Biennial Plan Goals and Objectives FY-24-25

***Injury Prevention***

***Foothills RETAC Goal #1 FY 24-25***

**Goal Statement**

***Injuries and deaths in the Foothills RETAC will be decreased throughout the Region through the establishment and utilization of effective cohesive IP programs and strategies.***

**Background**

The FRETAC Injury Prevention (IP) Committee is a coalition of our IP Committee members, FRETAC facility representatives, FRETAC agency representatives and various IP organizations offering supportive agendas. The IP Committee goal stated above has been the foundation and motivation of this well-established, active committee for many years.

The inception of the FRETAC ThinkFirst Chapter in 2012 makes this an important addition to the FRETAC IP Committee and supports the goal of reduction in injuries and deaths in our region. Many FRETAC IP activities include ThinkFirst materials and curricula.

As a committee, we are collectively dedicated to educating the public through the utilization of our proven programs and activities, with the result of a reduction in injuries and deaths within the counties served by FRETAC.

**Components Addressed**

Injury Prevention, Information Systems, Public Education, and Integration of Health Services.

Objective 1: General Prevention Objective

All FRETAC IP Committee members and stakeholders will work together in the spirit of collaboration with the common goal of reducing fatal and non-fatal injuries in our region. We will support and align with other Injury Prevention initiatives within our communities-at local, state, and national levels.

Tasks:

1. Address ways to improve the FRETAC IP Coalition
2. Address ways to improve participation of EMS, Fire, SMEs, and other regional partners.
3. Analyze regional community data and review existing programs to identify areas of need.
4. Work collaboratively with other injury prevention groups with the common goal of decreasing injury and death within the FRETAC region.
5. Continue to grow, develop, and optimize utilization of the FRETAC ThinkFirst Chapter by educating IP Committee members on ThinkFirst curricula and updates and tracking all ThinkFirst related activities continuously.
6. Continue collaborative efforts to implement, promote, and evaluate evidence -based fall prevention programs and activities within the FRETAC.
7. Continue collaborative efforts to implement, promote, and evaluate traumatic brain injury prevention programs and activities within the FRETAC.
8. Continue collaborative efforts to offer Stop the Bleed classes in our region, including expanding reach to new audiences and equipping members of the FRETAC with Stop the Bleed training supplies as needed.
9. Track IP Committee activity and report on measures of success.

***MCI Goals and Objectives FY-24-25***

***Foothills RETAC Goal #2 FY 24-25***

**Goal Statement**

***Mission:***

***To improve MCI response capabilities within the region***

***Goal:***

***As a collaborative effort of stakeholders within the Foothills region, we endeavor to provide communication, education, planning, and enhanced response capability to ensure operational readiness for mass casualty incidents.***

Background:

In Colorado, due to natural disasters, pandemics, active shooters, motor vehicle accidents and more we have seen a massive increase in the need for MCI response capabilities over the past few years. In some instances, the events were not MCIs themselves, yet the planning constructs and tenets of MCI response were utilized to successfully manage the incident. Some recent examples were decompression of hospitals during COVID and response to the Marshall fire and subsequent hospital evacuations. Other examples of incidents have included recent active shooter responses and motor vehicle accidents. The need for coordinated, professional MCI planning and response are growing exponentially in Colorado, and we intend to develop a program whereby we are seen as leaders and subject matter experts within the state and local region.

Objective 1: Facilitate MCI readiness through education, planning, and exercises.

Tasks:

1. Continue educational offerings on preparedness and response.
2. Offer mini- or full-scale exercises and classes.
3. Illustrate the value of MCI preparedness.
4. Keep apprised of best practices in MCI oversight and management.
	1. Communicate these regularly.
5. Update our MCI documents regularly, as needed, and push these out to stakeholders. This includes the Job Description handbook.
6. Facilitate better communication and plan deconfliction between stakeholders.

Objective 2: Maintain and improve lines of communication with regional agencies to be better prepared for an emergency response.

Tasks:

1. Maintain an awareness of agencies, facilities, and stakeholder’s MCI plans within the RETAC.
2. Make plan templates and other planning constructs available and easy to find so stakeholders can update their own plans with current information and best practices.
3. Identify regional and local gap areas and work to close the gaps.
4. Use identified gaps to drive educational offerings.

