

RMD:RAP Sept 2022

Hi all-

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

This has been a personally/emotionally difficult summer for our ED and hospital team in Montrose, as well as for many systems. Please remember that help is available. National Suicide Hotline 1 800 273 8255. Crisis Walk In Center: 300 N. Cascade Ave, Montrose, CO 81401. 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year

Upcoming WCEMSLC meeting:

- The fall WCEMSLC meeting will sync up with the WRETAC meeting again and is planned for the morning of Nov 3rd. WCEMSLC meeting will start at 10 am and will be followed by lunch and the WRETAC meeting. We will be back in the HopeWest conference room at Montrose Regional Hospital. Call in and in person options will be available.

Education:

- Collaborative ALS skills nights for fall 2022 will be hosted by Telluride Fire Protection District on Sept 22nd from 5-7pm at Station 1 in Telluride. Skill station will include: suctioning, push/pull fluids, epi draw up, Broslow/Handtevy use, bagging/airway, and chest compressions. We will have an open house style skills session followed by dinner at OAK BBQ. BIG THANKS to Brad for organizing this! Questions can be directed to him at brad@telluridefire.com or 970-708-1284. If anyone wants to carpool down there, let me know.
- Plan for spring education night in Delta and I am hoping to have the peds sim trailer come back!
- Trauma Caregivers Conference. Oct 5, 7:30-16:30 at St Mary's. Link to sign up at <https://www.sclhealth.org/classes-events/stmary/trauma-services/rnconf/trauma-nursing-conference-2021/?esk=2022+trauma+con&keyword=trauma&affiliatedlocations=st+mary+s+medical+center&zip=81506>.
- CareFlight of the Rockies informs us that there has been a lack of requests for training/PR requests lately. They are able and willing to provide education, just reach out to careflightoutreach@gmail.com
- EMSAC- Colorado State EMS conference. <http://www.ems.civicaconferences.com>. Nov 10-13 in Keystone.
- RMD conference in Vail will be May 2-3, 2023

WCEMSLC activities:

- Goals for this year include:
 - Helping agencies develop a pediatric readiness program
 - Collect QI data from all agencies on L&S returns to hospital for the July 2021-June 2022.

Legislative updates:

- HB22-1251 to create the Office of Cardiac Arrest Management and fund CARES passed and 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 passed. Taskforces are being formed, but state will now be responsible for conducting ambulance licensure.
- SB-22-226 passed and appropriated \$26 million dollars to be used for educational initiatives and scholarships for recruitment and reengagement of healthcare workers.

RMD group/ EMPAC updates:

- REMINDER: 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.
- Monkey pox is being considered by CDPHE to be a public health emergency - PSAPS should start including simple screening questions before sending EMS to certain calls and similar advice will be coming to EDs.
- NAEMSP has updated their Medical Director Course and will be rolling it out regionally across the country and Colorado is hoping to host. I will provide more info when available.
- EMPAC and the waiver process has undergone a big transformation.
 - 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.
 - Templates reviewed and newly approved acts included were: Dexmedetomidine, Cefazolin (including for AEMT admin), Limited field Joint reduction
 - Novel waiver types will require an additional step to make the request of EMPAC to develop a guideline.

General/ other

- Careflight of the Rockies is looking for pictures for the next year calendar. Photos should not include patients, but scenes with CFOR and local crews would be great if it can be done without interrupting care. Send them my way or to: careflightoutreach@gmail.com

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

-Avery