

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 2020

AGENDA

- Call to order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda
- Approval of May minutes
- Treasurers Report – Kirby Clock
- Coordinator’s Report – Danny Barela
- RMD Report
- Old Business
 - Biennial Plan Update
 - CARES
 - Pediatric Readiness
- New Business
 - WRETAC Awards
 - ThinkFirst
 - Capital Replacement
- Roundtable
- Adjourn

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| Agenda Item: | Called to Order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda |
| Overview: | Meeting was called to order at 1207 by Rob Weisbaum. A quorum was present. Mental Health Transport added to the agenda. |
| Members present on the phone: | Danny Barela, CJ Malcolm, Kirby Clock, Jillian Emmons, Melissa Tuohy, Buffy Witt, Luke De La Parra, Jeff Stephens, Emil Sante, Scott Fitzgerald, Gina Lambert |
| Guests: | Tad Rowan, Jillian Moore, Avery McKenzie, Greg Noland (Transcare), Sherry Johnson, Sean Cafferty, Elizabeth Rade (GVH), Erin Houk (MMH) |

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

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| Agenda Item: | Treasurer’s Report |
| Overview/Discussion: | Financial Report was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting and reviewed by Kirby. YTD on budget. Still working with the new bookkeeper on how to best show the county subsidies that may be carried over on the Balance Sheet. Any amount left over from annually budgeted 15K/county will be added to next fiscal year’s budgeted amount. Danny discussed the spreadsheet he and Kirby put together to show each |

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| | county's current balance that also reflects the carryover from the previous year. |
| Action: | <i>Motion made to approve the presented budget amendment that reflects carryover from last year's unspent county subsidies. CJ made a motion to approve, seconded by Kim and unanimously approved.</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | Coordinator's Report |
| 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. |
| Recommendations/Action: | <i>Informational Only.</i> |
| Attachments: | Coordinator's Report for August 2020 |

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| Agenda Item: | RMD Report |
| Overview/Discussion: | <p>-WRETAC is enrolled in CARES. Dr. McKenzie thanked Brent Culver for all his efforts to help report our regional data. We have been collecting data from Montrose, Delta, Ouray, Telluride, Olathe, Crested Butte, Nucla/Naturita from January - June. Regionally Dr. McKenzie reported the region seems to be in a good place with our COVID case rates due to the communities following recommended best practices and people being able to get outside and recreate. Anticipate an increase as kids go back to school.</p> <p>-EMPAC May meeting reopened Chapter 2. Proposed changes can be viewed on CDPHE website under EMPAC. Major goal was to bring Colorado EMS scope in line with the national scope for all the different provider levels. Some of the items to be revised include IV Toradol to come into scope for paramedics, IV Tylenol to come into scope for AEMTs. Many verbal orders to move into standing orders.</p> <p>-Close to 100 agencies in Colorado have a waiver for ketamine for use with pain management and agitated delirium. Recent media attention has brought a discussion about the appropriateness of this medication and its safe use. This is to be discussed extensively at EMPAC next week.</p> <p>-Westco is moving to Priority Dispatch system. Training is under way. Go Live date expected to be end of August.</p> <p>-Dr. McKenzie would like to meet individually with agencies this fall to talk about how things are going. She will reach out individually with some date/time options.</p> |
| Action: | <i>Dr. McKenzie to reach out to agencies to set up a date/time for an onsite visit. Dr. McKenzie to send Danny Denver Metro Directors' Position statement regarding the use of Ketamine for agitated delirium and pain management.</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | Biennial Plan Update |
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| Overview/Discussion: | Danny submitted our updated Biennial Plan. He added progress to date for each section. It is available on our website. |
| Action: | <i>Information only</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | CARES |
| Overview/Discussion: | <p>Jillian Moore is the Colorado CARES Coordinator from Starting Hearts. She congratulated the group in being fully enrolled in CARES and thanked Brent Culver MD for his efforts to get the date entered correctly going back to January 1. This has allowed WRETAC to be included in the Colorado Biennial Assessment.</p> <p>-Colorado included in the 2019 National Data. We are above the national average on a few items- bystander intervention rate, higher survival rates and CPC scores. Jillian will send a PowerPoint to Danny to share.</p> <p>-Brent can pull EMS reports from QHN now. 60 agencies involved, 40 hospitals. COVID has affected some of the data. CARES is working on a national and state report related to COVID. Some areas that saw a drop were: public location of arrest, bystander CPR in a public place, as well as shockable rhythms.</p> <p>-Starting Hearts Initiative- Working on a wholesale defibrillator plan. Please let Jillian know if there is a need for your agency/facility.</p> |
| Action: | <i>NA – information only</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | Pediatric Readiness |
| Overview/Discussion: | Stacey Quesada unable to make the meeting. Danny sent out an email prior to the meeting with a summary from Stacey. |
| Action: | <i>Informational Only</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | WRETAC Awards |
| Overview/Discussion: | <p>ALS Provider- Ruth Stewart from Ouray BLS Provider- Tonya Stevens from Nucla/Naturita EMS Physician- Shay Krier MD from Gunnison EMS Ambulance Service- Gunnison Valley Health EMS Trauma Nurse Coordinator- Jillian Emmons from Delta County Memorial Hospital</p> <p>These award recipient names will be sent to the State as nominations for the State Awards. Consider writing a letter of support on behalf of your own agency. Danny will increase the area allowed for justification for the nomination on the form.</p> |
| Action: | <i>Informational Only</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | ThinkFirst |
| Overview/Discussion: | ThinkFirst is a national organization committed to the prevention of traumatic injuries which is the leading cause of death among young adults and children with spinal cord and brain injury as the leading injuries. WRETAC is looking at becoming a local chapter by affiliating with SMH who |

