STAC MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 2012

Location CDPHE, Sabin conference room Time: 1-4 PM

Facilitator: Walt Biffl

Committee members: Jeff Beckman ✓Walt Biffl ✓Kyle Dahm ✓Robert Handley ✓Kris Hansen ✓ Steve Hilley ✓Randy Lesher ✓Charlie Mains ✓ Roger Nagy ✓ Maura Proser Denis Vollmer ✓

EMTS staff: Randy Kuykendall ✓ Michelle Reese ✓ Grace Sandeno ✓ Margaret Mohan ✓ Sean Caffrey ✓ Barb Foster ✓

Attendees: Nicola Hopkins, Jeff Schannhals, Kim Muramoto, Stacey Love, Shirley Terry, Dan Noonan, Carl Smith, Karen Maciejko, Denis Smith, Pat Tritt, Phyllis Uribe, Tracy Lauzon, Tessa Henderson, Sue Slone, John Harney, Mary Shelton, Nancy Frizell, Anastasia Hartigan, Tina Gemelli, Peggy Berkley, Lew Gaiter, Gail Finley, Rich Martin, Alan David, Larry Reeves, Rob Hudgens, Travis Polk, Linda Britton, Toni Moses, Linda Underbrink, Karen Masters, Kim Schallenberger, Eric Schmidt, Fred Morrison, Melody Mesmer, Kathleen Mayer, Ray Coniglio, Pamela Bourg, Abbie Blackmore, Joan Palen, Sherrie Peckham, Amy Carter, Craig Gravitz, Gene Eby, Dave Dreitlein, Charles Rael

Topic **Recommendations for Trauma System Improvement**

The Rapid Planning Event Team, made up of members of the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council (SEMTAC), made recommendations to improve the trauma system across Colorado. Some of the recommendations target the designation process for trauma centers; one targets quality improvement and data; and the others are aimed at better support of rural facilities and agencies. These recommendations are being made in an effort to maintain statewide collaboration that provides the best patient care possible for the entire state.

The Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee solicited public comment on the draft recommendations within this report and have made suggestions (see below) about changes and edits to the RPE recommendations for the consideration of SEMTAC at its October 4, 2012, meeting.

Rapid Planning Event Team:
SEMTAC members, including:

- **Walter Biffl,** surgeon, Denver Health
- **David Dreitlein,** emergency physician, Montrose Memorial Hospital
- **Eugene Eby,** emergency physician, Littleton Adventist Hospital
- **Lew Gaiter,** county commissioner, Larimer County
- **Ed Lopez**, surgeon, Colorado Plains Medical Center, Ft. Morgan
- **John Nichols,** neurosurgeon, St. Anthony Hospital, Lakewood
- **Dan Noonan**, chief, Durango Fire and Rescue Authority, Chair, SEMTAC, process owner for RPE

- **Travis Polk,** trauma nurse coordinator, North Colorado Medical Center, Greeley
- **Dale Quimby,** Director Critical Care, Acute Care Surgical and Trauma Services, Memorial Health Systems, Colorado Springs
- **Joel Schaefer,** surgeon, St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Junction

Facilitator: Nancy McDonald, Director, Health Facilities and EMS Division
Team Leader: Randy Kuykendall, Deputy Director, Health Facilities and EMS Division

Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee Members Include:
Jeff Beckman MD - Exempla Lutheran
Walt Biffl MD - Denver Health
Kyle Dahm RN - Airlife Denver – HealthOne
Robert Hadley RN - Limon Ambulance Service
Kristine Hansen RN - Children's Hospital Colorado
Steve Hilley RN - Yampa Valley
Randy Lesher EMT-P - Thompson Valley EMS
Charlie Mains MD - Centura
Roger Nagy MD - Penrose Hospital
Maura Proser MPH - Tri-County Health Department
Dennis Vollmer MD - Swedish Hospital

Topics in Priority Order for 2013

Designation Criteria for Level I & II Trauma Centers
- Recommend that the department assign a work group of appropriate stakeholders to recommend a volume criterion for Level I centers.
- Recommend that the department assign a work group of appropriate stakeholders to consider and recommend volume criteria for Level II centers.

Data Performance and Improvement Subcommittee
- The department should develop a task force to work on a proposal for what a statewide CQI process would look like to send for review by the Attorney General.

Trauma Center Designation
- Recommend that CDPHE assign a group to carefully define the scope of care at all trauma center levels. Define changes that constitute a significant change in scope of practice and define a process for the review and designation of facilities.

Critical Care Ground Transport
- Recommend that SEMTAC appoint a task force to review the need for implementing and recognizing an official Critical Care (CC) certification program in the state of Colorado and how to assist in making this program available statewide.
- Recommend that, with a change in scope, CDPHE consider adopting a new minimum equipment requirement for ambulances maintaining critical care capabilities.

Outreach/Education from Level I/II Facilities to Rural Facilities and Required Education at Rural Trauma Facilities

- Recommend that CDPHE investigate whether there are gaps in the availability of continuing education for lower level and non-designated facilities.

Medical Records and Imaging Transfer between Facilities

- Recommend that CDPHE collaborate with the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) and other interested groups to create or facilitate ongoing efforts at the state and local level to share medical records and images.

Interfacility Transport

- CDPHE should undertake a project to analyze available data to see if inter-facility air medical transport dispatch consistently utilizes the closest appropriate aircraft (both fixed wing as well as rotor).
- CDPHE should consider if the designation process for Level I and Level II centers should include guidelines for the manner in which "one call" centers are operated and a have a process to assure such centers are acting in a manner which is in the best interest of the public. This will assure confidence in the integrity of these "one call" services for those who rely on them to facilitate patient transfer.