

# REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

## AGENDA

- Call to order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda
- Approval of November minutes
- Treasurers Report – Kirby Clock
- Coordinator’s Report – Danny Barela
- RMD Report
- Old Business
  - CARES
  - Pediatric Readiness
  - Injury Prevention
  - New Vehicle
- New Business
  - HealthCare Coalition
  - Path4EMS Peer Counseling
  - Mental Health Response and Transport
  - County Funding Requests
- Roundtable
- Adjourn

Agenda Item:	<b>Called to Order/Roll Call/Quorum/Additions to Agenda</b>
Overview:	Meeting was called to order at 1305 by Rob Weisbaum. A quorum was present.
Members present:	Rob Weisbaum, Danny Barela, Jillian Emmons, CJ Malcolm, Kirby Clock
Members present on phone:	Jeff Stephens, Scott Fitzgerald, Buffy Witt, Matt Mogg (Norwood Fire), Luke De La Pera
Guests:	Erin Houk (MMH), Jeff Shuster/Chris Kesterson (Path4EMS), Jillian Moore, Scott Hawkins, Kathy Steckle, Brent Culver, Stacey Quesada (EMS for Children), Brad Blackwell (Telluride Fire/EMS), Avery McKenzie

Agenda Item:	<b>Approval of November Minutes</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Minutes of the November Quarterly Meeting were emailed to the board prior to the meeting and brought for review.
Action:	<i>Motion made by Kirby, Second 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. County subsidies are carried over are now listed 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. CJ made a motion to approve, seconded by Jillian and unanimously approved.</i>
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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.
Recommendations/Action:	<i>Informational Only.</i>
Attachments:	Coordinator's Report for February 2020

