

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Agenda 1000

December 9, 2014

Minneapolis City Library

Those attending included:

Rod Reece, Ellsworth Co. EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
Joe House, KS BEMS
Eric Voss, Concordia Fire / EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS
Tracy Cleary, EMSC

Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS
Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS
L. Kelly Hawk, Mitchell County EMS
Theresa Ward, Minneapolis EMS
Andrew Hartzall, Minneapolis EMS
Jonathan Strowig, Minneapolis EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/ EMS

The meeting was called to order at 1000 in the Minneapolis city Library meeting room.

Approval of Minutes of October 2014 –MSA VanBlaricon/Gronau with correction that June 2015 meeting is on June 9, not June 10.

Treasurer Report – Beam/VanBlaricon MSA as presented.

Old Business:

- **Any needed follow up to Stemi discussion with Salina Regional** – no report from Rachelle, Shane reported they have 24/7 coverage at SRMC. The February meeting will be in Salina. Shane reported that Rachelle is wondering which SRMC personnel we want present at the Feb. meeting. Eric suggested she ask someone from trauma, neuro, ED, cath lab and risk management. Also had discussion on asking medical directors to one of the meetings to brief them on the MAC and some of the pending issues but it was felt that the Feb. meeting would be too full for that.
- **KS BEMS Legislative package** - Joe reported that clean up language and the same bill will be attempted again. It includes unify the processes that investigations committee follows. If there are other concerns that services wish to be addressed, send those to Joe House at BEMS. Marvin brought up the make up of the BEMS as a change that needs to be made. Also discussion of a definition of “critical care” for inter-facility transfer of patients.
- **Staffing Regulation** – Marvin went to the meeting in Eric’s place. He reported that the committee is very close to having a recommendation to the board. He also wants to see a change from “attendant” to calling EMS providers “health care providers”.
- **Educator Workshop wrap up**- Evaluations were good for all speakers and the event was well attended. The evaluations are available in a pdf file if anyone else wants to review them let Pam know and she will e-mail them to you.

New Business:

- **Any new discussions from December BEMS meetings** – no major discussions occurred. The education committee discussion of initial IC courses was interesting. Some concern about the initial course of instruction for IC certification drew a lot of discussion and concern at the meeting, but no action was taken. Change will likely occur in the process of how IC courses are conducted. **One regulation change will go into effect in Jan.** If they wait until Jan 2 they have now subjected themselves to an audit and it will take the usual few weeks to accomplish that. Standards for equipment on ambulances will also go into effect. Pay special attention to the notice that was sent to services regarding glucose testing devices. There are complicated guidelines that must be followed to avoid federal fines that are very expensive.
- **TO Class sponsorship with Lincoln County** – Wendy would like to have a TO Course sponsored by Lincoln County but they will have to have it in Salina because Lincoln does not have the overnight facilities to sustain the course. MSA Beam / Reece to sponsor the workshop with Wendy coordinating the facility

arrangements. Each service in the region should submit educational grant requests to the region for their personnel they wish to attend.

Committee Reports

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – Dave reports that due to Joe Moreland’s health issues they haven’t really done much since the last meeting.
- **EDTF** –Gronau / Champlain – Wendy is on the continued competency committee of the EDTF and there hasn’t been any action for a while. Regulation review is in progress. Dave Beam expressed concern about the process of the category of hours that will be required for certification renewal. Much discussion. Joe House indicates that the new web based process will show attendants what they are still needing as they enter their education into the system. There is still concern that some attendants will still need mandatory hours at the end of the year. They are also working on the new scenarios.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – Eric voiced concern about the process of how equipment has been issued to counties without asking the counties if they want it. The departments don’t know about what is happening before they get the equipment. Eric voiced much concern about IR cameras his department is receiving.
- **KRAF grant** /– Gronau – grant is open. Deadline is Jan 2, 2015 before 4:30 PM. Application must be done on line. No paper applications are accepted. No longer have to go through Fischer Scientific.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Gronau – Met Oct 21 for the regional meeting and Oct. 22 for the general membership meeting. Will be a webinar on Dec. 16 at noon on triage. Jeannette Shipley sent the webinar information. Services should be on her update list. Contact her at the trauma office if you do not get her updates.
- **BEMS Update** – Beam / Gronau; others – be sure to review your e-mail on the EIG. Joe indicates the grant is being underutilized. The grant allocations will likely be raised to reflect current costs. The board also adopted a resolution to support traveling physician orders. The board of EMS also has by-laws now that have been posted to the BEMS website. Region 4 has fewer attendants than most of the other regions. BEMS offers support in finding solutions for that decline.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam - no update. Added some new members in Region 2 and will add in Region 1 soon probably.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Voss – Starting in January the Region 4 tests will be in Concordia at the college. They will need help with test sites. Must be certified personnel. If you want to host a test site, let Eric know and get the details worked out as early as possible.
- **Website** – Kemp – No news on website. Just be sure to send departmental updates to Pam so she can make sure they get changed on the website.

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Salina Fire / EMS – Rob Pengra is retiring. His last day is Dec. 13. Darrin Soper is his replacement. They should take delivery of the new ambulance next week.

Lincoln County EMS – nothing to report

Ellsworth County EMS – doing a truck remount in March.

Dickinson County EMS – got the cellular technology hooked up with SRMC and Manhattan.

Clay County EMS – Crews have been finishing up yearend stuff. The new ambulance should be received the end of February. Just finished up ACLS course for staff and is wrapping up the EMR class in Miltonvale. Starting an EMT class after the first of the year.

EMSC – Education is available. She can do a mini-conference that is 8 hours of pediatric based continuing education. There is also a rural trauma education course available. 2015 will be heavy on disaster preparedness

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training for kids that will be a national effort. If you need to update Broslow bag equipment please let Tracy know before the end of the year.

Mitchell County EMS – New director, Kelly Hawk was present and introduced himself to the group. Old timers will remember him from years ago when he was the director at Osborne County EMS.

Minneapolis EMS – New assistant director and making changes within the service. Medical director is currently reviewing protocols and they hope to increase to a higher level of care soon.

Concordia Fire/EMS – KEMTA conference is March 26-28 in Hutchinson. There will be more hands on instead of all lecture based classes. Got a new Zoll. New full time person starting the first part of January and another will start in July to round out full time crews. Offering a lot of EMS hours and have hosted fire schools.

Please be sure to notify the Region 4 office of your correct e-mail address! Help us "GO GREEN!" eliminate paper by accepting meeting notices etc. via e-mail

2015 Meeting Dates / Locations

February 10, 2015 – Salina (meeting will be at Guiterez Restaurant)

April 14, 2015 -- Miltonvale

June 9, 2015 – Clay Center

August 11, 2015 -- Ellsworth

October 13, 2015 -- Concordia

December 8, 2015 – Belleville