

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes December 13, 2016 Bel-Villa Restaurant, Belleville, KS

Those attending included:

Eric Voss, Concordia FD
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Rod Rees, Ellsworth Co. EMS
Blaine VanMeter, Republic Co. EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
David Holloway, Republic County EMS
Patrick Eastes, Smith County EMS

Shane Pearson, Salina Fire Department
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
Dwayne Yager, Salina Fire
James Reed, KSBEMS
Kelly Hawk, Mitchell County EMS
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Meeting Called to order at 1010 by Eric Voss.

Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2016 minutes – MSA VanBlaricon/ Rees to accept September 22, 2016 minutes as issued.

Old Business:

- Legislative Update – Brief update on Federal and State legislation. Members should keep up with Jason White's messages for most current status of legislation affecting Kansas EMS.
- PHTLS Instructor issue update (any changes from last meeting?) – VanBlaricon – Classes are on-going, no longer needed as agenda item at each meeting.
- Educational process update and follow up – EDTF tasked with exploring IC/TO issues and other issues such as whether Kansas needs TO status. Instructional videos are available from KSBEMS website on Core Curriculum required for the recertification process in 2017.
- Educator Workshop update – 21 attended, good evaluations.
- Educational Grants – After discussion it was MSA VanBlaricon/ Rees that any person receiving a Region IV education grant must show a minimum of 80% attendance at the scheduled event by submitting their certificates of attendance within 30 days of the training event as stated on the grant application. Funding will be denied or refund requested if verification is not received within 30 days.

New Business:

- EDTF appointments – (need additional appointment and one appointment from Edu institution) – MSA VanBlaricon/Coleman Appointments to the EDTF from Region IV EMS will be Erick Wicks, Dickinson County EMS; Derrick Champlain, Concordia FD (Institutional Representative) and Duane Yager, Salina FD
- 2017 meeting locations (see dates below) meeting locations were determined and it was decided that the April meeting in Clay Center will be a supper meeting at 6:30 PM that evening. All other meetings will begin at 1000 unless posted otherwise.
- Updates from KS BEMS – Doing regulatory revision and info was mailed this morning. Still 40 services that have not done the CDC trauma survey and need 100% compliance. CLIA application/certification must be done if you are doing blood sugar checks, BEMS can help with the process if needed. There is a significant find per occurrence if not properly certified by CLIA. New vehicle standards include a change in cot mounting systems that may make cots in older units not compatible with newer mounts in new trucks – just be aware and check if this pertains to you. Discussion with BEMS Staff member regarding why KS EMS units much have fire extinguishers in both front and back of unit and the request to take that off the required equipment list.

Committee Reports

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates – We will meet in Salina in February with SRHC staff to discuss trauma, stroke, STEMI issues; report back to services on those patient outcomes for QI processes
- EMS-C Updates – There have been changes at KDHE with this program. Carman is not in charge of it. Eric did talk to her with questions, but did not receive answers.
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam – The education on updates and changes is continuing and nearing completion. Hopefully will start user group meetings soon. There is an issue with Image Trend program for tablets not sending EKG data without the Field Elite version which is an expensive upgrade for local departments. There have been several problems with board staff not returning phone calls to help local agencies with set up and troubleshooting.
 - EDTF – reported in main meeting
 - Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon – Finishing projects for 2015 and 2016 and starting to discuss projects for 2017. EMS will look at sustaining gas monitors. The Mini-Larc was moved from Lincoln to Ellsworth due to staffing issues. May evaluate DMSU training to ID needed equipment
 - KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam – added cots and some other items to the approval list. Will still need to have a local match. Information was sent last week to all services.
 - Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – James Buller was re-elected as Treasurer. The stipend per PHTLS student was increased and the state Trauma Council recently met in Wichita
 - MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam – Losing a Division Commander. Did state fair standby. Met in Hutchinson in October.
 - Regional Testing Update – Voss – There is a test site in Concordia on Jan 7. Let Eric know when your classes will be ending and he will coordinate test sites with that.
 - Website – Kemp – Personnel and service updates requested were completed. The meeting location list for 2017 will be added. Pam thanked all for cards, prayers and visits during her illness and reminded everyone on the importance of having the details of your end of life business in order.

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

CY – Sold old ambulance on Purple Wave. Applied for KRAF. Getting a new SUV. Hiring a new paramedic to allow Rocky to come off shifts. Moving to competency based testing in the education program.

Miltonvale – working on Image Trend and billing changes

DK – Routine business, no special projects going on right now.

RP – Ambulance remount being done and should be completed in a few months.

MC – Working on Image Trend, EMT class scheduled January 5-May 18 on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Concordia – received new Sprinter and crews are loving it. Will pick up new Dodge tomorrow. Eric thanked the region for their support and assistance during days and weeks after the tragic loss of his daughter.

SM – have one that just finished their paramedic training.

SA – A new ambulance is in production. There is a marked increase in call volume. Working on equipment competencies. Calvin will be retiring in a few weeks.

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EW – Jeremiah is back to FT after the ambulance crash almost a year ago. Rick is still out.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was MSA Adjourn VanBlaricon / Coleman at 1235.

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LOCATIONS FOR 2017 MEETINGS!

- 2/14/17 - Salina
- 4/11/17 – Clay Center (Evening meeting)
- 6/13/17 - Ellsworth
- 8/8/17 – Republic County
- 10/10/17 - Beloit
- 12/12/17 - Concordia