



Fiscal Year 2019 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC

Quarter 4

May, June, July

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 May. Our new representative from Hinsdale county has now left and an interim is working in his place.

Goal 1 –The 11th Annual Western Colorado Trauma Conference took place May 2&3. Plans are already underway for next year’s offering since this year’s was a great success. Meanwhile, two CREATE grants have enabled participation by several individuals from our region at the 4CSEC conference in Ignacio.

Goal 2 – Twenty one participants from across Colorado, six of them from our region, attended the both portions of the SafeTech® Leadership Academy in Crested Butte. The program was supported by our CREATE Grant which reimbursed close to \$45,000 to the participating agencies. This program was highly acclaimed by the participants as truly worth their time and useful to their job performance.

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 Council meeting several Medical Directors expressed interest in producing narrated presentations for distribution.

Goal 4 –With an interest in more Leadership education a Leaders page was added to the WRETAC.ORG site with direct access to Leadership education videos and TED talks. These were refreshed this quarter and positive feedback continues.

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, continue to meet it at 100%, and we hope to see more board member involvement with SEMTAC and State committees. The next RETAC forum will be in our region, at Mount Crested Butte and we anticipate a few new folks looking in.

Goal 7 –The Stop-The-Bleed Campaign has been a great success in our region. Over 350 public access kits have been distributed as Stop-The-Bleed classes continue.

Goal 8 – The community of Telluride leads the region by making good use of mobile phone stored spreadsheets for locating some 40 AEDS to help visitors use them when a call is made to 9-1-1. The spread sheet is carried by all members of the EMS who can be patched to the caller through dispatch. As we have placed Stop-The-Bleed kits in all counties we have greatly increased our knowledge of where public access AEDs are and where more can be useful. With the joining of CARES we anticipate this goal to continue.

Other WRETAC Activities:

Education Needs Assessment

A summary of the survey response was sent to the WRETAC board and to the training centers. TCR has already responded with some needed improvements in their offerings and we have anticipate more support from Western State University in the future.

Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Unit

Our leadership is now reviewing the new Denver Metro protocol to help us develop local 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 has had several modifications and is now set to open in mid-August. Considering how often mental health patients occupy beds in EDs for extended hours (MH Holds) and that this environment is often counter productive at giving these patients appropriate care, we anticipate that the opening of this Crisis Center and Detox will make a very positive impact our whole emergency care system.

Regional/Local Funding Overview: A Revised Funding application was used this year. At our last meeting in May we granted funding requests from Crested Butte FPD, Norwood Clinic and Norwood FPD, Delta County Ambulance District, North Fork Ambulance Health Service District, Delta Memorial Hospital, Hinsdale Count EMS, and Ouray County EMS.