



Regional Medical Director

Regional Medical Direction Progress Report

2nd Quarter Grant Report

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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What period is this report for?

Quarter: 2nd

October 1st, 2024-December 31st, 2024

List the name, email address and phone number of the person designated as the physician oversight for the regional medical direction program.

Dr. Daniel MacDougall; 281-235-7646

Dr. Benji Kitagawa; 308-660-9321

List the name, email address and phone number of the designated regional medical direction program coordinator.

Reyna Martinez; 970-975-0227

List the name, email address and phone number of the liaison appointed to attend quarterly meetings of the statewide regional medical direction committee.

Dr. Grant Hurley; 719-588-0357

Provide links to the websites where the current regional prehospital guidelines are posted.

<http://slvretac.org/>

Provide the link to access the current regional prehospital guidelines on a mobile device.

acidremap.com

What is the current status of the FY2023 regional medical direction project? *

In Progress

Describe the status of your regional medical direction project.*

During the 2nd quarter grant cycle (October 1st-December 31st, 2023), the RMD project continues to provide support to the EMS agencies by providing CEUs for qualifying education, preparing for the review protocols meeting, completing the out of valley transport report and collaborating with SLV Health to provide RQI services to all agencies within the Valley.

CEU certificates were provided to all participants during the time of event.

Due to the change of Medical Director CEU certificates are pending for the month of November and December. New Medical Director is working to with State to get certification of approval in order to be able to provide CEU certificates.

The Protocol review meeting was completed and the final approval was on October 17th. New updated protocols are available via website and the App. Through the App, the RMD has created a tab for individual EMS agencies that have additional protocols specifically made for their department and approved by their Medical Director and the RMD Medical Director. During the 2nd quarter we added protocols to the Conejos County Ambulance tab. These protocols included the following: Approved Antibiotics list for interfacility transport AEMT and Norepinephrine for interfacility transport.

RMD attended the RETAC meeting, EMS subcommittee meeting during the 2nd quarter and provided support when needed. RMD only had monthly meeting through the 2nd quarter and posted the meeting minutes on the SLV RETAC website.

With the collaboration with Ute Pass Regional Health Service District, this year's annual regional training was focused on Trauma with a total of 57 participants. Due to the positive feedback we received, the RMD plans to provide our region with a full day training focused on trauma. Due to the limited spots offered per class, 3 training sessions will be scheduled. Training will be presented by James McLaughlin and offered three different days at three different locations across the region within

the month of September and October. This will be a free training offered for our local EMTs, Paramedics and first responders.

Describe any delays or unforeseen issues with your project. *

None

Provide specific information about activities that occurred this quarter to support protocol development and update to the region's prehospital guidelines.

SLV RMD completed their Protocol Review Meeting and approving the fall protocols. Protocol approved on October 17th, 2024. Updated protocols are available via APP and on the SLV RETAC website. The next SLV RMD protocol review meeting will be on the Spring of 2025, date TBA.

Provide specific information about any technical assistance provided this quarter to agency medical directors and clinical coordinators in your region.

RQI, CEU certificates, CQI data, Protocol/hyperlink APP

Provide specific information regarding activities this quarter to facilitate ongoing medical oversight for an EMS agency due to the sudden, unforeseen loss of an agency medical director in the region.

During the 2nd quarter our Regional Medical Director Resigned making his last day October 31st. Through a vote decision by the SLV RETAC board, Dr. Benji Kitagawa was offered the position of Regional Medical Director, in which he accepted signing his contract in November. SLV RETAC did share this formation to the State in a timely manner.

Northern Saguache Ambulance had a change of Medical Director during the summer of 2024, that was not reported to the SLV REACT board nor RMD by document. This information was known through a third party and shared to the State by SLV RETAC when the appropriate information was received by the county.

Provide specifics regarding any other activities not addressed above.

CQI: SLV RMD has been working with the State Staff, getting training, resources and support to obtain data from all 10 ambulance agencies in order to utilize it towards the education and training we may need to improve patient care as well as patient outcome. With clarification from the State, SLV RETAC and RMD will be providing a presentation to the region at the next RETAC meeting to clarify CQI and QA in order to better support the duties and responsibilities of our EMS agencies.

Continuous Education: CEU certificates are provided to EMT/Paramedics that complete trainings provided by their Medical Director or staff during agency meetings. At this time, we have eight EMS agencies that utilize these services and request CEU certificates monthly.

RQI: This project has continued after the grant has ended with SLV RETAC funds in order to continue providing BLS, ALS, and PALS certification to all our local EMTs and Paramedics that are working under the participating EMS agencies. Through feedback and data, we have seen major improvement with complacency from all students enrolled in the RQI project.

MCI: MCI SLV RETAC Regional Plan and available on the SLV RETAC website. Although the MCI plan has been updated and completed, the knowledge gained through multiple trainings and drills provide our region with the ability to expand the resources and skills in order to prepare for any MCI. During the next quarter we will be focusing on utilizing funds towards additional training and equipment for future events.

Protocols: The SLV RETAC has been working with Denver Metro and adopting their protocols, only if appropriate to our agency and rural area since 2018. This ongoing system has kept the SLV RETAC up to date with the many changes and rules that are constantly updated at the state level. All 10 ambulance agencies accepted to run under the SLV RETAC protocols and only adopt or make changes to a protocol if appropriate for their agency. Protocols are available via APP and through the slvretac website. It has been reported that all EMTs and Paramedics within the San Luis Valley utilize the SLV RETAC protocol APP for reference. Last update was approved on October 17th, 2024 and updated in our website and App on November 24th, 2024. Next protocol update will be in the Spring of 2025. Date TBA.

Out of Valley Transport Project: The out of Valley Transport Program was established in 2018 through the RMD program. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between SLV Health, Conejos County Hospital, Rio Grande Hospital and SLV RETAC, the document is intended to summarize the results and viability of the San Luis Valley RETAC Out-of-Valley Transport plan based on data submitted by participating EMS agencies.

The plan is limited to interfacility ground transports from hospitals within the San Luis Valley to hospital destinations outside the San Luis Valley when a patient must be moved to a higher level of care. It does not include transports where the destination is a long-term care facility, the patient's home, or a hospital within the San Luis Valley. During 2023, the data submitted by the four participated EMS agencies showed a total of 233 transports that met the plan criteria. This plan continues to benefit hospitals in terms of efficiency and convenience in arranging transports. Participating EMS agencies are not losing money but maintain a very modest profit margin under the current arrangement. The support from hospitals is appreciate and the donation ranging from \$6,500.00 to \$8,000.00 from the hospitals will be collected through SLV RETAC and disperse among the participating EMS agencies.

I am aware that the above tasks/information is correct and has been completed.

Appreciate

Dr. Benji Kitagawa

SLV Regional Medical Director

Signature:  Date: 12/20/2024

Reyna Martinez

SLV RMD Executive Advice Coordinator

Signature: Reyna Martinez Date: 12/20/2024