

## Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

### Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes April 14, 2015

#### Those in attendance included:

Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS  
Dave Beam, Dickinson Co. EMS  
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln Co. EMS  
Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS  
Eric Voss, Concordia Fire/EMS  
Rod Rees, Ellsworth Co. EMS  
Joe House, KS BEMS  
Sue Cooper, Regional Hospital Coordinator

Traci Cleary, EMSC  
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay Co. EMS  
Rachelle Giroux, SRHS  
Levi Whitley, Concordia Fire  
Brian Schantz, Dickinson Co. EMS  
Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS  
Blaine VanMeter, Republic Co. EMS  
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS

#### Called to order by Eric Voss, President at Miltonvale EMS at 1000.

#### Approval of minutes - MSA Gronau / Beam Minutes of February 2015

#### Treasurer Report - Discussion included detail of the TO Workshop. MSA Gronau / Beam

#### Old Business:

- KS BEMS Legislative package – Joe House reported that not much change since last meeting. Clean up language cleared house and is in committee. Interstate compact language will not be worked till next session. Jason White’s legislative updates have been very good and a great resource. Discussion of the sanctions listed for disciplinary action by KS BEMS. It needs to be clarified that any fines levied will NOT come back into the BEMS budget. Continuing education regulations will be opened for review and change.

#### New Business:

- Any new discussions from April BEMS meetings – Licensing will be moving forward. 109-2-1 language change will allow on line access to employee certifications. Current regulation that TO renewal requires teaching during cycle, but nothing in regulation for IC requires them to teach. Regulation update will require IC to have teaching hours during certification cycle too. Notes from the BEMS meetings are posted on the KEMSA website through the membership portal. There are 9 regulations that will soon become final; they went through the public comment period. Those regulations will be published tomorrow and go into effect after 15 days. Investigations cleared 37 cases. EIG funding is still available for initial courses. Regulation meeting will be held in Salina at KHP facility on May 13 from 9-4 lunch on your own. More information will come out soon on that.
- **Sue Cooper, Regional Hospital Coordinator** – Ms. Cooper reported on the Hospital preparedness grant and its newest focus on establishing Healthcare Coalitions. There are 7 Kansas hospital regions that mirror the Homeland Security regions. The objectives of the Healthcare Coalition include Situational Awareness and Resource Availability. Training and Exercise are also within the scope of the project and patient tracking is another focus being developed. She outlined the EM Resource System and how it is in use in the NC Region to identify open trauma services and other services within hospitals. This can be used during mass casualty incidents to determine transport destinations. EM Systems started with trauma centers and has expanded through the nation. It can be accessed on line by any device that can access the internet. EMS can access the EM Systems website. If regional services decide that they want to do this, one person needs to act as the administrator to make sure everyone’s information is correctly entered. Need correct addresses and contact information and possibly location GPS coordinates. There is no cost to providers to be included in the system. MSA Gronau / Rees to give regional EMS information to Sue Cooper for purposes of adding EMS agencies to EM Systems. John Hultgren is the EMS representative on the Healthcare Coalition. Pam will send the regional information to Sue.
- **Educational Grant Requests** - several grant requests were presented. MSA approve those presented Gronau/Beam. Services are asked to do a better job of adhering to grant guidelines for requests. Several have come in very late. Pam will send a reminder to services to make sure they submit earlier. Discussion

indicated that we will have to limit approvals in the future to those in strict compliance with posted guidelines.

- **EMS – C** – Tracy Cleary reported that the new website is up. The website address is: [www.kdheks.gov/emsc](http://www.kdheks.gov/emsc) She reported that Children’s Mercy Hospital is developing an EMS transport form for patients in their system that will give all information for that patient. Equipment is available if you contact Tracy she can help get the listed equipment. If still want to do an 8 hour pediatric mini-conference she is very interested in partnering with Life Star to do that in our region. October 24 is a possible date in Concordia. There is some work being done with preparedness for kids that includes more than just disaster response, but includes public health types of issues too.
- **2015 RHS grant release** - one possible project for EMS might be CO monitors for EMS units. Discussion on whether or not they are needed.
- **SRHC / Trauma Update** – Rachele reviewed a new form that will go out soon for Performance Improvement follow up for both acute cardiac patient transports into their facility and on trauma patients. Twice a year SRHC will be doing EMS education. The first SAVE THE DATE is for July 21, 2015 from noon till 4 at SRHC. Several other trainings are being sponsored and are open to EMS personnel. Pam has already forwarded those out to regional services. The new ones will also be sent out to services as soon as they are received. If these classes are successful and have good attendance, they will continue to do them. EMS CE will be offered for all classes they sponsor.

