

# REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

## AGENDA

- Call to order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda
- Introductions- New Faces
- Approval of November minutes
- Election of Officers
- Treasurers Report – Kirby Clock
- Coordinator’s Report – Danny Barela
- Old Business
  - Logo and Branding
  - Pediatric Readiness
  - Injury Prevention
  - AED Registry
- New Business
  - EMTS Grant Hearing
  - Community Paramedics
- Roundtable
- Adjourn

Agenda Item:	<b>Called to Order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda</b>
Overview:	Meeting was called to order at 1214 by Rob Weisbaum. A quorum was present. The meeting was delayed by technical difficulties with the phone system.
Members Present:	Danny Barela, CJ Malcolm, Kirby Clock, Jillian Emmons, Melissa Tuohy, Buffy Witt, Luke De La Parra
On the phone:	Kim Mitchell, Glen Boyd, Jeff Stephens
Guests:	Erin Houk, Tad Rowan, Emil Sante (on phone), Brent Culver, Scott Hawkins, Jillian Moore, Sean Cafferty, Avery McKenzie, Chad Bowdre, Gina Lambert

Agenda Item:	<b>Introductions- New Faces</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Buffy is the new Medical Director in Hinsdale County. Chad is the Director of Customer Relations for Classic Air Medical
Action:	<i>NA- informational only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Approval of November Minutes</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Minutes of the November Quarterly Meeting were emailed to the board prior to the meeting and brought for review.
Action:	<i>Motion made by Jillian, Seconded by CJ and Passed to accept minutes as read. Unanimous vote.</i>
Attachments:	Minutes will be posted on the Website

Agenda Item:	<b>Election of Officers</b>
Overview/Discussion:	According to Bylaws, when there is a vacancy in the President seat within a term, the Vice President (VP) will assume the President's seat. A new VP needs to be elected. It is also time to elect our Secretary and Treasurer seat. CJ Malcom was nominated for the seat of VP. Melissa Tuohy was nominated to continue in her role as Secretary. Kirby Clock was nominated to continue in his role as Treasurer
Action:	<i>Melissa Tuohy accepted the nomination. Kirby accepted his nomination. CJ accepted his nomination.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Financial Report reviewed by Kirby. YTD on budget with a positive net income of 1K. Last meeting the group approved the 30K for MMH subsidy (2 years' worth). Gunnison was approved for 7.5K but there was a question if there is still 7.5 K from last year carried over. CJ thought there should be 7.5 K remaining from 2018 carry-over. Still working with the new Bookkeeper on how to best show the carryovers on the Balance Sheet. Montrose county 30K was approved in December 2019 but got paid out in January 2020.
Action:	<i>Vote to approve Financial Report. Danny to follow up with the bookkeeper to see where we are at with the carry over amounts for GVH.</i>
Person(s) Responsible:	Danny and Kirby
Deadline:	5/4/20

Agenda Item:	<b>Coordinator's Report</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Danny discussed his coordinator's report which he emailed to the members ahead of the meeting. He presented an overview of recent meetings he attended, his activities, and answered questions on the report. WRETAC deliverables are being met and the report is attached to these minutes. He wanted to add to this report that CDPHE has made progress on hiring a coordinator for the new peer assistance program. His name was announced at the SEMTAC meeting along with the members of the steering committee for this program. He also added that EMS agencies should be completing an EMS of Children survey emailed to them from Stacey Quesada.
Recommendations/Action:	<i>Informational Only.</i>
Attachments:	Coordinator's Report for February 2020

Agenda Item:	<b>Logo and Branding</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Melissa Tuohy chaired the committee charged with selecting our next logo. The committee has approved a new design (presented and approved at the last meeting) and now presented the logo with the colors they agreed on: Dark red and dark blue on white. A reusable insulated tumbler was handed out to everyone present with the logo imprinted on it. These should be brought back to future meetings for hot or cold beverages.
Action:	<i>Informational Only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Pediatric Readiness</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Stacy Quesada (on the phone) added to Danny's report on ped readiness that she has been sending out reminders to complete the EMS Ped Readiness Survey. Data has shown that agencies and hospitals that have pediatric emergency care coordinators (PECCS) do better with children than places that do not. EMS-C is putting together a template for the role of a PECC. Hospitals are also going to be surveyed soon. Colorado is a pilot state for a pediatric readiness program for Emergency Departments called COPPER.
Action:	<i>Information only</i>
Person Responsible:	<i>All agencies and facilities should identify who can be PECCs and watch for the survey links to come by email.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Injury Prevention</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Danny is working on getting a car and a video of a January 1 crash that resulted in a life saved. The goal is to have this car ready for presentation at springtime safety fairs.
Action:	<i>NA – information only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>AED Registry</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Danny met with a representative, Elliot Fiske, of a National Registry for AEDs who introduced their service. There is a free and a paid subscription service that can interface with a wide variety of dispatching software. More on this to follow
Action:	<i>Informational Only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>EMTS Grant Hearing</b>
Overview/Discussion:	The WRETAC will score EMTS grants written from within the region and that applies to 50% of the total score. A committee was formed to meet at the Montrose Fire Station on the morning of March 10 <sup>th</sup> to score the grants: Those offering to serve were: Jeff Stephens, Tad Rowen, Kim Mitchell and her new medic Joe, CJ Malcolm, Gina Lambert, Kirby Clock, Jillian Emmons, Emile said he would find two people from San Miguel County, Buffy and Luke from Hinsdale county were not able to commit but would get back with Danny about who will represent Hinsdale County on the committee.
Action:	<i>The committee will get their names to Danny this week so he can give them to Eric Schmidt who will send them the grants ahead of the meeting to review.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Community Paramedics</b>
Overview/Discussion:	A teleconference was recently held with EMS agencies interested in community paramedic education and implementation. Several in the room were on the call and spoke to the discussion. Certain insurance

