



Feb 18th, 2025 (1:30-2:45 PM) - VIA ZOOM

SERTAC GENERAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

SERTAC CHAIR: Kelli Anderson

SERTAC COORDINATOR: Tom Thrash

Welcome and Introductions by Tom Thrash

Guest Speaker – Sara Colbeck from the Division of Suicide, Research and Healing at Mcw provided a presentation on suicide prevention. She emphasized the importance of reducing stigma around suicide by changing the way we talk about it, using non-stigmatizing language, and avoiding sensationalized language. Sara also shared statistics on suicide in the United States, noting that it is the 11th leading cause of death and affects young people disproportionately. She discussed the signs of suicide, including changes in mood, behavior, and communication, and the importance of assessing suicide risk in both informal and formal settings. Sara also introduced the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSRS) as a useful tool for assessing suicide risk. Lastly, she mentioned the Milwaukee County Mobile Crisis team and the Milwaukee Emergency Mental Health Emergency Center as resources for crisis situations

Data Reports – Tom Thrash SERTAC Coordinator - Tom then presented regional data reports using Image Trend and Biospatial, focusing on falls, fatal falls, and under triage rates. A glitch in the system was noted by Kristin, which Tom agreed to investigate further.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions:

The subcommittees divided into breakout groups for 30 minutes:

Subcommittee Reports:

PI Committee: Michelle – The PI committee is updating forms on the website and plans to highlight regional PI projects

Medical Oversight Committee: Andrew Lynn – Andrew reports that the Medical Oversight committee developed a position statement on EMS notification for certain patient conditions.

Education Committee: the Education committee is exploring course offerings like coding and FAST exams, with caution about funding limitations

Injury Prevention: The Injury Prevention committee plans to distribute 2,500 gun locks and discusses teen driving education opportunities

Conference: Kelli Anderson – The Conference committee reports that this year's conference will be held at WCTC, with potential extrication training

HERC: Tom announced that SERTAC may get some STB kits from HERC to help with those that are teaching STB classe.

Coordinators: Wendy – Tom mentioned that Wendi would typically provide a coordinators' report, but it was not available during the meeting. Amy briefly discussed a presentation on antibiotic administration and the use of a template tool for tracking data.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UPDATE: The Executive Council approved several grants and reminds members of the in-person April meeting with a guest speaker on veterinary care for canine officers, Tom and Amy Mazinski to staff a table at the regional ENA conference on March 7th.

Coordinators Report – Tom provided an update on the EMS for Children initiative, including a new video library and a pediatric disaster response course. He also discussed funding assistance program checks, changes to EMS curricula hours, hospital classification site visits, mortality data comparisons showing Wisconsin as highest among neighboring states, and plans for a trauma video project.

The meeting adjourned at 240 PM,