

# REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

## AGENDA

- Call to order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda
- Approval of August minutes
- Treasurers Report – Kirby Clock
- Coordinator’s Report – Danny Barela
- RMD Report
- Old Business
  - CARES
  - Pediatric Readiness
  - ThinkFirst
  - Vehicle Replacement Plan
  - Mental Health Transportation
- New Business
  - County Funding Requests
  - Health Insurance
  - Recruitment/Retention Survey
- Roundtable
- Adjourn

Agenda Item:	<b>Called to Order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda</b>
Overview:	Meeting was called to order at 1311 by Rob Weisbaum. A quorum was present.
Members present:	Rob Weisbaum, Danny Barela, Jillian Emmons, Melissa Tuohy, Jeff Stephens, Scott Fitzgerald
Members present on phone:	Luke De La Parra, Kirby Clock, Kim Mitchell, Buffy Witt, CJ Malcolm
Guests:	Tad Rowan, Jillian Moore, Avery McKenzie, Sherry Johnson (SMH), Sean Caffrey, Erin Houk (MMH), Ashley Curry (GVH), Scott Hawkins, Dan Johnson (CFoR), Roger Rash, Stacey Quesada, Brad Blackwell (Telluride EMS)

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

Agenda Item:	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>
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.
Action:	<i>Motion made to approve the presented budget. Kim made a motion to approve, seconded by Scott and unanimously approved.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Coordinator's Report</b>
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. At the RETAC Forum, the WRETAC coordinators discussed issues that have impacted the region due to COVID and one major concern was recruitment and retention of personnel. A survey was sent out to EMS agencies and only four agencies responded. Danny asked for agencies to complete the survey to get an idea of needs around the state.
Recommendations/Action:	<i>Informational Only.</i>
Attachments:	Coordinator's Report for November 2020

Agenda Item:	<b>RMD Report</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Dr. McKenzie reported there are no major changes. RMD and EMPAC meeting next week to review Chapter 1 and 2 updates. WEMS Leadership Conference- Discussed how the Priority Medical Dispatch is going and received overview of what the QA process looks like. Seems quite robust. They will continue to assess process to ensure product is best utilized and useful to agencies.
Action:	<i>None</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>CARES</b>
Overview/Discussion:	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. Brent now has a contact person at every agency. We are getting data from the state to have numbers to cross reference with our regional data to be sure all data is being included. Any data inquiries can be brought to Jillian and she can run those numbers for you.
Action:	<i>NA – information only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Pediatric Readiness</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Stacey Quesada noted Danny has been an awesome steering committee member for COPPER. The state has some good pilot sites in our region which will be launching (have all info available to pilot sites) next month. (GVH, MMH, Valley View, St. Francis Medical Center, Grand River Health, Lincoln Community). After the pilot phase, policies and processes will be fine tuned and then opened up to the rest of the state. Incentives to

