

# Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

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The Resource Management (RM) Conference is occurring this week in San Antonio. Resource Managers (RMs) and Budget Officers from across the Command are learning the latest updates in FY15 Budget, FY15 IRIS including the Statement of Operations and incentives, contract reporting, Accounts Payable, Reimbursable, DMHRSi, and MEPRS. Separately, DMHRSi has just deployed a major upgrade (R12) bringing new system enhancements. So how does this affect our MEPRS staff?

Well amidst all of this activity at the RM Conference, significant discussion has occurred on data accuracy for reporting DMHRSi time, proper use of F & G MEPRS coding opposed to generally charging readiness functions to the E MEPRS, and funding MTFs with greater accountability and definition of how/where dollars are spent. Several forums have emphasized and reinforced the need to validate the GFEBS cost centers linked to the correct MEPRS code(s). In order to appropriately capture those work center expenses, cost (especially labor costs) must be tied to the specific work centers consuming those resources. I encourage each of you to engage your Budget Officer or RM to support a review of the GFEBS cost centers and the applied MEPRS in GFEBS.

The RMs learned that the Budget outlined in the FY15 Statement of Operations (SOO) breaks out specific funding for Primary Care, 3SL Service Line, Behavioral Health Service Line (BHSL), Special Programs, and the remaining functional areas. The SOO provides specific funding targets for specific functions (e.g. Primary Care Service Line funding target is based upon the Primary Care work production recognized in the Performance Plan. Capturing work center expenses accurately plays a major role, it is critical the from the MEPRS perspective we ensure the proper coding and collection of expenses in EAS and that these costs are aligned with GFEBS obligations. Ask your RMs about the SOO and the MEPRS impact of improper cost collection. - dwb

## BEST-OF-THE-BEST Data Reporting Month of August 2014

Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, Defense Medical Human Resource System internet (DMHRSi) Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, Discrepancies for FY09-FY14 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's), and un-validated discrepancies on the Advice and Assist Reports generated as a result of MEWACS data population. Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

### MEDCEN

**BROOKE AMC  
SONJA KOONS & STAFF**

**C.R. DARNALL AMC  
STACIE RITCHEY & STAFF**

### BEDDED

**WAINWRIGHT ACH  
BERNADETTE MEEK & STAFF**

**IRWIN ACH  
KATHRYN ALBRECHT & STAFF**

**BAYNE-JONES ACH  
JAMES SARVER & STAFF**

**BRIAN ALLGOOD ACH  
TYLER CHASE & STAFF**

### UNBEDDED

**LYSTER AHC  
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF**

**FOX AHC  
CATHY COLLINS & STAFF**

**BAVARIA AHC  
ROBERT KESLER & STAFF**

## El Pasoan who works at Beaumont honored as top Army civilian with a disability

By David Burge / El Paso Times

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Beaumont Army Medical Center employee Marty Wagner will be honored by the Department of Defense for being an outstanding employee with a disability.

An El Pasoan who works at William Beaumont Army Medical Center is the top Army civilian employee with a disability.

Marty Wagner, 55, will receive a Department of Defense Outstanding Employees and Service Members with Disability Award for 2014. Wagner, the cost accountant for Beaumont, will receive the award on Oct. 30 at the Pentagon along with winners from the other branches.

Wagner suffers from osteogenesis imperfecta, or brittle bones, and has never been able to walk. He has used a wheelchair since he was age 4 or 5, he said. Before that, his parents carried him or pushed him in a stroller.

"It's a great honor," said Wagner, a 1978 graduate of Irvin High School.

Wagner was nominated by his peers at Beaumont and then had his candidacy reviewed up through the ranks by Western Regional Medical Command, the U.S. Army Medical Command, the Office of the Army Surgeon General and then the Department of the Defense.

He was picked on the "merit of my achievement" and being a disabled person who has been able to move up through the ranks, he said.

Wagner "validated that people with a disability have the same opportunity as able-bodied people," he said.

He has worked at Beaumont for the past 18 years and at Fort Bliss for 10 years before that. He started out as General Schedule 4 in the classification and pay scale for federal employees and moved up to GS-12, the equivalent of an Army major, Wagner said.

He doesn't consider himself to be a role model.

"I grew up in a family of six kids and I was in the middle," he said. "My parents always made me accountable. I went to regular schools.

"I feel this was the hand I was dealt and I do the best I can," he continued. "I don't expect anything extra. I also like to be given the opportunity to perform."

As Beaumont's cost accountant, he oversees personnel, equipment and facility costs at the hospital and its clinics.

He will take his wife, Dana, and daughter, Erin, a senior at Montwood High School, with him to Washington, D.C. when he gets his award.

Julia Yubeta, a public affairs specialist at Beaumont, has known Wagner for the past 18 years. He has an "excellent work ethic," is "very intelligent" and makes you feel comfortable, she said.

"You forget he is in a wheelchair," she said. "

He is just Marty."

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David Burge



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## HELPFUL EDIT FOR PHARMACY REFILLS

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Annex C, the table in para 17, End-Dating a MEPRS FCC, page 14 gives instructions on "Provider Notification - Prescription Refills" and says to "Notify the providers who were using inactivated MEPRS FCCs and have them move any RX refills to the new MEPRS FCC."

Helpful hint from Carol Rickerson, Ft Leavenworth, KS

It's MUCH easier for the MEPRS Office to correct this with one simple step in CHCS using DWAM and EMRT (Edit MEPRS Replacement Table). This table is especially for replacing inactivated MEPRS FCCs on prescriptions. Simply select the inactivated FCC and enter the replacement FCC. Works like magic and no more lost workload in Pharmacy!



**Question:** One of our clinics had to close due to a patient who initially screened positive for Ebola. Should they code the 2 hours in DMHRSi as GGAA?

**Answer:** GGAA is for the planning of the missions or exercises related to NDMS, SMART missions, and peacetime disasters. GGA8 should be used when responding to these missions.



## Hail & Farewells

*We welcome the following new members and bid farewell to those  
who have retired/ or embarked on new paths!*

### Hail

Employee	Site	Date
Rosemarie Vargas	Ft Carson, EACH	20 Oct 2014
Sondra Harper	Ft Sill, RACH	16 Nov 2014

### Farewell

Employee	Site	Date