### **Committee Reports (*may be held until next meeting unless urgent due to time constraints*)**

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – we still have communication between services and KS BEMS regarding the statewide data system. Joe House reports that anything KEMSIS related is being sent directly to him during Joe Moreland’s absence. Joe House is trying to train additional staff to assist with the project. There hasn’t been a user group meeting for quite a while, Dave stated that until things sorted themselves at the BEMS level, there is no reason to have a meeting. Joe House reported that there is still the possibility of bringing Image Trend out to do training within the next several months. Joe House has contacted EMS Charts numerous times, but has not had call back. Fire House also has not contacted the BEMS to finish out the details.
- **EDTF** –Gronau / Champlain – No meetings have been held. Wendy is not sure what the status of the scenario group is. There have not been any meeting scheduled.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – finishing up 2013 / 2014 projects. Mini Larcs should be in next week. Marvin stated he isn’t sure that putting the trailer in Smith County is the best option even though that is how the project was written. He has concern that the trailer won’t be deployed as needed. The group suggested Marvin call Smith County and reconfirm that they wish to participate in the project and are willing to deploy the trailer.
- **KRAF grant** /– Gronau – they met in March to review the applications. Wendy deferred to Joe House as to what had been approved for the region. Joe reviewed the criteria the committee used to make selections. The criteria will be reviewed before the next grant cycle and communicated to services. Four of the services in Region 4 sent in requests and two were granted. Nearly 1.2 million dollars in requests were received. There was about \$380,000 in the fund for projects. Next year’s funding may decrease due to legislative changes.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Gronau – The RTC meeting is May 20 in Salina. If anyone is interested in the regional representative position, contact Jeanette Shipley to make nominations. Marvin distributed by-pass protocols that could be used by services if they are interested in developing some. Contact Marvin if you want an electronic copy
- **BEMS Update** – Beam / Gronau; others It was requested that we delete BEMS in this portion of the agenda and move SRHC to the top of the committee reports on the agendas instead of as new business.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – participated in the big full scale exercise at Crisis City. The exercise was a simulated gas explosion that had a large SAR component. It was designed as a SAR exercise but MERGe did the medical component. MERGe members will be glad to come to local services to do training on how to respond to mutual aid calls; who in the service can make the decision to send mutual aid, when

and how that is accomplished. It is important to make sure your local service has good, detailed protocol for how to handle those requests.

- **Regional Testing Update** – Voss – have ordered the AED trainer and it will be in soon. If you want to have students use the trainers to become familiar with it just let Eric Voss know. There is a test site coming up in Concordia on June 20, 2015. There are serious problems with the testing process!
- **Website** – Kemp – Pam will check with Mary on the updates to the website. Services are reminded to check their posted data on the website frequently to make sure their information is correct. We do not change the data listed for services unless notified by the service that a change needs to be made!

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

**Clay County EMS** – working on remodeling building. Open house during EMS week is being planned. Upgrading of the training room going on. Just finished an inattentive driving crash simulation in Wakefield last Monday. Going to start an EMT class in August.

**Dickinson County EMS** - new ambulance last week will be in service soon.

**Miltonvale EMS** – most EMR students are finished with the testing process, only one left to retest. Several trainings on the schedule. Have a full time position open.

**Concordia Fire / EMS** – been busy, hired full time. Trying to add one more full time soon. Have done some remodeling in the facility.

**Ellsworth County EMS** – no report

**Salina Fire / EMS** – no report

**Lincoln County EMS** – full time opening. Need help getting a CPR Instructor class set up. We need a CPR Instructor Trainer course in the region.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region 4 Coordinator

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### **2015 Meeting Dates / Locations**

June 9, 2015 – Clay Center

August 11, 2015 -- Ellsworth

October 13, 2015 -- Concordia

December 8, 2015 – Belleville