

**Region 4 EMS Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2015**

Those attending included:

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Marvin VanBlaricon in the absence of both the chair and vice chair. The meeting was moved to Tags in Scandia due to last minute scheduling conflicts with the original location.

**Approval of Minutes of October, 2015 minutes** – MSA Blaine/Dave

**Treasurer Report** – distributed and MSA Dave / John

**Old Business:**

- **Pediatric Mini Conference Report** – Cleary – nobody here to give report, word of mouth is that it was an excellent presentation and was well attended.
- **Follow up to Jason White's presentation on Funding Legislation** – Marvin reported that a plan has been developed to move the legislation forward if the working group can afford it. The working group consists of multiple EMS and Fire organizations in Kansas. The lobbyist fee is very, very high and it is unknown if the groups can afford or will approve that high of an expense. Brandon Beck and Marvin VanBlaricon have been appointed to that committee by KEMSA. The Fire Chiefs Association has been delegated as the lead agency as point of contact.
- **PHTLS Instructor issue** – VanBlaricon – Eric and Marvin suggest having a PHTLS class in Concordia that would be a PHTLS class followed by an Instructor Class. Marvin will let the others know what develops with that.
- **Homeland Security Project** – the bids have been let for the single gas monitors for each licensed ambulance service in the public services in the region.

**New Business:**

- **How to activate membership** – discussion of how to activate members that can't (or don't) attend meetings. Included topics of how to better serve membership, mailing to licensed attendants, encouraging directors to educate their attendants about what is going on in the Region. Send letter including list of what region does – represents attendants on issues of certification, education and practice. Statewide problem, not just a Region IV problem!
- **Committee Assignments** – Dave brought up that persons assigned by the region to a committee should voice the opinions of the region, not the individual's appointee's opinion. Issues in statewide committees should be brought back to the region for consensus development and that position then taken back to the committee.

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

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** – Giroux – no update available from personnel.
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – no update available from personnel.
- **Data Collection / KEMESIS** – Beam – no real report from Dave, Joe House reported on the upgraded version of the data collection process. Butler County and Kingman are using it 100% of the time, several other services are using it partially. User meeting is kicking off later this week. Preliminary reports from services using it are good. The templates are user definable, but some fields are mandatory so please do not delete them. Several services plan to migrate completely on Jan 1, 2016. The hospital "hub" is designed to receive the information then forward that info to the appropriate end destination and will

also provide demographic information to all users involved with that patient. The hospitals should have minimal training needs to update staff to using the new system. Services with questions or concerns should contact Joe House at BEMS. It is hoped that all services will complete the transition to Elite by December 31, 2016 so the full state will transition by Jan 1, 2017. The BEMS office is working to develop a system that tracks all other information that is not included in the patient care data system. The system will allow for a depository for attendant information that includes educational information etc.

- **EDTF** – Wicks/ Champlain / Kiser – Pam needs email addresses for Wicks to add to notification list. No representatives were present or sent reports. Joe reported that the committee will meet soon.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – discussion of potential projects
- **KRAF grant** – Coleman – Dave Beam will act as our representative as needed on this committee during Kathy's medical leave.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – Representatives will ask Jeannette to send notices to Pam to forward to our e-mail group.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – Region 3 is purchasing prime movers for larger disaster trailers with RHS funds. Disaster drill planned at Crisis City, will also help with Symphony on the Prairie.
- **BEMS** – Joe House reported on updates in the inspection process and some of the areas that may be revised. Check the BEMS website for drafts as they are developed and reviewed. The Educational process inspections will also be reviewed and revised. Joe indicated that James will send the draft documents out to a group of personnel for review and group input into the changes and process developed. AAA sent a lobbyist to talk to the board about the seat belt bill that passed increasing the seat belt fine and a portion of that fund provides funding to the KRAF grant. Joe estimates about a \$30,000 - \$40,000 loss to the grant based on prior funding received. The BEMS decided to remain neutral on supporting that bill due to the impact on the KRAF grant funding. Education committee discussed some changes in the language 109-5-2 on documentation of CE has been revoked and everything still pertinent was moved into 109-5-1. Some proposals that did have some concerns voiced at the BEMS meeting included the required numbers of hours for renewals. The proposed regulations passed with instruction to immediately review and revise the hourly requirements. There was extensive discussion of the changes and members voiced concerns over the lack of a plan as to how the "categories" of CE will be administered on certificates of attendance and other records. While KRAF grant is open, the board office is not quite ready to receive applications. There will be a \$20,000 limit on monitors this year and there has to be a local match with monitors of at least 25% local match. The new grant information is on the BEMS website, [www.ksbems.org](http://www.ksbems.org). Services that apply should also let Kathy Coleman and Dave Beam know that they applied. They will be on the selection committee and should have that information before going into the selection meeting. Joe asks that those that are unaware of scope of practice issues or need questions answered to please contact Jim Reed at KS BEMS. Attendant cards regulation will not go through until April, inspectors will be more lenient with that regulation until the changes are fully in place. Emily Perkins has been hired at BEMS office to do Education approvals. Scope of practice issues still are not well understood in some services and an increase in complaints to BEMS has occurred because of that issue.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Voss – no representative present to give update report. Test on Jan. 30 in Concordia and June 11, 2016.
- **Website** – Kemp – please remember to send Pam any needed updates to your service's information that is posted on the website. [www.kansasemsregion4.org](http://www.kansasemsregion4.org)

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

CY EMS – about 3% down on call volume but up on transfers in those numbers. New ambulance bids close this Friday.

DK EMS – nothing major happening. Overall call volume up 11%

JW EMS – long term employee planning to retire. Call volume up 10%

Minneapolis EMS – will be having EMT class in January hopefully, depending on how many are interested. Also maintaining call volume

MC EMS – EMT class starting in January. New IC will be doing his class. Call volume up.

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RP EMS – will start an EMT class in January, only 5 signed up so far. Transfers are way up.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM MSA

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

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### **LOCATIONS FOR 2016 MEETINGS!**

- 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