

Regular Quarterly Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2024

- I. Call to order/Roll Call/Guest Introductions
- II. Approval of November Minutes
- III. Election of President and Vice President
- IV. Treasurer’s report – Kirby Clock
- V. Coordinator’s Report – Danny Barela
- VI. RMD/WCEMSLC Report – Dr. MacKenzie
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Pediatric Preparedness Seminar
 - b. Peer Support
 - Path4EMS – Jessica Nielson
 - CISM – Kelly Thompson
 - c. EMTS Grant Review (March 13th)
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Pulsara Pilot Project – Kat and Danny
 - b. EMS Funding Task Force – Danny and Scott
 - c. Funding Requests
- IX. Roundtable

Agenda Item:	Call to order/Roll Call/Guest Introductions
Overview:	Called to order 1202 by Rob Weisbaum. A quorum was present.
Members present: Excused: CJ Malcom	Kayleigh Wright Delta Health, Kirby Clock DCAD, Scott Fitzgerald Montrose, Rob Weisbaum Gunnison, Kim Mitchell Ouray, Jeff Stephens Montrose, Shane Baird Telluride, Buffy Witt Hinsdale, Amanda Hartman Hinsdale, Melissa Tuohy Telluride.
Guests:	Scott Hawkins Montrose OEM, Kathy Steckel NFEMS, Heather King NFPD, Tabitha Champlain Ouray, Jodi Greenwood SMMC, Rebecca Diaz MRH, Brent Culver MFD, Dr. Ross Orpet MRH, Jessica Nelsen CDPHE, Amber Medina Delta Health, Kelly Thompson Care flight , Amber Lillard WESTCO, Kat Smith WRHCC,

Agenda Item:	Approval of November Minutes
Overview/Discussion:	Minutes from the November meeting were emailed to the board prior to the meeting and brought for review.
Action:	<i>Kim moved seconded by scott Fitzgerald to approve the minutes as written. No objections motion passes.</i>
Attachments:	Minutes to be posted on the website

Agenda Item:	Election of President and Vice President
Overview/Discussion:	No new nominations therefore the current president and vice president remain.
Action:	<i>Rob Weisbaum and CJ Malcom remain in their current positions as president and vice president.</i>

Agenda Item:	Treasurer’s report
Overview/Discussion:	Kirby discussed the updated treasurer’s report. Nothing unusual of note to

	report at this time and opened it up for question. Danny discussed that we have our payments to date from the state for the statutory therefore something did not get posted, otherwise they are only expecting one more quarterly payment. The regional medical director should be about 40% and it is 65% because of the way 3 of the payments were credited last year. Discussed county subsidy spending that is available per county.
Action:	<i>Motion to accept the financial report from Kirby made by Jeff seconded by Scott Fitzgerald. Motion passes</i>
Attachments:	Balance sheet, Budget vs Actuals FY24 WRETAC Reimbursement Req

Agenda Item:	ASSET Update
Overview/Discussion:	Danny discusses an update on the CD as well as our Money Market Account yielding the same percentage and at this time requests that we move the funds from the money market account to savings. Also a request to pass resolution 24-01 to reassign authority to move money and to add Rob and Kirby as signers on our account.
Action:	<i>The motion for transfer of funds to the savings account made by Scott and seconded by Kim Mitchell. The motion was made to approve board resolution 24-01 by Kim and seconded by Scott Fitzgerald.</i>
Attachments:	<i>Board Resolution 24-01</i>

Agenda Item:	Coordinator's Report
Overview/Discussion:	<p>Danny discussed the items within the coordinator's report including doubling the HUTF fund. There is pretty good support for this. It was passed unanimously at SEMTAC and will be going to the department of public health and environment as well as the governor. On Feb 20th EMSAC is hosting the legislative meetings EMS at the Capital in order to meet directly with the legislators. Discussion to a biennial plan goal update. Goal #1 MCI response and recovery within the 1st year we would identify a triage system and we have identified RAMP as the regional standard triage system with the WRETAC and it was requested we take a formal approval on this. HCCs in Colorado are starting to implement a pilot test of PULSARA for patient tracking and this fits with the goal.</p> <p>Improvement of communication infrastructure for a seamless interoperable communication system the ORAP assessment was conducted and allows technical assistance and grant opportunities within the region. Workshops currently going on to improve standard operating guidelines within dispatch centers and MCI communication. Improving workforce resilience and there will be an update on this later today. As a region we are making good progress here. Hosting the sustainability taskforce meeting in Lake City went a long way to make the legislators keenly aware of the challenges affecting our rural EMTS workforce.</p> <p>Pediatric preparedness seminar in gateway is coming up; Delta Health was designated as the first hospital in our region to gain this designation.</p> <p>Overall we are doing well and it was open for question and comments. The Event portion on our page is the approved platform for sentinel event reporting.</p>

Action:	<i>Motion made by Kayleigh to make the RAMP triage system formally adopted by the WRETAC as our standard triage system seconded by Kim Mitchell with no opposition the motion passes unanimously.</i>
Attachments:	Coordinators Report

Agenda Item:	RMD/WCEMSLC Report
Overview/Discussion	Dr. Orpet provided a RMD Update including that they met with every medical director within the region with a plan to restructure the meetings to meet the needs of the agencies a little better and a reminder was discussed for skills training session between May 13 th and May 17 th and that will be advanced OB life support with the OB mannequin at the MRH. Met with the state to get better access to the data in which the state gave them access to a program that has been utilized on how to best use this program for what is happening throughout our region.