	companies are now interested in providing funds for the education and a means to reimburse ambulance calls that do not end with a trip to the ED. They may involve more cost-effective approaches, such as treatment at home without transport, telemedicine or alternate destinations. Dr. Mackenzie stated she has also been approached on this and is an advocate of the concept but voiced serious reservations about using the Center for Mental Health's Crisis Center as an appropriate alternate destination. They have issues that may be solved in the future.
Action:	<i>Information discussion – Delta (DCAD) is ready to move ahead while other areas are not ready for this approach yet.</i>
Person(s) Responsible:	<i>Kirby will advertise any Community Paramedic classes that he hosts.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Roundtable</b>
Overview/Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCAD – Community Paramedic already discussed.</li> <li>• DCMH – Trauma Conference save the date cards have gone out - promises to be good!</li> <li>• GVH – Passed re-designation!!</li> <li>• Montrose County – HWY 50 closing is going to require planning and coordination. Scott Hawkins is meeting with people from other counties and they will have a tabletop exercise to see how this is going impact emergency services.</li> <li>• Emergency managers were asked if they are planning for the novel corona virus, it is only a surveillance issue at this time.</li> <li>• Roger Rash mentioned that as a commissioner he is always interested in playing the advocate for EMS. Let him know if there is a need to weigh in on legislation affecting our work.</li> <li>• Buffy is appreciative of all help from colleagues as she is very new on the job in Hinsdale County.</li> <li>• Avery (RMD) – Her new goal is to identify what all the Medical Directors are doing in the way of CQI and look for a way to coordinate how these processes can be shared and improved.</li> <li>• Ouray County – Sober Prom coming up - hopes to get the Car from Danny</li> <li>• Crested Butte – looking for new part-time paramedics to allow vacations and time off for current staff.</li> </ul>
Action:	<i>Informational Only</i>

There being no further business, the motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 1355.

**Respectfully submitted – M. Tuohy, WRETAC Secretary**

## **Coordinator's Report**

*For February 2020*

### **SEMTAC**

SEMTAC Committee's met on January 8th:

#### **Injury Prevention Committee**

Latest on teen Vaping: CDC updates: [www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html)

MADD Colorado – A representative reported on a NHTSA sponsored Court monitoring program funded with a 3 year grant. 2017 had high DUI related fatalities particularly in EP County. Program is focusing on Metro area now and later Northeast Colorado and then Summit County, then maybe further west. The largest age group is 21-24 for DUI offenses. The project Follows misdemeanor cases, compiling data, analyzing trends and noting gaps in how DUIs are treated in the courts. Their goal is to developing Best Practices in court sentencing for minimal recidivism. They are trying to recruit more help with this, mostly by recruiting college students in the same age range who may be able to use the experience for credit.

Another presenter, Emily DeFrancia from MADD Colorado described her program Art for Influence. This is a positive view approach encouraging youth to celebrate sobriety with artwork. The project encourages coping skills and positive life choices to minimize substance use. Uses more than just visual arts, music poetry and short -story videos are also being done. Rise-Above is a Mural project part of this. The produce the art on social media (Instagram) to reach more youth. Note: This presentation was started with the discussion that a long history of Wrecked car displays and mock -DUI presentations are counterproductive. For more info contact [Emily.defrancia@madd.org](mailto:Emily.defrancia@madd.org)

More info sharing at this committee:

Infant Safe Sleep – Congress passed statute outlawing bumper-pads and rocker sleepers

Child Maltreatment Prevention Program – Child Welfare (federal) funds allocated for Upstream prevention approach

A new full-time position now filled at State EMTS Branch: Injury Prevention Specialist for Children.