	<p>participate include access to education, mobile apps for mock codes as a team, scavenger hunt for peds equipment. National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment is being piloted in Colorado. This is a nationwide initiative that is geared towards assessing the baseline pediatric readiness across the nation. A lot of research comes out of this pilot process. COPECC is the pre-hospital pediatric readiness initiative aimed at helping to define the role of the PECC at each agency. Keep it simple. 2/3 of our regional agencies responded they would be interested or had a designated PECC. Danny mentioned this should be a conversation in our region to see for the other 1/3 what the barrier is to having a PECC and how can they be helped to overcome those barriers. EMSfor Colorado.com has a lot of education available. Rob mentioned he is the PECC for CB EMS and he would be happy to offer help and collaborate about that role with any agency that needs help.</p>
Action:	<i>Informational Only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>ThinkFirst</b>
Overview/Discussion:	<p>Sherry from SMH gave an overview of the ThinkFirst Program. SMH is now a chapter of this program and they would like to collaborate with our agencies to bring this program to our counties. The TNCs from our facilities met with Sherry this am and they thought this would be a great program to have available in our region. They plan to work with Sherry and school nurses to provide injury prevention education in the coming years.</p> <p>Danny showed the dashcam from the Walmart truck that collided with a car and the driver of the car survived because she was wearing her seatbelt. Our WRETAC has the car also that we plan to use for education in our region. The TNCs are collaborating to develop a strategy to use the video and car, secure grant money, and work within our region to show the benefits of wearing seatbelts.</p>
Action:	<i>Informational Only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Vehicle Replacement Plan</b>
Overview/Discussion:	<p>Options for vehicle replacement were discussed. Lease vs used purchase. The group agreed to support getting a new vehicle that would be better for winter driving conditions. Kirby will look closer at WRETAC funds available and email the group.</p>
Action:	<i>Danny will provide specific cost analysis/quotes to the Board for further consideration.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Mental Health Transport</b>
Overview/Discussion:	<p>Sean and Kirby had a conversation with the State about the need for a long term solution. Short term, EMS is still providing the service as best they can. State Office of Behavioral Health is part of the conversation. There are large regional contracts for mental health services that are available through RMHP. CMH provides services regionally through most of this WRETAC. Makes sense for WRETAC for work with CMH and RMHP to get</p>

	the services that we need. It makes sense for us to work collectively if our goal is a regional response. It would be in our best interest for us to drive the conversation so our needs are met vs CMH coming up with ideas.
Action:	<i>None</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>County Funding Requests</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Nucla/Naturita/Paradox EMS- Jeff Stephens presented the request for new radios. Ouray County- Kim presented Ouray County's request to replace some old equipment including Stryker Stair Chair, child restraints, intubation blades, femur traction splints.
Action:	<i>A motion was made by Scott, Seconded by Kirby to approve Nucla's requests as presented and approved unanimously. Abstention- Jeff. A motion was made by Scott, Seconded by Jillian to approve Ouray's requests as presented and approved unanimously. Abstention- Kim.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Danny's Health Insurance</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Danny reported his health insurance annual cost is increasing by 5.5% in 2021. This would amount to an increase in about \$900 annually. The WRETAC covers most of his insurance cost.
Action:	<i>A motion was made by Kim to approve 100% of the additional 5% increase in Danny's health insurance costs. Melissa seconded and it was approved unanimously.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Recruitment/Retention Survey</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Already Discussed in Coordinator's Report
Action:	<i>NA</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Roundtable</b>
Overview/Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melissa- Melissa had a company present a training "Escaping Violent Encounters for Healthcare Providers" - EVE4HP. She will send out the contact for the company she had present. Group thought it would be a valuable training to look into. Interim Depot Clinic open in Telluride that will see respiratory/COVID patients. Brad Blackwell was introduced as the new Chief Paramedic in Telluride.</li> <li>• Jillian- Thanks to Danny for getting the video and car for us to use. UC Health Burn Center reached out and presented to Montrose and Delta that they would like to bring Advanced Burn Life Support class for free. Open to EMS and hospital providers. Jillian and Erin will communicate as dates are picked. The hospital is rebranding with a new CEO and will be Delta Health in the near future.</li> <li>• Rob- Field Training and Evaluation Program. 5 day course. He will send info out as date gets closer. Reminder that Round 3 of the CARES funding is opening up soon is you are looking for new items.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff S.- New ambulance is in use. EMT class is done with 8 people completed.</li> <li>• Roger thanked the WRETAC for the good work that is being done.</li> <li>• Buffy- They have an EMT course in full swing. 8 community members who have signed a 3 year volunteer agreement for their service. One intermediate made it into the Intermediate to Paramedic Bridge course- Luke De La Parra. Bringing in a “train the trainer” for Building Resilience in EMS providers.</li> </ul>
Action:	<i>Informational Only</i>

There being no further business, the motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 1451.

**Respectfully submitted – M. Tuohy, WRETAC Secretary**