Agenda Item:	<b>RMD Report</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Dr. McKenzie received feedback about the WestCo and Priority Medical Dispatch and that it is going well. Many of our members sit on a committee that regularly provides feedback to dispatch. Chapter 1 change updated the new designation of a Licensed Paramedic who is a Certified Paramedic which takes a bachelor's degree with 40 college hours of credit. You can apply for the upgrade if you think that applies to you. There are now added acts allowed by the license. Chapter 2 updates have been approved and taken effect. Toradol and IV Tylenol have been added in the protocol updates. Dr. McKenzie attended the Regional/EMS Medical Directors online course and learned a bunch of helpful things.
Action:	<i>None</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>CARES</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Brent Culver MD updated the group that all CARES data for region is in system up to 3/31/21. Data is currently being shared/entered under the Google Drive under the MOA. A concern for privacy was brought up by a facility so Brent suggested we could try him logging into ESO directly into hospital systems and he will pull data from systems that use ESO and he can get the info himself. For facilities that don't use the ESO, he could get a log-in/password for the system that facility uses if web-based and get the data directly that way. Jillian Moore is the Colorado CARES Coordinator from Starting Hearts. Facilities/WRETAC will receive individual and regional report by end of April to summarize data received to date. CARES in Action- State Coordinators requesting agencies to send a photo of your agency or success story to Jillian so they can highlight accomplishments in our region that will be publicized in May and distributed to stakeholders. Cares funding grant continues for one more year.
Action:	<i>Agencies should notify Brent by email at month end if any arrests so Brent knows to log in and retrieve the data.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Pediatric Readiness</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Stacey Quesada is the Program Manager for EMSC for Colorado. Mobile sim trailers- waiting to get green light to deploy, maybe mid-summer. You can still submit trailer requests. They can also do custom outreach. Thanks the WRETAC for our participation in the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment. Colorado average score for readiness is 65%. The Western Slope averaged 57%. This highlighted areas that can use some support to address gaps. One item that was concerning was the Nurse and MD PECC numbers went down. They will work to see how they can get these numbers up again and offer support and incentive. EMS4Children survey is live and there are a few agencies that still haven't completed it.
Action:	<i>Informational Only</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Injury Prevention</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Jillian spoke on behalf of the Western Slope Trauma Collaborative. WSTC is focusing on TBIs this year particularly with concussion awareness and prevention education and seatbelt education. Working on a grant to help with the project. Will use the trailer/crashed car/video of the crash that the girl survived because of her seatbelt that Danny secured as part of the outreach. Created a regional Concussion Awareness and Symptom Tracker that is aligned with what is required to be reported by facilities to the State. Gina at GVH was instrumental with getting these programs going. MMH is presenting grant on behalf of our regional partners. Letters of support would be appreciated. Many voiced support to offer staff to help man the trailer if it ends up in their area.
Action:	<i>Danny will send email with template for letter of support.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Vehicle Replacement Plan</b>
Overview/Discussion:	After conversation/approval from the Board, Danny leased a RAV 4 x 2 years with option to purchase after that. Old Hundai Sonata is up for sale. Let Danny know if interested.
Action:	<i>None.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Health Care Coalition</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Kathryn Smith is the coordinator for the WRHCC and they received 3 grants to help with COVID response support totaling about 134K. Goes towards training, technical support for EMS. Danny has been helpful to come up with some ideas on how this money would be best used. Some ideas include negative air flow machines for nursing home/long term care facilities, PPE, good disinfecting equipment, Lucas devices, PAPRs. Needs to be spent by June 30 <sup>th</sup> . Please reach out to Danny if you have ideas on how this money could help in your area.
Action:	<i>None</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Path4EMS Peer Counseling</b>
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Overview/Discussion:	The program that was launched in 2020 with the goal of improving the health and well-being of Colorado EMS providers. It is a peer health assistance program that is free and confidential. Helps providers find a path forward when facing personal issues and behavioral health concerns. Offers education and outreach to increase awareness and to help decrease stigma around people reaching out for help. The program also has many other services available to providers including legal, financial counseling. Please share info about the program/Path4EMS website to your colleagues and post flyers. Contracted/funded by Colorado State to provide services.
Action:	<i>Informational only.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Mental Health Response and Transport</b>
Overview/Discussion:	CJ reported he is working with Michelle from Aspen Hope Center-who has been working with Gunnison and other facilities to provide recommendations because they have a successful model working in that area. New contract for Crisis Response through Rocky Mountain that will have essentially a 911 response within 2 hours of receiving a call. Not super helpful for the rural areas but we are making some progress. GVH has funded a Director of Behavioral Health position. The department is bringing on peer support specialists, looking at hiring a driver to help with the increase in transports. Vehicle has just been purchased. Kirby mentioned he has been working on a collaboration within our region to have some essentially full-time employees to manage this transport program using grant funding to help get it off the ground.
Action:	<i>None</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>County Funding Requests</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Hinsdale- Buffy presented the request for new radios, Stryker Stair Chair, Restraint system, neonatal restraint system, vacuum mattresses, laptop. North Fork- Kathy presented the request to purchase manual cot fasteners/installation kits. Delta Hospital- Jillian presented request for education for ED staff, underbody blankets for trauma patients, transport mat. Delta EMS- Kirby presented requests for narcotic boxes. Does reconciliation at each box for meds used/wasted using push screen.
Action:	<i>A motion was made by Kirby, Seconded by CJ to approve Hinsdale's requests as presented and approved unanimously. Abstention- Buffy A motion was made by CJ, Seconded by Scott to approve North Fork's requests as presented and approved unanimously. Abstention- Kirby, Jillian. A motion was made by CJ, Seconded by Buffy to approve Delta Hospital's requests as presented and approved unanimously. Abstention- Kirby, Jillian. A motion was made by Buffy, Seconded by Scott to approve Delta EMS's requests as presented and approved unanimously. Abstention- Kirby, Jillian.</i>

Agenda Item:	<b>Roundtable</b>
Overview/Discussion:	Danny reiterated please write Letters of Support for the Injury Prevention grant. Shirley from Mile High wants to submit a grant for the RETAC Forums.

There being no further business, the motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 1517.

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