

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2017
Salina, KS**

Salina Regional Medical Center

Those attending included:

Todd Turner, Lifestar
Marvin VanBlaricon, CY Co EMS
Eric Hamel, MC Co EMS
Kelly Hawk, MC Co EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire
Roderic Rees, EW Co EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire
Pam Kemp, Region IV
Rachell Giroux, SRHC
Dr. Keir Swisher, SRHC
Dr. Jake Breeding, SRHC

Dr. Tim Burnett, SRHC
Tracy Cleary, EMSC
David Battin, Mowery Cardiology
Shannon Meier, JW Co EMS
Amanda Rouine, SRHC
Terry Hauschel, SRHC
Dwayne Yager, Salina Fire
Theresa Charbonneau, Minneapolis EMS
Julie Goetz, SRHS
Dr. Sean Herrington, SRHC
Dr. Jerimiah Ostermeyer, SRHC

Call to order by Marvin VanBlaricon Vice-Chair at 1000 in the SRHC

Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2016 minutes – MSA Rees/Hultgren

Treasurer Report – Pam discussed the idea of using up the old Regional Grant account by funding a regional project to coordinate data transmission of 12 leads to local and regional hospitals. It was recommend by consensus that the region appoint a committee that will begin exploring possibility of developing a regional data transmission project. The committee will consist of Dwayne Yager, Theresa Charbonneau, Rod Rees, Shane Pearson will coordinate the committee. It was MSA Rees/Hultgren to approve treasurer's report.

Discussion with SRHC staff on pertinent issues regarding EMS transports into SRHC – Rachelle introduced SRHC staff that were present at the meeting. An overview of services included that Stroke program has been reaccredited, do not do any endovascular procedures. Trauma program still the same with addition of more trauma physicians. Marvin stated that there are always questions by providers transporting into the hospital and this is the time to ask those questions. One of the bigger identified issues is the CAH providers not understanding what the capabilities of SRHC include with a suggestion by EMS providers that outreach be done to educate CAH of SRHC capabilities. SRHC physicians reviewed capabilities:

Cardiology – new cardiologist added in Nov. so now a 5 member group. Valve replacement, cath-lab and many other services. Being very proactive with technology and new researched procedures. Most services present indicated they can transmit 12 lead to local hospital and SRHC, 3 services present indicated they do not have that capability. Insurance reimbursement to farther facilities was also mentioned in the discussion

Ortho – some patients are being transported directly into the Surgical Center instead of SRHC. Some discussion of what fractures should be moved to higher level trauma facilities. Acetabular or open book fractures cannot be taken care of at SRHC and need to be transferred on to higher level of care.

Dr. Breeding stated that fewer than 6% of trauma evaluations are transferred out because of the need for specialized care not available at SRHC so it makes good patient care sense to

transport to SRHC. He also reiterated that the driving force behind SRHC is quality patient care and what is best for the patient, not financial reimbursements.

Stroke – stroke care pushed to forefront nationwide with recent studies showing the importance of rural areas having aggressive stroke protocols. SRHC has in-house neurology 2/3 of the time and the rest of the time are available by on-call. Patients will be treated at SRHC through the rehab process to discharge and follow up.

Patient outcome reporting – local services need to sign the business agreement that Rachelle sent to all services in order to receive patient outcome information via encrypted e-mail. A few services have still not returned them.

Trauma Symposium – May 10 is regional trauma symposium in Salina. SRHC staff was encouraged to attend if possible.

Old Business:

- Legislative Update – Marvin reviewed current status of bills listed in the latest report from Jason White. It is recommended that services keep up with current status of bills that affect EMS by reading Jason's reporting. Bill status changes frequently.
- Educational process update and follow up – will keep on agenda as a discussion topic until EDTF is fully functional
- Educator Workshop wrap up – was very well received per evaluations, low attendance from Region IV personnel however.

New Business:

- Updates from KS BEMS Meetings – Service renewals can be done on-line now. MAC will review the drug list for AEMT scope of practice. KEMSIS funding for dedicated staff is not there so resolution needs to be found to problems with the project not having 24/7 support available. Discussion of the need for TO certification.
- Educational Grant approvals (KEMTA Conference) – MSA Pearson/Buller to approve the 6 grant applications – 3 from Republic County; 2 from Miltonvale; 1 from Clay Center.
- CMS requirements for emergency plans – 17 medical facility types are required to have a comprehensive emergency operations plan. EMS agencies are not included (unless hospital based) but should be aware and have open communication with hospitals and long term care facilities

Committee Reports

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates – Giroux
- EMS-C Updates – Cleary – Tracy is back in the program and working on the strategic plan. Also reported on required reporting the program needs to make. Will be adding the cards giving to all EMS agencies to all ER's in the state. Children's Mercy will like to do a presentation regarding their new project that will let you enter patient information into an ap that will do drug dosage conversions etc. they will be coming to a regional meeting soon.
- The group took a break for lunch. Pam had to leave the meeting to get to an appointment, Marvin will take minutes for the remained of the meeting.

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- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager
- Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon / Hultgren
- KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer
- MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam
- Regional Testing Update - Voss
- Website – Kemp

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

LOCATIONS FOR 2017 MEETINGS!

- 2/14/17 - Salina
- 4/11/17 – Clay Center (Evening meeting)
- 6/13/17 - Ellsworth
- 8/8/17 – Republic County
- 10/10/17 - Beloit
- 12/12/17 - Concordia