



Fiscal Year 2019 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC

Quarter 3

January February March

Current Issues
1. Work with regional training centers to help coordinate and or participate in at least 4 EMTS Training Seminars.
2. Bring Leadership training in to train and follow up with the current WRETAC board.
3. Bring distance learning to the WRETAC via online education with several different education facilities and Training Centers.
4. Maintain and improve current website. Continue learning how to post information and making the site interactive with other training programs.
5. Purchase and maintain equipment for video conferencing for our WRETAC board meetings
6. The WRETAC will have a regular presence at all RETAC forums and at all SEMTAC forums.
7. Support Injury Prevention programs such as, Stop the Bleed, Stepping-Up, and Tai Chi. Also participate in other public education involving injury prevention outreach to our communities.
8. Support a project that will help link and track locations of available AEDs that can be obtained by dispatch and/or a smart phone in an emergency.
RETAC Activity/Accomplishments
Describe activity within the region during the reporting period. Include progress toward biennial plan goals and local/regional projects. Please list any partners on specific projects or accomplishments.

Current Issues and Progress on WRETAC Goals

The WRETAC Board Met in November. We had a change in representation from Hinsdale County.

Goal 1 –The 11th Annual Western Colorado Trauma Conference is all set for May 2nd and 3rd; plans are also well underway for the Western Pediatric Trauma Conference in Telluride this July.

Goal 2 – Twenty participants from across Colorado, more than one fourth of them from our region attended the first half of the SafeTech® Leadership Academy in Crested Butte. The second half of the program will be in July. Our CREATE grant helped fill the seats and offset the cost of this premier offering.

Goal 3 – Distance Learning; agencies in the WRETAC have made good use of Zoom as a means of attending meetings and training classes. At the Western Colorado EMS Leadership meeting several Medical Directors agreed to record and share lectures to be posted on the WRETAC webpage for downloading.

Goal 4 –With an interest in more Leadership education a Leaders page was added to the WEB site with direct access to Leadership education videos the previous quarter. These have been refreshed and comments about the talks from area managers have been positive overall.

Goal 5 – The Video Equipment was purchased and has been used for all meetings. Meeting recordings are stored on the google drive for WRETAC members.

Goal 6 – We consider this goal business as usual and hope to see more board member involvement with SEMTAC and State committees

Goal 7 –The Stop-The-Bleed Campaign is a WRETAC priority, and supplies were purchased through the SAVIIK contract to equip enough public access kits to cover the region. Now 315 public access kits have been assembled and ready to distribute as Stop-The-Bleed classes continue. May, Trauma Month, will see heightened activity in this campaign.

Goal 8 – The community of Telluride leads the region by making good use of mobile phone stored spreadsheets with the location of each of now 40 AEDS to help visitors find and use them when a call is made to 9-1-1. The spread sheet is carried by all members of the EMS who are can be patched to the caller through dispatch. Our stop the bleed kits will be placed with every AED, so they will also help citizens locate Bleeding Control kits as well.

Other WRETAC Activities:

Education Needs Assessment

I have put the questions our education committee agreed on into the form of a Survey Monkey poll. I encountered several issues with the Survey Monkey invitations getting lost in firewalls and placed into “junk” mail. After a few weeks of no responses, I started resending reminders almost daily and used a few work arounds to get more responses recorded. A summary of the survey response was sent to the WRETAC board and to the training centers.

IRS Correspondence

Our response to a penalty assessment from the IRS for late filing of 2016 and 2017 990s was reviewed after the Federal Government shut-down and the penalties were removed

Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Unit

Our leadership is coordinating with the RMD program to develop evidence-based protocols to divert behavioral health patients to mental health facilities in lieu of the ED. Our regional Crisis Unit that was set to open in April will require some life-safety modifications and will likely open mid-summer.

Regional/Local Funding Overview: *During this three-month period only last year’s payments were processed for local funding. The Funding application was updated for FY2019. As we reported last quarter, the WRETAC remains committed to an equitable Regional funding program. County funding requests will be vetted at the next two regular meeting May 7th.*