Objective 3: Hold yearly training and plan design offerings that are of high quality.

Tasks:

1. Utilize high-quality offerings to drive attendance.
2. Maintain communication with stakeholders in our region for the purpose of illustrating the value of MCI preparation and how the MCI Committee can provide a path to greater capability.
3. Teach and test plans, concepts, and skills annually.
4. Develop new MCI concepts for use.

***Whole Blood Coalition/Committee***

***Foothills RETAC Goal #2 FY-24-25***

**Goal Statement**

***The goal of the FRETAC whole blood committee is to establish, and administer, a prehospital whole blood program based on the tenets of, and in participation with, the with the statewide whole blood coalition.***

**Background:**

The Foothills RETAC (FRETAC) is at the very beginning of a multi-year plan to bring whole blood administration to the prehospital environment. The Foothills RETAC Clinicians and subject matter experts within the entire EMTS system are dedicated to improving patient outcomes. As such, we believe the following objectives will provide us a means to establish and implement a whole blood program that aligns with the doctrines of the whole blood coalition, currently being built, and in which we participate at a leadership level.

**Components Addressed:**

Clinical Care, Evaluation, Information Systems, and Education

**Project Description:**

Objective 1

1. Establish a functional whole blood committee.
	1. Design committee.
	2. Determine the leadership.
	3. Determine the members.
	4. Determine the scope and functional job of the committee.
	5. Hold regular committee meetings and begin to do the work as designed.

Objective 2

1. Develop an integrated, safe, and equitable plan for whole blood placement within the RETAC.
	1. Research the best possible methods of, and placement of, blood within our region.
	2. Design systems for deployment, storage, use of, and rotation of blood that are efficient and effective for our RETAC.
	3. Design a system for the whole blood program that meets the requirements of the whole blood coalition.

Objective 3

1. Develop a unified data collection system to provide ongoing data as to the costs and benefits of whole blood use within the RETAC.
	1. Develop a plan for the CQI system we will utilize when the program becomes operational.
	2. If possible, have the data collected be compatible with NEMSIS and other national and state level reporting databases.

Objective 4

Participate in the whole blood coalition at a leadership level.

***Clinical Care***

***Foothills RETAC Goal #4 FY-24-25***

**Goal Statement**

***Establish and maintain Foothills RETAC specific projects, research, Regional QM Programs, and act as a resource for regional education offerings.***

**Background:**

The Foothills RETAC Clinical Care Committee is a dedicated group of individuals representing all disciplines within an EMTS system. They represent healthcare facilities, prehospital agencies, public health, and counties. They are committed to improving patient care through evidence-based medicine.

**Components Addressed:**

Evaluation, Information Systems, Clinical Care, and education

**Project Description:**

Objective 1:

Evaluate EMTS educational needs within the Foothills RETAC and collaborate with all stakeholders to offer needed education.

Tasks:

* 1. Analyze EMTS educational needs within the Foothills RETAC via:
1. Surveys
2. Collaboration with EMS agencies
3. Collaboration with Facilities
4. Collaboration with Medical Directors
	1. Maintain awareness of national and international guidelines and programs that could improve patient care and outcomes in our region.
	2. Ongoing discussions at meetings
	3. Provide assistance to aid in attendance at conferences and educational programs.
	4. Utilize RETAC membership that are subject matter experts within their field.

Objective 2:

Maintain our Regional Medical Direction/Collaboration program with Mile-High RETAC

Tasks:

1. Work with the DMEMSMD, Grand County Medical Directors, and the Boulder Physician Medical Directors group and other Medical Directors within the RETAC to address prehospital QM issues.
2. Assess methods for data collection and data submission to the state for the EMS agencies within the RETAC. Work to interface with all stakeholders, the agencies, and the state to address solutions of data quality.
3. Identify and address data integrity issues related to EMTS working with our RMD program.

Objective 3:

Continue to support the state and regional efforts in cardiac related programs.

Tasks

1. Continue our support of cardiac related programs within our region.
	* + 1. Gather data regarding the number of facilities now participating and others pursuing input into the CARES registry and support inclusion of non-participating facilities.
			2. Evaluate and assess cardiac education needs within the region.
			3. Implement best practice programs from high functioning regions across the country.