

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2015
Concordia Fire/ EMS**

Those attending included:

Eric Voss, Concordia Fire/EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
Courtney Siemers, Clay County EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Rod Reese, Ellsworth County EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Susan Vavrik, Lincoln County EMS

Jason White, MARC
Blain VanMeter, Republic County EMS
Kelly Hawk, Mitchell County EMS
Matt Lichtenwaller, OT Co. EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/ EMS

Approval of Minutes of August, 2015 minutes – MSA Marvin/Rod.

Treasurer Report – Need certificates of attendance from KEMSA conference from Clay Center and Miltonvale to complete grant records. MSA Marvin/Rod

Old Business:

- Pediatric Mini Conference – Eric reported that registrations are filling up and may max out.
- KRAF Grant follow up – need certificates of attendance from those mentioned in Treasurer's Report.

New Business:

- Funding Legislation - Jason White -- Jason briefed the group on the way Missouri has established a system to enhance payments to ambulance services. He led members through the process of determine how much of their local EMS budget is spent serving Medicaid patients. Further figures revealed what the estimated amount the agency might seek through the CPE program to be funded by the federal government. Jason distributed several handouts that will help explain the project to EMS Directors and local officials, including a handout of websites that are helpful in reviewing how other states have implemented similar programs. Jason was asked to develop an acronym glossary that local EMS directors can use while talking to local officials.
- Locations of 2016 meetings – The following meeting locations were determined for 2016:
 - February 9, 2016 -- Salina
 - April 12, 2016 – Clay Center
 - June 14, 2016 -- Ellsworth
 - August 9, 2016 -- Concordia
 - October 11, 2016 -- Miltonvale
 - December 16, 2016 -- Belleville

Committee Reports *(may be held until next meeting unless urgent due to time constraints)*

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** – Giroux – no representative present.
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – no representative present.
- **Data Collection / KEMIS**– Beam – Joe Moreland retired and the position has not yet been filled. Image Trend Elite is coming soon. It is being piloted now. It is supposedly a simplified version. No more word on the long requested and long awaited user group development. State Fire Marshall's office is looking at the fire based version of Image Trend.

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- **EDTF –Weeks/ Champlain** – Eric will be at the December meeting. MSA Marvin/Kathy to appoint Terry Kiser to the college position on EDTF with the stipulation that routine reports are given to the region.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – Marvin reported that the council is finishing FY14 spending and starting FY15. Intruderology is underway in several counties. Specs are about ready for the CO Monitors. State Preparedness Report development is underway.
- **KRAF grant** /– Coleman – the review of the grant process is just starting. Will know more by the next meeting

The group took a break for lunch at 1115 and reconvened at 1230.

- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer -
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – not a lot going on this time of the year. There is a meeting scheduled next week.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Voss – test site in Concordia, December 6th and still need assistants with that. The next test will be January 30, 2016 in Concordia. Please let Eric know estimated dates of pending class endings. College is working well with the region and is not charging for using their facility for test sites. Eric will try to set up a test site in mid-June for the services planning classes to end near that time.
- **Website** – Kemp – nothing to report other than that there are still some services that need to update their information. Send updates to Pam and she will forward to Mary with the minutes etc.

Elections - Marvin / Dave made a motion to retain the current slate of officers. MSA Marvin/Dave

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Clay County– EMT class in progress thru December. Working on developing training cadre with NC RTC. Still needing one more FT person.

Miltonvale – finished some training with the fire department. Have 3 people in an EMT class.

Mitchell County - has 3 in EMT class and one in IC training. Have CE every Tuesday till end of year at 1800 in Beloit if anyone needs. Just received 2 auto-pulses.

Republic County – Blaine finished IC program and is working to get a class approved.

Ellsworth County – will be starting an EMT class after the first of the year.

Lincoln County – Susan is on her second day. Working to figure out what equipment they need, short on much of it.

Bennington EMS – finishing up an EMT class and will start another one in Minneapolis on January 6, 2016.

Concordia Fire/ EMS – doing lots of transfers and writing specs for a red ambulance. Hiring in-house in January. Finishing up an EMT class in November and an EMR class after that. Took their Mini-lark to the hospital coalition meeting in Salina.

Dickinson County – hired a couple of new EMT's.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

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2015 Meeting Dates / Locations

December 8, 2015 – Belleville at the Bellevilla restaurant at the intersection of Hwy 36 and Hwy 81.

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