



Fiscal Year 2020 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC (WRETAC)

Quarter 3

January, February, March

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

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 February. Emil Sante is our new appointed representative from San Miguel County taking the seat previously held by Reg Vickers. Rob Weisbaum, previous Vice President, assumes the President’s position through January as per our bylaws. C J Malcom, was elected to Vice President. Our treasurer, Kirby Clock was reelected, and Melissa Tuohy, our Secretary was reelected.

Goal 1 –The 12th Annual Western Slope Trauma Conference had to be postponed due to restriction for COVID19. The planning committee has chosen to offer it August 13 and 14,2020. Fortunately, all the speakers who had committed for the May dates are available on those dates in August. All other plans for conferences have been placed on hold due to COVID guidelines. Leadership webinars continue to be posted on the WRETAC website.

Goal 2 – No progress to report, and plans for further board development will hold until we are further along with the pandemic and restricted meetings.

Goal 3 With school closures we have not done more Stop-The-Bleed Courses in schools and public classes offered in our region have been cancelled or postponed. Materials were purchased to have more kits to offer in the future. Other community engagement classes are similarly postponed. Safety classes and awareness has shifted to COVID-19. We did secure a car donated to us that was badly damaged in a violent crash but that saved a young ladies life and mounted it to our trailer for safety fair activities when we are able to resume them.

Goal 4- Pediatric Readiness – Stacey Quesada from EMS-C again attended our WRETAC meeting this quarter. Gunnison and Montrose will be COPPER pilot sites. EMS agencies are currently looking at PECC appointments and participation with their Statewide Survey.

Goal 5– Brent Culver, our RMD coordinator has been meeting with Jillian Moore, Colorado Cardiac Arrest Registry to Ensure Survival (CARES) and they have developed a system to collect CARES data throughout the region. We acquired two more AEDs from a recent grant through Colorado Rural Health; they were placed at a school in Gunnison and the Event Center in Montrose. We are now looking at using funds allocated for regional system development to purchase some more AEDs for San Miguel County.

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 have resolved our end of year accounts for FY19 and improved how our regional development funds are tracked for approved carryovers. We anticipate the new contract will save us about four thousand dollars a year.

Mental Health Resources

The Crisis Stabilization Unit has also changed services for the pandemic. Counseling is provided through remote technology and emergency detox continues as needed. Recent interest from third party payers in community paramedic has ignited more action at looking at a regional approach for treatment at home and with alternate destination transports. Delta (DCAD) will be the first agency in our RETAC to become a licensed Community Paramedic provider with other agencies looking to see how this moves forward and how they can contribute.

WRETAC website

With the frequency of new memos and postings concerning COVID response, we have looked at the website and made some overdue updates as well as a new page of links to resources. We have a new logo that is featured with those updates.

Status Meetings

As in all other regions, the WRETAC coordinator, agency heads and hospital representative have all had a busy calendar of web-based meetings with county and state EOCs and each other to update on Status and discuss common practices concerning our response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.