

## **RMD:RAP Nov 2023**

Hi all-

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

### **Education:**

- The collaborative EMS skills nights for fall 2023 occurred last night at the Redvale Community Center. Worked on high performance CPR, airway, IO access and termination of resuscitation. Thanks for the great turnout and participation!
- Colorado EMSC and WRETAC/NWRETAC will be hosting the 3rd Annual Western Colorado Pediatric Preparedness Seminar -- Mar. 14 - 15, 2024 in Gateway CO. Look for sign up information from Danny.

### **Awards:**

Congratulations! And thanks for everyone's nominations!

- WRETAC award winner:  
BLS: Luanne Bauman EMT-B (Olathe fire)
- EMSAC state award winners  
ALS: Joe Blunn EMT-PCC (CB)  
EMS executive of the year: Buffy (Lake City)

### **WCEMSLC activities:**

- The WRETAC/RMD team is growing! We are excited to welcome Dr. Ross Orpet to the role of co-medical director for the WRETAC! He brings a wealth of knowledge from his prehospital background and EMS fellowship training at Denver Health and we are excited for the enthusiasm.
- Ross and Avery are planning on meeting with individual medical directors to talk about how best to grow the WCEMSLC into a more beneficial community resource. Please be on the lookout for an email from me ;)
- We moving forward with participation in a prehospital stroke study looking to compare transport times and stroke outcomes at discharge.
- PulsePoint: the WRETAC has a goal to log all AEDs in the region by the end of 2024. An enthusiastic medical student Cole Ossian will be starting the project with Montrose County shortly. If you have any initial intel on the location of AEDs in your region, please let me know (I know many of you do!) as it would help make the process much easier.
- Whole blood task force: thanks to Shay Krier and Kelly Thompson for your leadership with this project. Kelly (and others) attended the whole blood task force in San Antonio to learn more about the specifics of how they implemented the project and move blood through the system. Progress is being made, will continue to update the group with specifics.

**RMD group/ EMPAC updates:**

- Since the first quarter of 2023, EMS medical directors have been required to verify data for waivers with approved guidelines using the department's health informatics data system (HIDS) on a quarterly basis.
- 49 of 57 medical directors in the state have signed up (i.e. 8 of you haven't signed up) And only 50% are complaint with quarterly verification. This process is intended to help EMS medical directors ensure compliance with the department-approved waiver guidelines. Please ensure you are doing this! If you need help, reach out to me.
  - <https://www.healthinformatics.dphe.state.co.us>
- EMTS data team reported greatly increased compliance with L&S return data. We have gone from 50% of calls without a recorded response type in 2022 to 3% currently. 95% of returns in the WRETAC are without L&S. This is amazing! Thanks to everyone for their efforts—the state is pleased with the progress.
- The State presented some interesting data on EMS provider time by call type by region. Within the WRETAC 58% of provider time is spent on 911 calls and 42% of provider time is on IFTs. This is a huge volume of time being spent on IFTs!
- Project Firstline has put together some CDC approved infection control modules that can be accessed for free from the CDPHE website and are ready to be used by your agencies.
- CDPHE data team continues to look closely at opioid overdoses (tracking prehospital naran administration) and using biospatial data to identify regions of higher than expected levels of opioid overdose. Please be sure you are documenting amount and number of doses of naran (including pre-EMS/police given med)
- Patient tracking Task Force recommendations/ MCI communications and triage: state is piloting a program to use Pulsera for patient tracking and communication between pre-hospital and hospital personnel. The Western Region Healthcare Coalition has submitted its intent to participate in the pilot. We don't know many specifics yet, but Danny is closely involved in the project and we will engage with you all in regards to your interest as we get that information.
- Ground Ambulance Licensing Draft Rules have been submitted and the Board of Health Rulemaking Hearing is being held on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Draft rules can be found [here](#).

**Upcoming WCEMSLC meeting:**

- May 2, 2024 prior to WRETAC meeting

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

-Avery