

## Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

### Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes 1000

February 11, 2014

Ellsworth County EMS

#### Those attending included:

Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS  
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS  
Tim Korbe, Minneapolis EMS  
Patrick Eastes, Smith County EMS  
Curt Shreckengaust, KSBEMS  
James Buller, Concordia FD  
Rod Rees, Ellsworth EMS

Rob Pengra, Salina FD  
Shane Pearson, Salina FD  
John Hultgren, Dickinson Co EMS  
Dave Beam, Dickinson Co EMS  
Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS  
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln Co EMS  
Liliana Delgado, Ellsworth County EMS

**Called to order** by Kathy Coleman, Vice Chair at 1010 at Ellsworth County EMS.

**Approval of Minutes of December 2013** MSA Patrick Eastes/ Marvin Van Blaricon .

**Treasurer Report** MSA Marvin VanBlaricon /Dave Beam

#### Old Business:

- **Any needed follow up to Stemi discussion with Salina Regional** – nothing heard on that from the hospital side. Dave Beam suggests that we start compiling information on how services are currently transmitting data to the hospital. Discussion of funding options and how the hospital wants to receive data. Some indication right now is that a simple cell phone snapshot might be all that is needed. There needs to be a lot of communication and coordination between all the parties and that hasn't happened yet. John Hultgren indicated that the Health Care Coalition has not discussed this issue. Shane Pearson will do some research on what different data options are out there and what the hospital wants.
- **KS BEMS Legislative package** – Curt Shreckengaust from BEMS was present to report on the legislative package. He updated the group on the status of the continued competencies and reviewed a proposal that is the result of his work with the EDTF. Other discussion was held about the issue of non-Kansas credentials.
- **Staffing Regulation** – Eric Voss sent some thoughts with Kathy Coleman for discussion. Discussion of staffing issues such as: who can drive; staffing in the patient compartment of ambulances; emergency call staffing vs. inter-facility transfers etc.
- **Bob Page 12 lead class scheduled Jan 2 / 3, 2014 final report** – the numbers were great with waiting lists each day. The discussion of doing the advanced class was held. This is an even # year so we will have an educator workshop in the fall, if we do the advanced class it will have to be scheduled soon.
- **National Registry Recertification Process** – no additional discussion on this topic
- **Preparedness funding acceptance** – Pam Kemp reported on the reply from KDHE regarding the new grant process. It will follow the same process required of other federal preparedness dollars in the state. Projects are based on a needs assessment or other process that identifies the issue the project is trying to fix or improve. Equipment has to be on the authorized equipment list and tied to that same assessment process. There was much discussion of options. Pam Kemp will develop a Tabletop or Functional Exercise for the April meeting that will include a footprint set up of the response equipment trailers etc. and the exercise will be used as the basis to determine what we need in the way of equipment, training and exercise for this project.
- **Data Collection User Group Meeting** – Region 4 will host an Image Trend User's Group meeting on March 27 in Clay Center at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be facilitated by either Dave Beam or John Hultgren and is intended to bring users of the system together to discuss best practices they have discovered and other topics of interest to the group. This is being done after several years of discussing the possibility of doing such a group. It will be open to anyone in Kansas using the system. Technical support from Image Trend

or KSBEMS is not part of the planned discussion at this group meeting. Those issues should be directed to either Image Trend or to KSBEMS.

### **New Business:**

- **No new business on the agenda.** The scheduled KS BEMS meetings were cancelled due to weather last week. No reschedule date for KSBEMS meetings has been determined.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam- It was decided to do the user group meeting
- **Continued Competency Continuing Education** –Gronau / Champlain – no additional info
- Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon; Hultgren - Neither were present at the last RHS meeting. Kemp reported that most of the meeting was spent doing wrap up allocations for FY 11 & FY 12 funding and projects.
- **KRAF grant /-** Gronau – will meet in a couple of weeks to start going over the applications.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Lieb – James Buller reported that the NC RTC meeting is in Clay Center tomorrow and they still want Region 4 to find PHTLS instructors. Those present indicated there is no interest from personnel or from services to make that commitment.
- **BEMS Update** – Beam / Gronau; others – meeting was cancelled due to weather. Has not been rescheduled. Some of the pending legislation was discussed.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – met a few weeks ago in Wichita. They are still in the process of trying to replace the commander position. Did acquire a trailer and prime mover that is housed at Lyons. They also upgraded some radios to the SG Co talk group. Will be participating in the Vigilant Guard Exercise in August.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Debesis - no report
- **Website** – Kemp. Those present were asked to make updates on the service contact list. Those updates will be double checked against the website and needed corrections will be made.

### **Round Table Discussion**

**Dickinson County EMS** – in the process of planning for a new truck. Testing for new hire.

**Ellsworth County EMS** – will host test site at Ellsworth high school on March 22, 2014.

**Concordia Fire / EMS** – doing an EMT class

**Smith County EMS** – all new elected officials, so it has been a busy few months working to bring them up to speed on the department. Have done some staffing changes so they have a paramedic on every truck now. The new medical director didn't like the protocols so they are being re-written. Have been doing a strengthening and conditioning program. Also doing a replacement truck.

**Salina Fire/ EMS** – one truck on order and doing bids for another. Working on doing monitor replacements. Three guys in paramedic school. Station #1 is almost complete. By March 1 will be following new guidelines for spinal immobilization.

**Lincoln County EMS** – EMT class going on right now. Adjusting to the addition of full time staff personnel over being mainly volunteer based.

**Minneapolis EMS** – one full time in AEMT class and several in EMT classes. Interviews happening for a full time position.

**Clay County EMS** – have one technician in paramedic class in field internship. Commission approved putting bids out for a new garage. Bought a new staff vehicle. In the process of hiring one more position.

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**Miltonvale EMS** – nothing happening. Kathy completed the EMS management course at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland and recommends it to others.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS Coordinator

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### **2014 Meeting Dates**

April 8, 2014 - Abilene

June 10, 2014 – Clay Center

August 12, 2014 - Concordia

October 14, 2014 - Belleville

December 9, 2014 - Minneapolis