

RMD:RAP May 2022

Hi all-

Here is a May update for the latest WRETAC, state and RMD activities.

WCEMSLC meeting:

- The fall WCEMSLC meeting will sync up with the WRTEAC meeting again and is planned for the morning of Nov 3rd. Call in and in person options will be available.
- ALS skills nights for 2022 will continue. Plan for fall education night in Delta and spring of 2023 in Ouray. I will send out further details as they are decided.
 - We are interested in having the sim trailer come to the area for peds skills. If your agency is interested in having the trailer come specifically to your agency as well—**please reach out to me**—so we can coordinate a multi-stop trip for them.
- As a goal for the next year, I am interested in helping all agencies in the WRETAC develop a pediatric readiness program at their agency. This would include:
 - Identify a PECC and update your organizational profile with CDPHE to include
 - Ensure agency has pediatric specific equipment (in line with national consensus guidelines)
 - Ensure all agency providers have weight/length based dosing guides.
 - Promote continuing education with 1 peds sim/year and 2 skills checkoffs/year.
 - As the program develops, head up QA/QI and teaching around promotion of family centered care—but this should come later.
 - We have many great advocates in our region and state. And I am always happy to help you with this process, resources, etc.
- Cares data collection has been going well. Reports from 2021 are all available (and were emailed to you by me last week). Some trends we noted were:
 - Fewer resuscitations were attempted than in previous years (maybe has to do with keeping staff safe and epi/other equipment shortages).
 - High bystander witnessed arrest in WRETAC (62%) vs state (37%)
 - Low bystander AED use (0%) (with 80% of arrests occurring in the home)
 - High overall survival with good neuro outcomes in WRETAC (11%) vs state (7%)
 - Utstein bystander survival in WRETAC was very high at 33% with 100% of those discharged with good/moderate neuro status.
- This next year we plan to collect QI data from the region on L&S returns to hospital for timeframe July 2021-June 2022.
 - Brent or I will reach out in July to you for your agency's data. If you need help finding it, we can help!

WRETAC updates

- Danny and Brent are looking into using HandTevy as protocol hosting app instead of Acid-Remap and they will reach out with more info as it comes.

- HB22-1251 to create the Office of Cardiac Arrest Management and fund CARES continuation passed the House and Senate. This will fund the creation of a registry of public access AEDs, fund a statewide coordinator position and continuation of state registry participation.
- SB 22-225 which creates a state licensure pathway requirement for ambulances also passed and is awaiting governor signature. This will help ensure licensure of ambulances in CO is consistent and all areas of the state have access to 911 services.

RMD group/ EMPAC updates

- Protocol updates:
 - January had a lot of changes. July changes will be “light”.
- The state of Colorado is moving forward with a state sponsored Medical Directors Course similar to the NAEMSP medical directors course. Hopefully available at the end of 2022.
- ePCR reports are required for all waived acts. Please ensure your agency is completing these.
 - The WRETAC coordinator will continue to receive quarterly compliance reports from the state. But the “data administrator” at your agency will receive monthly “completeness reports”. Please make sure you are receiving these.
- EMPAC and the waiver process are undergoing BIG CHANGES currently.
 - Instead of each agency/ medical director writing their own unique waived act protocol, EMPAC will “establish one set of approved criteria by act”. With the goal to standardize care by creating consistent guidelines.
 - For existing waiver types (RSI, closed joint reduction, TXA, etc) EMPAC will develop a guideline and then each agency can apply for it.
 - Novel waiver types will require an additional step to make the request of EMPAC to develop a guideline.
 - Each agency will require a separate application (a medical director can’t do multiagency), but will be less clunky/time-consuming than previously.
 - This process will go live this summer with an August tutorial for the new process. Although per the state we are “currently in a no-man’s-land between the 2 processes and will be considering new applications on a case by case basis”. If there are concerns about your agency’s waivers please reach out to Jeff Beckman or Mike Batemann directly.

COVID Updates for EMS

- The blanket scope of practice increase for EMTs to administer flu/COVID vaccinations and EMT-I/P to administer monoclonal antibodies for COVID-19 will continue through Dec 31 2022.
- State EOC has been demobilized for now.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas!

-Avery