

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2015

Those present included:

Kelly Hawk, Mitchell County EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire EMS
VanMeter, Republic County EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Eric Voss, Concordia Fire EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
Pam Kemp, Region 4
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
Rod Reese, Ellsworth County EMS

John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS
Sean Herrington, Salina fire EMS
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS
Jeanine Forsberg, SRHC
Rachelle Giroux, SRHC
Mike Mattel, SRHC
Heather Fuller, Sunflower Health Network
Delisa Nelson, SRHC
Melinda Schmidt, SRHC
Terry Hauschel, SRHC

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by president Eric Voss. The meeting was held at the Guiterez Restaurant in Salina.

Approval of Minutes of December 2014 – MSA to approve VanBlaricon / Ellsworth

Treasurer Report – MSA to approve Reese/ Coleman

Old Business:

- **Discussion with Salina Regional Personnel** – several representatives will be here
- **KS BEMS Legislative package** – Marvin reported that the staffing regulation update has gone to the board for approval and will be posted for discussion. There may be some concern yet with air medical personnel who are concerned about critical care definitions. Shane reports there are two bills that would reduce the KRAF funding. SB 82 & HB 2157 are the bills in question. Work continues on the proposal to give the board the authority to levy fines and the interstate compact. The group agreed that they all receive the updates on legislative issues from KEMSA and Jason White and there is no need for the regional office to forward the updates to the regional list. There will be some legislative reports on reimbursement and Medicaid issues coming out soon, everyone was reminded to watch for those updates and stay up to date. HB 2270 is a big one to watch. There is a form letter on the KEMSA website that local services can use as a template to write letters of support of legislative issues. Senator Holms from St. John will be introducing legislation to reduce the number of legislators on the BEMS to one and to add one legislator to appointed boards that do not currently have legislators on their boards. BEMS also passed that private services can now apply for Education Incentive Grant and increased the amount per class that is allowed.
- **TO Class wrap up** – approval of Education grant requests from regional personnel. There are 10 requests for the TO Class and one request for the KEMTA Conference.
 - Winter Kuehn KEMTA conference
 - Eric Wicks, Hope Wolters, Andrew Hartzell, John Jarrell, Richard English, Roxann Zachgo, Mickey Price, Brenda Hudlin, Mark Grosland, Shiloh Florence all request funds for the TO Class. Motion to accept those TO Class MSA VanBlaricon / Rod Reese.

Educational Grant Requests: Marvin/John MSA to approve KEMTA . Pam will explore what Region 6 has for their grant policy regarding attendance at conferences to ensure students we fund are attending at least 80% of the classes. Blaine VanMeter requested approval for up to 2 people to attend the KEMTA conference as well. MSA Wendy / Rod.

New Business:

- Any new discussions from December BEMS meetings? – none

Committee Reports

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- **Data Collection / KEMSIS** – Beam – A reminder to change your personnel user ID number to their certification number. On the issue of Image Trend integrating with other systems like Fire House, Joe Moreland instructed Concordia Fire to get a contract with Image Trend to allow Fire House to send data.
- **EDTF –Gronau / Champlain** – Working on more scenarios. Some discussion of some of the issues in the testing scenarios. Eric has talked to Curt and some of the issues will be fixed in the new scenarios. There was much discussion about the testing process and whether or not the practical exam was a worthwhile process. Eric reported that there is payment that has been received by Concordia Fire for equipment. Next text is June 20th in Concordia. Eric asked the group to notify him of when classes will be ending so he knows when to schedule exam sites.
- Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – Special meeting tomorrow to discuss wrap up of FY 2013 and FY 2014. Active shooter and dispatcher training is on-going.
- KRAF grant /– Gronau – Application process is closed and will be meeting on the 19th to review grants.
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Gronau – nothing much to report RTC meeting is tomorrow.
- BEMS Update – Beam / Gronau; others –Shane shared concern our council has expressed with keeping local control over protocol of things such as RSI.
- MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam – Dave reports there is a meeting in March in Newton. New members were added in Regions 1 and 2 giving them statewide coverage, as well as some additional members added in Region 3, 5 and 6. Will be participating in the Crisis City SAR drill in March and the Symphony in the Flint Hills in June.
- Regional Testing Update – Voss – help is needed at test sites.
- Website – Kemp

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

CY County – new truck will arrive today. Have dropped back to 3 ambulances for the county. Are full staffed.

DK County – have an EMT class being taught and will finish in May. Getting new truck in mid-March. Have been busy.

RP County – finished up an EMT class. Full staffed. Blaine asked about availability of IC class.

Concordia – have been busy and passed inspection. Full staffed and funning calls

Salina - took delivery of newest ambulance in December. Salina will be hosting a 3 hour medical monitoring in Rehab class on April 18 at Salina Regional. Have 3 ambulances equipped with bariatric lift capability.

Miltonvale – EMR class finished up and have 10 students in various testing stages.

MC County – hospital got trauma designation. Inspection went well. Have two in TO Class. Working on establishing a water rescue team. Concordia is interested in assisting. Have one opening

LC County – full staff but need more volunteers. Protocols are up to date but there is a struggle getting hospital staff educated regarding when a paramedic is really needed on transfers. Several services requested that CY send their educational material about this issue to the rest of the group. They just finished up working with other local agencies in hosting a fire school in the county.

EW County – will finish up an EMT class in the next month. Just took an ambulance to Linn Mo for remount.

Salina Regional staff joined the meeting for a working lunch and discussion of various issues to make patient care a smooth transition from EMS to hospital with a focus on good patient outcomes. Dr. Batten (sp?) Cardiologist also was present. Discussions included: SRMC cardiology capabilities; HIPAA issues with providing feedback to EMS; John asked their staff what we can do in the field that can help process patients into their facility in the best way to facilitate good outcomes. Rachelle explained a way to get feedback from SRMC via encrypted e-mail that will be sent directly to EMS directors when patients are brought in by their service. How best to achieve the goal of less than 90 minutes from first contact with a medical provider to balloon, not just time from hospital back door to balloon. Dr. Batten stated that we need a regional STEMI system. EMS personnel stated that larger hospital systems have hired EMS Liaison personnel and that would be a great start in our region as well. Dave stated we have worked on developing 12 lead capability and by-pass protocols and we are wondering now if we need to include some imaging during case review and training to help increase the base 12 lead knowledge of the EMS personnel. Melinda Schmidt reported on the work being done with the stroke project. The group requested that the stroke program develop a list of assessments they want EMS to do and report to them on possible stroke patients. Early activation / notification of SRMC when EMS is bringing a patient to the facility is very important. The more notice the better. At least 15 minutes is beneficial, more is better so they can do an internal trauma notification and get personnel moved into position to receive the patient.

All agreed that the discussion was beneficial and should happen again in the future. Updates on the issues discussed will be forwarded to the council as progress is made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region 4 Coordinator

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2015 Meeting Dates / Locations

April 14, 2015 -- Miltonvale
June 9, 2015 – Clay Center
August 11, 2015 -- Ellsworth
October 13, 2015 -- Concordia
December 8, 2015 – Belleville