

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014

Republic County Hospital Basement Meeting Room

Those attending included:

Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire EMS

Eric Voss, Concordia Fire EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire EMS
Rod Rees, Ellsworth County EMS
Blaine VanMeter, Republic County EMS
Shannon Meier, Jewell County EMS

The meeting was called to order at 1000 at the Republic County Hospital basement meeting room by president Eric Voss.

Approval of Minutes of August 2014 meeting – MSA approve the minutes without correction; Marvin VanBlaricon, Rod Rees.

Treasurer Report –after discussion it was MSA Marvin VanBlaricon / Rod Rees to move the reimbursements from the Bob Page workshop into the regular account report to best show the true spending of that grant fund, then move the balance of the FY2013 KRAF funding into the FY2014 KRAF grant and zero out the Resource Typing balance as that grant cycle is long past.

Old Business:

- **Any needed follow up to Stemi discussion with Salina Regional** – some discussion was held on how the reporting of patient outcome is done by area hospitals. Shane Pearson reported that SRMC risk management determined that sharing patient outcome information with EMS is a HIPAA violation so very little information is being obtained. Dave Beam suggested that we have a meeting with them to try to work out a system of obtaining outcome data so improvement can occur. By-pass protocol is in place in several services at the table and all agree there should be a regional approach. There is hope that SRMC will assign one person to be their EMS liaison regardless of what diagnosis a patient has. Currently there are multiple contacts dependent upon diagnosis. Shane Pearson will make arrangements to have the February 2015 meeting at SRMC.
- **KS BEMS Legislative package** - in discussion at BEMS Administration committee they decided they will not have a big legislative package. They will take issues to the legislation as needed after following good process internally. Marvin VanBlaricon reported that KEMSA will likely submit legislation on the make-up of the board even if the board does not submit legislation.
- **Staffing Regulation** – Marvin VanBlaricon reported as Eric Voss had an emergency conflict and missed the meeting. Marvin reported we are waiting on the air medical to review the changes. A lot of discussion still going on about critical care transports. Marvin thinks by the end of the next meeting the details should be worked out. There will likely only be air and ground service types.
- **Educator Workshop update** – Dave Beam reported that all the instructors are in place and the agenda is final. The CE approval has been received. Just over 40 have enrolled so far.

New Business:

- **Report from October BEMS meetings** – Marvin reports not much going on with the board. They did give approval to move forward with the continued competency plan that was proposed. Changes have not been approved, just approval to move forward with development of the project. There was discussion at the regional table about how it would work and possible challenges it will present. No major objections, just concern about implementing it at the local level. Biggest change seems to have been with the investigations committee as they have demonstrated a more aggressive pursuit of handling investigations

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and issuing suspensions and revocations. Discussion of the training officer required 20 hours of instruction etc. The required equipment list is open for public comment through the BEMS website.

- **Approval of grant requests** – Minneapolis has requested funds to send two people to the Trauma Program Managers / Coordinator Workshop. Those present believe this is a hospital workshop for those wishing to attain Level 4 trauma designation. Pam was instructed to check with Jeannette and see if there was a role for EMS providers at this workshop and if EMS hours will be offered. Those present reviewed and discussed the course brochure posted on the KDHE website. Pam will advise the Minneapolis director of the decision and advise him that we can assist these two technicians in finding CE hours if that is why they requested to attend.

Committee Reports

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam** – Dave reported that there was some confusion with BEMS staff as to what the user group wants to be.
- **EDTF –Gronau / Champlain** – No report. Marvin reported that it was reported during committee meetings at BEMS that they are working on scenarios.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – LARK’s project are in the bidding process and then will be ordered. Some discussion about the possibility of doing active shooter response for EMS courses. Eric will send information on available classes to John Hultgren and Marvin VanBlaricon.
- **KRAF grant /– Gronau** – No report. BEMS is looking at revising the grant process.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Gronau – The RTC finally seems to understand that PHTLS is not what the priority should be. Discussion included more education on spinal motion restriction changes vs. spinal immobilization protocols and bringing that education to physicians. Another idea is to host physician workshops specific to pre-hospital treatment of trauma patients. Also wanted to explore the possibility of doing outreach education from trauma centers to local medical and EMS staff and include case studies and PI reviews.
- **BEMS Update** – Beam / Gronau; others – no additional
- **MERGE Update** – Hultgren / Beam – had a meeting in September in Garden City and did training and an exercise with SW personnel. Added 4 new members from SC and 2 from SW region and are now reviewing new members in NW region. Marvin asks that we provide \$2500 annually to MERGe to keep the regional MERGe members in gear, training and other expenses. MSA Marvin/Kathy to pay annually \$2500. Request that MERGe send invoice annually when due.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Debasis -- Eric is trying to get a test site set in Concordia January or February. Marvin reported that he checked with Region 2 and there is nothing in the contract that says the tests have to be held in Beloit.
- **Website** – Kemp

Round Table Discussion –

Clay County EMS – just did protocol review and approval. The new ambulance is in construction. At full staff finally. Medicare and Medicaid are problematic. Finishing up recertification

Dickinson County EMS – received new monitors and will be doing training and full set up soon. New ambulance should be here in March. New staff hired and in training.

Ellsworth County EMS – have an EMT class in process through March.

Republic County EMS – EMT class is in progress. Commissioners approved a mill levy increase for EMS.

Jewell County EMS – Have been working on protocols.

Concordia Fire EMS – ordered another Zoll monitor and working on set up and training.

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Salina Fire / EMS – a couple of retirements coming up this year and doing hiring.

Miltonvale EMS – Just got budget and raises approved. Have an EMR class in progress thru December and have 10 in the class.

2014 Meeting Dates

December 9, 2014 - Minneapolis

2015 Meeting Dates / Locations

February 10, 2015 -- Salina

April 14, 2015 -- Miltonvale

June 10, 2015 – Clay Center

August 11, 2015 -- Ellsworth

October 13, 2015 -- Concordia

December 8, 2015 – Belleville

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Kemp