



Fiscal Year 2020 Quarterly Activity Report

Western RETAC (WRETAC)

Quarter 4

April, May, June

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

In May the board elected to inaugurate an awards program to feed into the EMSAC EMS AWARDS well will start with the following Categories: EMS Service of the Year, EMS Physician of the Year, Trauma Nurse of the Year, BLS Provider of the Year, ALS Provider of the Year. An awards form was placed on the WRETAC.org main page with deadline of July 6th.

Goal 1 –With COVID 19, plans for leadership conferences and academies were scrapped or postponed. In response, we established a series of downloadable leadership videos on the wretac.org website. Next year, this goal will be lower in priority than Goals 3-6. We will work with neighboring RETACs to assess leadership education needs and collaborate with them and with EMSAC to revisit this goal if the interest is there in the larger Western Colorado area.

Goal 2 –Currently, there is little interest on the WRETAC board to hire a facilitator. If resources are available, we may spend more time at our May 2021 quarterly meeting to make it a strategic planning session for discussing the next biennial plan.

Goal 3- We have revisited the topic of public engagement and injury prevention. We have elected to pursue an occupant safety push with the use of a vehicle and video of a “life saved by seat belts” crash. We are investigating a ThinkFirst head and spine injury awareness campaign. In addition, our Trauma Centers have begun publishing monthly Trauma Talks that inform prevention strategies in the public by posting the talks on paper at waiting rooms and community buildings. A sample is on our website <http://wretac.org/prevention/>

Goal 4- One agency, Delta County Ambulance District, has applied for and received designation as a community paramedic provider. With support from all regional EMS agencies, they are breaking ground on treatment without transport, telemedicine, alternate destination, transport of mentally ill patients to in-patient facilities and community paramedic education for full and part-time personnel. This is being followed closely by other EMS agencies.

As to routine transport of mentally ill patients to the Crisis Stabilization Unit, our medical directors have opted for case by case consideration and general transport to a local ED and then transferring the patient to the CSU if they are suitable. This is largely due to issues with the CSU in Montrose, our only regional CSU, not having consistent medical capacity currently.

Goal 5–The EMS-C program has been delayed in Colorado and the Nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have identified potential pediatric clinical coordinators and champions at all EMS agencies and facilities in the WRETAC. As the EMS-C program resumes and progresses we will fall in. Two WRETAC facilities will act as pilot facilities for the COPPER program that is part of the initiative.

Goal 6- All WRETAC agencies are now part of CARES; our RMD coordinator has worked with the State CARES Coordinator and developed a strategy for full collection of data from dispatch, EMS and hospitals. We are working with Quality Health Network to keep the data private and are exploring opportunities for more Quality Improvement work with patient care and outcome data.

Other WRETAC Activities: We continue to coordinate with the State with the bi-weekly meetings related to our Pandemic Response. The Coordinator is also meeting with the Western Region Health Care Coalition regularly to consolidate work and give input on the use of grant funds.