



Fiscal Year 2020 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC

Quarter 1

July, August, September

Current Issues

Current Biennial Plan Goals:

1. Enhance regional education and development of EMS Providers and Leaders.
 - a. Repeat Leadership Academy
 - b. Support travel and cost to Leadership Conferences
 - c. Support local EMS and Trauma Conferences
 - d. Coordinate improved access to quality EMT and AEMT education
2. Foster Board Development.
 - a. Plan a Biennial Board Retreat
 - b. Contract a qualified board facilitator
3. Support Community Safety through public education and injury prevention programs
 - a. Support WSTC programs such as Stop the Bleed
 - b. Support WROSC activities
 - c. Support appropriate management of mental health needs. Implement triage of behavioral emergency patients to CSU and appropriate Mental Health Services
 - d. Support provider and community resilience through wellness education
4. Optimize pediatric care provided by EMS Agencies and at Emergency Departments
 - a. Engage State EMS-C resources to further EMS Care for children
 - b. Enroll regional facilities in EMS-C pediatric readiness program
5. Optimize Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation.
 - a. Participate in CARES
 - b. Identify and register public access AEDs so they can be tracked by dispatch and callers with smart phones.
 - c. Acquire and place additional AEDs where needed

Other Issues this Quarter

Occupant Safety – The Western Region Occupant Safety Coalition (WROSC) has essentially dissolved with the resignation of Deborah Scoggins who has worked diligently to hold it together and do some car seat fitting. The WRETAC voted to assume the assets and act as the fiscal agent for the coalition. We already owned the trailers which were being kept at Transcare a private ambulance company. The trailers were moved to a secure location and a committee formed to explore new avenues to promote injury prevention and community wellness.

EMT-I Class - State officials made us aware that an EMT-I course was being taught in Norwood without an authorized training center. Just in time to help the few students in the course, the WRETAC president and coordinator connected them to a training center ready to assimilate them into a bona fide program. This was made possible by some help from both Colorado Mesa University and Pueblo Community College. These students will be able to take either or both of the last two EMT-I psychomotor exams administered in Colorado.

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 August. We are still with only one representative from Hinsdale County.

Goal 1 –Planning has started for the 2020 Western Slope Trauma Conference in Delta, Colorado. We are also looking at bringing the TCAR course to this conference. Meanwhile, two CREATE grants have enabled participation by several individuals from our region at a TCRN course in Montrose and the EMSAC Conference coming up in Keystone. The latter with the help of our neighboring RETAC – SWRETAC.

The Leadership Academy last spring and summer in Crested Butte was a big success and in the first quarter of this FY we were able to refund 50% of each participants travel expenses and tuition thanks to our CREATE Grant.

With an interest in more Leadership education, a Leaders page was added to the WRETAC.ORG site last year featuring TED talks and videos that support leadership development; this continue to get a reasonable number of hits and interest in our region. Other changes to the website have helped us promote the RMD program.

Goal 2 – No progress at this time

Goal 3 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. Classes have been taught in every county. The kits are located with public access AEDs and in public schools.

Goal 4- Pediatric Readiness – Stacey Quesada from EMS-C has attended our WRETAC meeting and presented the programs in place. Our coordinator is a member of the COPPER steering committee. Regional hospitals are all interested in running pilots for this program. Agencies are currently surveying their pediatric readiness and identifying PECCs.

Goal 5– The WRETAC contributed to the effort to make Colorado a CARES state by donating funds for the registration and assisting with the selection of a State Coordinator. Jillian Moore was offered the role and hired. We are looking forward to hearing from her at our November meeting and moving forward with CARES Data Collection. 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. Last month, three sites applied for grant funding to add three more AEDs to our region. We are waiting on the outcomes of those applications.

Other WRETAC Activities:

Accounting/Bookkeeping/Payroll

Last month we circulated a request for bids for a bookkeeping service since our current arrangement is too costly. We will be evaluating the proposals from four firms at the next WRETAC Meeting.