

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017**
Concordia Fire / EMS
701 Washington St., Concordia, KS

Those attending included:

Patrick Eastes, SM Co EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Rod Rees, EW Co EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS
Mark Grosland, Salina Fire/EMS
Tracy Cleary, EMS-C
Eric Voss, Concordia Fire/EMS
Joe House, KSBEMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, CY Co EMS

Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Jason White, MARC
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Greg Brockway, SRMC
Rachelle Gronaux, SRMC
Zoll Medical Representative

Approval of Minutes of October, 2017 minutes – MSA Rees/ Coleman approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting

Treasurer Report – MSA Coleman/ Rees approve

Old Business:

- Legislative Update – Jason White reported on several legislative topics. Of primary concern is loss of the Super Rural modifier for Medicare payments. This will be a reduction of 22%. Senator Roberts is the bill sponsor for the bill that will fix that issue. He also distributed a list of possible topics for the 2018 legislative session. Discussion of the issue of EMS doing blood draws for law enforcement, changing terminology calling EMS “attendant” something else.
- Edu Grants – CY and SM Counties still need to submit certificates of attendance from the August KEMSA conference.

New Business:

- Updates from KS BEMS Meetings – Planning and operations committee had discussion about staffing on inter-facility transports. The EMS technical advisory group will tackle the issue of transport to the closest facility vs. the closest appropriate facility. Rachelle suggests that the EMS personnel tell the person receiving their radio report that they are bringing the patient from scene vs. using the term “by-pass” or other reference to other facilities. Medical advisory council met and discussed the EMD issue. The potential exists to contract EMD services instead of local PSAP having to meet that standard. Interesting discussion about protocols and guidelines. Joe encourages you to look at protocol as a goal, not a step by step way to accomplish the goal. There are potential changes coming within the Medical Directors (MAC), stay tuned for more information. There have been discussions between MAC and KSBEMS about how best to resolve the medication shortage issues that have become common. A guidance document is in the process and will be available soon. Education – TO regulations were adopted by the KSBEMS, Dec 29, 2017 will be the date those go into effect. Investigations committee looked at several incidents of RN’s on ambulance and how they function. The KSBEMS will be sending another guidance letter to services. Documentation must reference the nurse is following standing orders per Doctor’s Name. Region III is hosting the rest of the regions on January 11 and 12 to discuss the regional history and future purpose. MSA VanBlaricon / Coleman for elected officers to attend the meeting and cover expenses.
- NC Healthcare Coalition – John Hultgren explained how the Healthcare Coalitions were formed about 2 years ago with the purpose of moving the hospital Emergency Preparedness coordinators into an

organization that would continue after the funding stopped. The group now includes EMS, long term care, public health, mortuary services etc. There are 6 meetings each year ½ in Salina the remaining in Belleville. John encourages EMS administrators to attend the meetings.

- 2018 meeting locations – the 2018 meeting locations are listed below.
- SRHC – Rachelle offered information during discussion of patient transports. Greg Brockway, EP Coordinator for SRHC stated that SRHC is working hard to communicate with the region. Salina Regional is going to change the EKG transmission process and SRHC will manage that program. Christian Butler is the new chest pain coordinator and was also present. She will be the point of contact for chest pain patient updates. Rachelle briefed the group on how feedback on patients will be done. Feedback will be provided to those on the list that was circulated at the meeting to confirm accuracy. The 12 lead will now transmit to SRHC directly electronically, Salina Fire will be leaving their printer with SRHC for 14 days (go live date is tomorrow, Dec 13) to ensure the electronic system is working correctly and provide a backup for problems that may occur. Zoll representative demonstrated the changes needed in the process of sending the 12 lead via Zoll monitor. Dave asked for a clarification of SRHC's capability for stroke and capability of stroke ready hospitals.

Committee Reports

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates – Giroux – no additional report other than the agenda items.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren – no additional report other than the agenda item.
- EMS-C Updates – Cleary – Have been writing the new grant proposal and submitted it. The current grant ends the end of February and it is unknown if the grant will be approved after that. EMS C data is being analyzed and will be pushed out soon. Expect quality improvement to be a big focus. A new map will be distributed that identifies hospital pediatric capabilities.
- Data Collection / KEMESIS – Beam – did have the training in Salina and it went well. No real activity beyond that. 85% of KS services are reporting data and 78% of the calls in the state are being captured. Discussion of how to fund system enhancement and whether KRAF grant dollars could fit this need. It will be discussed at the January meeting with all regions.
 - EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager. – No report.
 - Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – Both representatives missed the last meeting so Kemp reported that 2018 project selections were completed at the last meeting and project workbooks due end of this month. Those projects include the CO monitor replacements for EMS agencies in the region. Marie Ballou, OT Co. EM is new chairperson; Pam Kemp remains as Vice Chair and Hannah Stambaugh, SA Co EM is Secretary for next 2 year terms. Fiscal Agent, Sherry Angell will be retiring before the next two year term is up so she declined the nomination to remain as secretary.
 - KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam – open until January 1, 2018 at 4:30 for applications.
 - Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – had the statewide leadership meeting, rehash of same problems like inter-facility transfer issues.
 - MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam – Met Nov. 3 in Hays. Talked about DMSU units and training. Discussed new membership process. Had a training exercise and Newton FD has a diorama that was used and was beneficial.
 - Regional Testing Update – Voss – January 20 test in Concordia.
 - Website – Kemp – the minutes should be on the website now.

Round Table Discussion – All (*as time allows*)

SM Co – new truck coming. Have had staff retirements so have a new assistant director.

DK Co – new employees have started and it is a busy time of year.

EW Co – Gaye is retiring after 40 years at the end of the year. Two going to paramedic school.

Concordia – working on a project with high school class, starting EMT class with Beloit.

Salina Fire – 2 finishing up paramedic class, 3 starting paramedic class. New ambulance

Minneapolis – nothing new

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CY Co – hiring 3 more personnel will expand to 4 per shift instead of 3 per shift. Rocky will go to all day time. Doing away with on call time. Have one starting paramedic school in January.

Miltonvale – finishing up EMT class and will have 5 testing in January.

Coleman/Hultgren MSA Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS Coordinator

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LOCATIONS FOR 2018 MEETINGS!

- February 13, 2018 – Dickinson County
- April 10, 2018 – Ellsworth County
- June 12, 2018 - Concordia
- August 14, 2018 – Clay County
- October 9, 2018 - Salina
- December 11, 2018 - Miltonvale