Agenda Item:	Pediatric Preparedness Seminar
Overview/Discussion:	Danny provided an update on the upcoming pediatric preparedness seminar for this year being hosted in Gateway on March 14 th and March 15 th . Several WRETAC members have been involved with the planning of this and Danny encouraged registration as soon as possible.
Action:	<i>None</i>

Agenda Item:	Peer Support
Overview/Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path4EMS – Jessica Nielson CDPHE provided an update on this stating that this allows for resiliency and mental health services to certified EMS agencies within the state. There are now 15 clinical providers on board with the program with another adding next week. Moving forward there is efforts to make the program more accessible by the providers. This is supported by the EMTS grant and CDPHE moving forward with the sustainability task force this will be a part of the next phase. Seeing exponential growth and utilization, doubling what is seen yearly at this point. Focused on outreach and networking at this time. Also now listed on Mind the front line website as a resource as well. • CISM – Kelly Thompson provided an update on this team that is comprised of flight nurses and paramedics that has been given the PEER Support training and they do annual trainings. This team is available to the western slope to facilitate any debriefings your facilities may have. They have a licensed professional counselor who oversees this team and her expertise is first responder trauma so when doing these debriefs they have guidance from her. Easiest response method is through Kelly Thompson via email, text, or call and calling dispatch at 800-332-4923 ask for the AOC to notify her as well.

Agenda Item:	EMTS Grant Review (March 13th)
Overview:	Danny discussed grant reviewers include Tad Rowen, Kat Smith, Rebecca Diaz, Kirby Clock, Shane Baird and possibly Carlie Kenton. Danny requested

	to have a couple more volunteers.
Action:	<i>Agencies to look into options for additional grant reviewer volunteers.</i>

Agenda Item:	Pulsara Pilot Project
Overview:	<p>Kat smith provided an update on this project. At this time we have 9 agencies signed up so far with the deadline being tomorrow 2/2/24. Pulsara will be tailoring their plan based on many factors for the agency and some participants may reach full utilization but that is not the expectation across the board. There is a Pulsara Colorado resource page as well that is updated often. https://www.pulsara.com/colorado-resources As far as the west region goes we have the second most agencies signed up for this so far. Looking for super users within the region one is Danny and the other is Kat. There is no cost to anyone at any time during this and they are hoping to get government coverage long term for this. 3.4 million a year is the anticipated cost attempting to get covered per year. Danny notes that this tie us back to our biannual plan and our participation in this pilot is noted. Katherine Leatherby discusses the plan to implement this. Those who have utilized pulsar in the past are the ones who are anticipated to have full capabilities by the end of the pilot. The goal is for anyone who has interest to be able to participate in whatever capacity they are able to and the pilot is steered towards the individual agencies goals.</p>

Agenda Item:	EMS Funding Task Force
Overview:	<p>Scott Fitzgerald provided an update that this year we have 3.8 million dollars for our grant and in the past we have gotten up to 9 million. This will bring roughly 23 million dollars with 50% going to the grants. Putting this on the trailers was a large impact on the area. Getting these funds into the rural areas are the goals of the upcoming years. 25% to the regions and 25% to the state is the goal as well. A lot of time and effort has been put into this. Public finance committee was very enthused about this. The state is looking at the application process and taking into consideration the rural impact on our ability to provide EMS this is included in the review of the application process as well with a hope of accessing the grant funding a little more easily for the rural areas.</p>

Agenda Item:	Funding Requests
Overview:	None for this meeting

Agenda Item:	Roundtable
Overview:	<p>Heather NFPD- Enjoying trying to figure things out. Kirby Clock DCAD- No updates to report Kim Mitchell- Nothing new to report, working on getting more staff hired, stepping down from leadership role by the end of the year. Kayleigh-</p>

	<p>Jodi Greenwood- a contact to get you staff through St Mary's. Trauma conference planned in August.</p> <p>Jessica CDPHE- Nothing to add</p> <p>Scott Fitzgerald- Good job on the lights and sirens information we are reporting a little better. Olathe is staying busy and farmers are burning fields.</p> <p>Kathy Steckel- Nothing to report</p> <p>Scott Hawkins- Nothing to report</p> <p>Kelly Thompson- Teaming up with Children's Hospital for a conference in grand junction June 11th and June 12th that will have great lectures from children's.</p> <p>Shane Baird- Ski season is in full effect.</p> <p>Buffy Witt- First Lake City based EMT class has finished the first 30 days of the program, things are going great. A couple of people signed up for the pediatric readiness seminar in March. Stepping down as the chief of Hinsdale county, and will be transitioning out by May.</p> <p>Brent Culver- Nothing new to add</p> <p>Dr. Orpet- Nothing else to add other than agreeance with a great job for lights and sirens numbers</p> <p>Tabitha Champlin- Nothing to add.</p> <p>Kat Smith- Working on gathering MOUS from skilled nursing facilities and long term care within the region, end of the month quarterly meeting for HCC's.</p> <p>Melissa Tuohy- new executive director started in the beginning of the year, Trauma review May 23rd for triannual review. WSTC meeting next week to discuss which review class to attempt to offer to our Region this fall.</p> <p>Amanda Hartman- Ice climbing festival this weekend, maintaining skills and responding to calls.</p> <p>Rebecca Diaz- things are going well in Montrose trauma survey in September looking to implement MBIG criteria within their system and looking into doing expanded scope with spinal surgeon.</p> <p>Jeff Stephens- Nothing to add</p> <p>Danny made a request to move the May meeting out of the first week to the second week on May 8th for the western slope trauma conference. No objections were made at this time.</p>
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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1326.

Respectfully Submitted – K. Wright, WRETAC Secretary