

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018
Dickinson County EMS**

Those attending included:

Marvin VanBlaricon, CY County EMS
Dave Beam, DK County EMS
John Hultgren, DK County EMS
Rod Rees, EW County EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire / EMS
Dave Holloway, RP County EMS
Jeff Beikmann, RP County EMS

Brittany Buller, DK County EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Jeanne Schantz, DK County EMS
Bryce Wheeler, Stryker
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS
Dwayne Yager, Salina Fire/EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

Call to order by Dave Beam at 1000 at Dickinson County EMS meeting room.

Stryker - Bryce Wheeler, the new Stryker representative introduced himself and presented information about contacting him for help with problems and maintenance on Stryker equipment.

Dave Beam distributed the end of year report from KSBEMS regarding inspection results and attendant renewal statistics.

Approval of December 12, 2017 minutes – MSA Rees/VanBlaricon

Treasurer Report – MSA VanBlaricon/Rees. Start paying Pam again and get money spent down. Discussion included concerns that the balance in the account has gotten too large and may negatively affect the Region during state budget discussions. Pam has waived her contracted fee since assuming the regional coordinator role in an effort to get the Regional account large enough to sustain Regional projects if state funding was eliminated.

Old Business:

- Legislative Update – John Hultgren briefed the group on legislative updates. A Senate bill has been proposed by the KSBEMS to address old ambulances that are sold and still have EMS markings and emergency lighting or other equipment. There is concern about how some of those vehicles have been or could be used. Marvin VanBlaricon reported on a 911 bill that addresses changes in the way 911 funds are distributed. Another bill will require payment of fees to the state if using state databank. He reported there is also a proposal to require fees for the state 800 radio system. Another bill would require EMS personnel to report elder abuse or neglect and would afford legal protection for EMS personnel who make those reports.
- Edu Grants – ideas for educating directors about the availability of education grants from the region. Pam Kemp will work on reformatting the Regional grant application on the website.

New Business:

- Updates from KS BEMS Meetings – Marvin VanBlaricon reported on cost reporting for Medicare and education of providers to accomplish that. NC Regional trauma meeting May 22 in Salina. In the education committee it was announced that Carman Allen was reappointed as KSBEMS Education coordinator. Also some discussion about the examination process. It is unclear what

will happen with that issue. The board did not have time to thoroughly review the documents they were provided on the exam process proposal.

- Change in Public Health and Hospital regional boundaries – John Hultgren reported on the change in the regional borders that were recommended by a grad student working for KDHE. The change would move Clay County to the North East region and Smith County to the North West. Numerous professional associations and other regional entities in Kansas have written letters of opposition to the regional border proposal. Many have also contacted state representative with concerns. Due to the lack of a fiscal agent in the NC hospital region, that region has been put on hold for funding.
- Adjourn to M&R Grill for lunch.
- Reconvene at 1245 at DKCO EMS

Committee Reports

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates – no representative present or update received.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren – no additional information other than that given earlier in the meeting.
- EMS-C Updates – Cleary – no representative present or update received.
- Data Collection / KEMISIS– Beam - Dave Beam reported that the committee is working on a user group meeting in the near future. Marvin VanBlaricon asked for standardized reports that service directors could use to retrieve data from the system. He stated the ones currently available don't meet his needs.
 - EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – Duane Yager attended the last meeting. Some data was delivered at the BEMS meetings regarding pass rates etc.
 - Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – the active shooter training program that provides the tourniquet kits and training to tactical LE leadership will be moved to the LE representative as chair and the education provided by local IC's to get the local LEO's in the NC Region trained and supplied.
 - KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam – written report from Kathy Coleman that the committee will meet in Salina March 4 to determine awards.
 - Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – James Buller reported that the annual meeting is May 22, 2018 at SRHC 8a-4p. Agenda is being developed. If there are agenda items or ideas, please send them to James Buller at Concordia Fire/EMS.
 - MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam – not much to report other than routine business.
 - Regional Testing Update – – James Buller reported that there will be one more test site in Concordia but with the BEMS taking over the testing this will be removed from future committee report agendas.
 - Website – Kemp – Several service updates have been received and will be sent to the webmaster for updating the website. Dave requested a website report from the webmaster which will be presented at the next meeting.

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

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Miltonvale – Kathy Coleman sent report that she has 2 in EMT class and one ready to test.

Salina Fire/EMS – Putting out new bids for supervisor vehicles and ambulances

DK Co EMS– no news to report. Fully staffed. Going to the medical director conference in Dallas/Ft. Worth.

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CY Co EMS – still short one paramedic, have 4 new hires. Starting bid process for new ambulance in 2018. Have 7 new CPR instructors.

Minneapolis – no news other than possibility of getting new ambulance

RP Co EMS – new director and assistant director. One in paramedic training. Working to get a new supervisor vehicle. Working to expand the roster numbers to help staffing issues.

Concordia Fire/EMS –Doing an EMT class in the high school where students come to the FD for class every afternoon and it is working out well. Trying to start another EMT class but having trouble getting the approvals on it due to staff changes at the board office.

EW Co EMS – students in class. No other news to report.

MSA Adjourn – VanBlaricon / Rees – Next meeting will be at EW County EMS in Ellsworth on April 10, 2018 at 1000.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

LOCATIONS FOR 2018 MEETINGS!

- April 10, 2018 – Ellsworth County
- June 12, 2018 - Concordia
- August 14, 2018 – Clay County
- October 9, 2018 - Salina
- December 11, 2018 - Miltonvale