agencies. The Coordinator and Special Programs Coordinator continued to attend meetings with the Coalition for Suicide Prevention to offer support and help with grant funding in the future. Work began to help Montrose Police Department bring a special training program to the region by spring. The Special Projects Coordinator participated in the Injury Prevention Group call in meeting during SEMTAC, attended two Colorado Teen Driving Alliance conference calls, and sponsored the Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition meetings. The WROSC sponsored a booth at the Watson Insurance Safety Fair in October. Funding was approved for the CDOT Grant for Occupant Protection, and work began on the new grant deliverables. The Special Projects Coordinator met with the Colorado Department of Transportation Program Manager to talk about grant deliverables, and she continued to talk to other CDOT Coordinators to discuss projects in their areas. The Western Regional Occupant Safety Coalition Program continued to be sponsored by WRETAC.

Regional/Local Funding Overview for prior contact year

There were no local projects funded in the prior fiscal year. Regional funding was requested by Hinsdale County in the Amount of \$15,000 and the payment was issued directly to the county. The annual payment was designated for Emergency Medical Services in the Hinsdale County Budget. The amount was used for continuing education and conference registrations, rent on ambulance bays, EMS office, and training space, and dispatch costs.