#### **Trauma Chapters Rules Task Force/ STAC**

Now officially stood down, the fully revised Chapter Rules are out for review and discussion. They will be going to the Board of Health for Final Approval in April so please share this link with anyone and everyone who may want to provide last minute input or who may have questions on the local impact of these rules. The Draft EMTS Rules can be found at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/emts-rules-and-regulations>

#### **PP&F**

For FY2021 no incentive category has been proposed. Deadline to propose an incentive category is in September. Next September an incentive category may affect 2022. (Incentive categories do not require a 50% match). I would ask the WRETAC to consider a funding category that we would

recommend that truly benefits the whole State. Considering CARES, one category could be SCA management. That would help us with registering more AEDs and funding more all-weather AED stations. Another possible incentive category to consider is pediatric transportation to cut the cost of pediatric transportation equipment and child safety seats for Ambulances. Next grant cycle will have about \$5.5Million. RETAC training forums were scheduled and new SEMTAC members received training on how the EMTS grant program functions. We hosted a grant workshop last month.

### **Education Task Force**

As previously reported, Legislation was passed (SB19-242) allowing Paramedics to be *Licensed* if they have a bachelor's degree in a healthcare related field. This was left ambiguous since there are very few accredited EMS degrees at that level or higher. The education task force met for the fourth time last month and agreed on the definition of an accredited institution. What coursework or degree title will be accepted continues to be debated. Discussion continues (in mostly a circle) about the pros and cons to just award the act of getting a college education versus having the rare degree specifically designed to assist in EMS employment. It may be that a compromise is to be more open to allowing almost all four-year degrees now and restrict it to specifically EMS/Medical/Public Safety degrees in the future.

### **SEMTAC**

The shortest ever SEMTAC Meeting met at 9AM, January 9th, and adjourned before 11AM. The next SEMTAC is in April in Denver, but the July meeting will be in our region. I propose this would be an excellent opportunity to make SEMTAC members more aware of the diversity and unique challenges of our region. The meetings will be at Western Colorado University, July 8 and 9.

*As usual you can find more information on all the above topics by going to [coems.info/engage\\_with\\_us](http://coems.info/engage_with_us)*

### **Pediatric Readiness**

I have been participating in the Colorado Pediatric Preparedness for the Emergency Room (COPPER) steering committee since last July. The COPPER steering committee divided into three workgroups: Patient Safety, Policies and Procedures and Q/I-P/I. I am on the patient safety group. Our goal is to recommend best practices to reduce untoward events in the care of infants and children in the Emergency Department. Soon a prehospital steering committee will be formed: COPECC. I would be very interested in helping anyone in the area who would like to serve on this committee join in.

### **RETAC Forum**

The quarterly RETAC forum was in Loveland in December and I attended without a board representative. Minutes from the meeting are attached. The next RETAC Forum will be at Gateway Canyon Resort March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **RFP for Bookkeeping/Payroll and Accounting –**

The transition to our new bookkeeping firm has completed. For the time being we are paying for the continuation of some of the electronic tools we have used before such as Bill.com. This is an on-line bill tracking system that has proved helpful to compiling the documentation needed to get reimbursement for RMD expenses. I will explore weaning off this program with our new contract, but for now I like its utility. The cost is \$49/month.

## **Occupant Safety Coalition**

I reported last November that we were looking for a car and case study to display where the car was badly damaged by the incident, but proper use of occupant restraints resulted in a saved life and reduced suffering. I may have found a good case from January 1<sup>st</sup> and at this time still working on getting the vehicle and video footage of the MVC. Montrose School District is hosting a Safety Day this Spring which will be one of the planned events to take our trailer.

## **National AED Registry**

On December 27<sup>th</sup> I watched an on-line demonstration of how the National AED registry can tie into modern EMD consoles to assist people find the closest AED. It was great to see how this works in real time. As we locate AEDs with our Stop the Bleed program and acquire new AEDs we can enter those into the database for free. Elliot Fisch from the National AED registry is already working with other RETACs and will make another presentation at the next forum. More on this to follow!

## **EMS-C Strategic Planning Summit**

Last week I participated in the Strategic Planning summit for EMS for Children. Among the priorities we agreed on was use of regions to facilitate improvements of pediatric care; taking seriously the disproportionately high rate of behavioral and mental health issues in the school age and adolescent populations; using data to identify needs and drive best practices in pediatric care; and Education with enhanced delivery and updated materials, such as high-fidelity manikins and on-line tele-presentations, and better options for PALS or PEPP.

## **County Fund Priorities:**

Please consider our Biennial Plan priorities as you plan for use of county funds in 2020 such as: Leadership development, Community Safety, Pediatric Care, and Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Barla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.