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| | is working to be become a local chapter. The program can be tailored for each community depending on specific needs. School presentations are available for all ages. Fees are being waived to become a chapter due to COVID. More information will be presented to the TNCs by Sherry at the next WSTC meeting. The group thought it would be good to continue pursuing. |
| Action: | <i>Informational Only</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | Mental Health Transport |
| Overview/Discussion: | CJ from Gunnison EMS reported Center for Mental Health had a contract to transport all M1 Holds to a Crisis Stabilization Unit or other appropriate location. The 2 year grant they had to do this has ended. The responsibility is now falling to EMS and the police department and presenting a real challenge as they are not well prepared to pick up the extra 30-50 transports/year. CJ proposed a discussion with key stakeholders to continue to look at solutions for our region. Kirby agreed it should be a regional conversation for a regional solution. Transcare and DCAD have both been doing some transports for CMH. They are interested in continuing the conversation as well. |
| Action: | <i>Email CJ if you are interested in continuing the conversation. CJ will then send out an invite for a zoom meeting to discuss further.</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | Capital Replacement |
| Overview/Discussion: | Danny mentioned the current WRETAC vehicle has 95K miles. Danny drives about 12k miles/year. Suggested budgeting to support the replacement of the current car when needed. Could deduct \$3k from each county subsidy amount once every 6 years. Or we could do a yearly deduction of smaller amount like \$500. Conversation tabled until the next meeting to discuss further. |
| Action: | <i>Informational only</i> |

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| Agenda Item: | Roundtable |
| Overview/Discussion: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Caffery- Working to bring the National EMS Management Assoc. Field Training and Evaluation program to the state. It's a 5-day program. Two days of it covers how to run a field program and the other 3 days are training for Field Training Officers. He is working with Aspen to help host it. Dates they are looking at 4/22-28 of 2021. Cost \$500 to attend. Support voiced for the program. • Emil reported staying busy in Telluride. • Kirby- They received their state licensure for community paramedicine. 12 medics are finishing the class and then on to the clinical portion. • Luke- Buffy secured a grant to do an EMT-B class in November. • CJ- Long process to get state waiver for pre-hospital blood but now in place. They successfully deployed the program in the field yesterday. Carrying PRBCs and never frozen plasma. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff reported EMT class ¾ way through. Have 11 students currently getting ready to start clinicals. • Jillian-Trauma Conference is cancelled due to COVID but moving forward with podcast platform. RuralEM will be the podcast platform. Jillian will keep us posted when it is up and running. • Elizabeth from GVH reported the RTTD class that is supposed to be held in October will probably be postponed due to COVID. She will keep us posted. |
| Action: | <i>Informational Only</i> |

There being no further business, the motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 1349.

Respectfully submitted – M. Tuohy, WRETAC Secretary