



# Fiscal Year 2020 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC (WRETAC)

## Quarter 2

*October, November, December*

### 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 Community Engagement Committee voted to pursue finding a vehicle badly damaged by an incident that resulted in a life saved by following safe practices and wearing safety belts appropriately.

**Norwood EMT-I Class** – Four students of the Norwood EMT-I course that were taught without authorization were reenrolled with Pueblo Community College and allowed to test at CMU to complete their certification exams as EMT-I's. Two passed. Two will retest as AEMTs.

**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. Buffy Witt will become our new representative from Hinsdale County. AT the same meeting, Reg Vickers, WRETAC chairman and representative from San Miguel County announced his resignation and retirement from RETAC activities. He was presented with an award of appreciation and thanked for his years of selfless service and guidance through a period of significant changes improving our RETAC. Per bylaws, Rob Weisbaum, Vice Chair, will assume the chairman’s duties for the remainder of Reg’s term. A new Vice-Chair will be elected at the next WRETAC meeting in January.

Goal 1 –The 2020 Western Slope Trauma Conference planning is going well, with speaker contracts being finalized and activities being developed. The conference will be offered April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Goal 2 – No progress currently

Goal 3 The Stop-The-Bleed Classes continue in the Montrose and Delta County Schools. Nucla-Naturita and Telluride have also put on public courses in their communities this quarter.

Goal 4- Pediatric Readiness – Stacey Quesada from EMS-C again attended our WRETAC meeting this quarter. Gunnison and Telluride will be COPPER pilot sites. Montrose is currently considering doing the same. The WRETAC Coordinator participated with others in the Colorado EMS-C Strategic Summit. Two EMS agencies, Gunnison and Crested Butte have agreed to be COPPEC pilot agencies. and presented the programs in place. Our coordinator is a member of the COPPER steering committee.

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. We acquired two more AEDs from a recent grant; they will be going to a school in Gunnison and the Event Center in Montrose. The WRETAC Coordinator attended a demonstration of the National AED Registry.

**Other WRETAC Activities:**

**Accounting/Bookkeeping/Payroll**

We awarded a new contract to Snow and Associates to manage bookkeeping, accounting and payroll for the WRETAC. They will take over the books beginning January 1, 2020.

**Mental Health Resources**

The Crisis Stabilization Unit in Montrose has been in operation for almost five months now. Kinks are still being worked out to help get the right behavioral patient to the right place at the right time. However, ED impact from what was a large number of M-1 holds kept in their departments has significantly improved.