

## Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

### Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes 1000

April 12, 2016

### Clay County Emergency Services Academy

#### Those attending included:

Patrick Eastes, SM Co. EMS  
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS  
Dave Beam, DK Co EMS  
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS  
Eric Voss, Concordia Fire / EMS  
Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS  
Marvin VanBlaricon, CY Co EMS

Joe House, KS BEMS  
Rod Rees, EW Co EMS  
Traci Cleary, EMS-C  
Brittany Baller, DK Co EMS  
Dave Holloway, RP Co EMS  
Blaine VanMeter, RP Co EMS

**Call to order** at 1000 by Eric Voss, President

**Approval of Minutes of February, 2016 minutes** – correction under Miltonvale report, Kathy Coleman wished to thank the region members for their support, good wishes and prayers during her recent surgery. MSA VanBlaricon/Beam

**Treasurer Report** – MSA VanBlaricon / Hultgren

#### Old Business:

- **Legislative Update** – Joe House reported that 3 of the EMS bills have moved through the system and should be signed by the Governor. BEMS staff will send an informational brochure that will explain the updates and changes pertinent to the bills. Some pending legislation may affect KPERS and KPF retirement funding. Federal legislation pertaining to EMS delivery of controlled substances is moving along. Some other federal legislation that affects Critical Access Hospitals is also moving along and will likely result in additional CAH closings. Other legislation that affects taxing authorities of cities and counties also affects county hospitals. Any change in hospital access obviously is a concern for the local EMS agencies. Joe indicated they are preparing to assist those local services with the changes needed in their local systems to meet the challenge of hospital closure or changes in their capabilities. Lots of discussion on the budget issues resulting from pending legislation both state and federal.
- **PHTLS Instructor issue update from last meeting**– Eric reported that one class was completed and have finished the on-line instruction part and have a class April 25 – 26, 2016 in Concordia. After that we will have at least 6 new PHTLS instructors in the region. If anyone wants a PHTLS class in their location contact Eric at Concordia Fire / EMS or Shane at Salina Fire / EMS. Books are available for loan through the region. The books are in library at Clay County EMS, contact Marvin VanBlaricon to borrow them for classes.

#### New Business:

- Updates from KS BEMS Meetings – Permits will be mailed soon now that new typing standards are in effect. Inspection policy was approved as revised. Educational regulations are in public comment. Medical advisory council wants to adjust the scope of Narcan delivery and are looking into what needs to happen to make that change and if the change is needed in Kansas. If services have any other scope of practice changes they wish to have discussed send them to Joe for presentation to the MAC ASAP. Joe was asked what he anticipated would happen with the TO status and changes in the educator certification process. Much discussion about how the

current system works and what changes might improve and streamline the process of becoming an EMS Educator. KRAF grants have been approved and notifications sent to services. May 17, 2016 at 0900 there will be a meeting at KHP Academy to review proposed statutory and regulatory changes.

- NIMS Update – Public comment open until early May. Puts additional emphasis on non-training parts of NIMS compliance such as resource typing and resource tracking and inventory.
- ZIKA Virus information – Does the group want Pam to forward ZIKA Virus information as it is being disseminated by state agencies?

### **Committee Reports**

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** – Giroux - SRHC stroke center is up and running now. Call Rachele if you have questions or concerns. SRHC is in the process of adding orthopedic surgeons
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – Traci discussed various classes that have occurred and are available. The communication tool is now available. Each ambulance in the state will be getting one of these and Traci can distribute Region IV's to them today and will mail to those not here. When the first distribution is completed they will also be provided for supervisor vehicles.
- **Data Collection / KEMIS**– Beam – still making the conversion to Elite. Another session will be held May 13 for those interested in coming on board. There were some technical issues that have been resolved. There was discussion at the board meeting about only services that are participating in the data collection project will be eligible for KRAF grant funding, but no decision was made.
  - **EDTF** –Wicks/ Champlain / Kiser – nothing has happened since the last meeting. Scenario development is still happening.
  - **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – last meeting did the 2016 project development plans.
  - **KRAF grant** – Coleman / Beam – letters were sent to those who applied. Dave reported that he sat in for Kathy at the meeting. It was quite competitive and more requests were received. Dave distributed the list of awards and discussed how awards were made. Over 85% of the money went to monitors and auto pulse units.
  - **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – Annual meeting is May 11, 2016 at Salina Regional Health Center.
  - **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – Had a meeting a month ago in Emporia after the Hesston shooting incident. Will be doing the Symphony in the Flint Hills in June. Will likely be doing all medical operations for that event. Participated in the Full Scale Exercise at Crisis City last month.
  - **Regional Testing Update** – Voss – June 11 test in Concordia.
  - **Website** – Kemp – There will be changes coming in NIMS and that is open for public comment. Also much info being issued from CDC and KDHE on ZIKA Virus. Pam will not forward those messages unless critical info is contained. It is expected that services will receive those same updates through their own subscriptions to CDC and KDHE news bulletins.

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

**CY Co EMS** – Marvin would like to know the number of transfers and locations; percentage of call volume that is transfers to other facilities; percentage of ALS and BLS, funding issues and any other issues they may have.

**SM Co EMS** – hospital may be building a new facility.

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**RP Co EMS** – EMT class finishing up with 7 students

**EW Co EMS** – the two technicians in the crash a few months ago: one will be requiring additional shoulder surgery, the other is getting around with a walker and doing extensive physical therapy.

**BEMS** – e-mail conversion going on later this week. If you border Nebraska and have an agreement for 911 service in a mutual aid fashion, please send BEMS a copy of that

**DK Co EMS** – assisted with Salina Tech College for EMT classes and they are not doing classes any more. Have 2 new employees starting week after next.

**Concordia Fire / EMS** – up on calls. Bids in for new ambulance and will probably get the Osage. County relieved the EM and the Fire Chief is the interim EM. May 1 SRHC will take over the Concordia hospital and all hospital employees will be transferred to SRHC employment.

Meeting adjourned at 1245 to lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

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### LOCATIONS FOR 2016 MEETINGS!

- June 14, 2016 -- Ellsworth
- August 9, 2016 -- Concordia
- October 11, 2016 -- Miltonvale
- December 16, 2016 -- Belleville