

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Agenda 1000

April 8, 2014

Dickinson County EMS

Those in attendance included:

Eric Voss, Concordia Fire EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County Emergency Management
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS
Rob Pengra, Salina Fire EMS
Todd Gaebrandt, Salina Fire EMS
John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS
Patrick Eastes, Smith County EMS
Jeanne Schantz, Dickinson County EMS
Rachelle Giroux, Salina Regional Health Center

Curtis Osland, Dickinson County EMS
Nathan Brunner, Dickinson County EMS
Pam Kemp, Clay County Emergency Management
Chancy Smith, Dickinson County Emergency Management
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Courtney Siemers, Clay County EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
Joe House, KBEMS
Tim Korbe, Minneapolis EMS

Approval of Minutes of February 2014 MSA Gronau / VanBlaricon

Treasurer Report MSA Gronau/Coleman

Old Business:

- **Any needed follow up to Stemi discussion with Salina Regional** – next meeting please have SA FD talk to group about how wi-fi and 12 lead is working and what protocols are being used etc. More discussion about whether or not to do part 2 of Bob Page. If it is scheduled in the fall we will have to plan it around the fall Educator Conference.
- **KS BEMS Legislative package** – Joe House reported that the fines and penalties bill lost in the house due to the subpoena powers. HB 2509 is in senate and will add coverage for line of duty death for EMS providers.
- **Staffing Regulation** – Eric attended the last meeting. A draft will go to MAC to get input from them and board of nursing to develop special training other licensed health care professionals. Those providers would have to take in order to act as one of the certified attendants. There are no real details of how this would actually be accomplished, whether it would require a certification/test and what the oversight would be.
- **Preparedness funding acceptance** – Joe House indicated the funding deadline had already past. No notice has been received in the regional office or by any of the members if that is the case. MSA send letter to request funding VanBlaricon/Gronau.

New Business:

- Disaster response equipment / Preparedness funding needs assessment TTX will follow this meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS** – Beam – We did the Image Trend User Group meeting in Clay Center March 27 and had about 15 people present. Basically laid the groundwork for the group. Services there from 3 regions and a contact person selected from each region. Will rotate the user group meetings throughout the regions and the contact will set up the meetings. Next meeting is April 24 in Manhattan. Tentative agenda is to have guy from Jackson County present what he had found on doing reports and also a user from Kingman County will be present.
- **EDTF** – Gronau / Champlain – still working on more scenarios and how best to implement them.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – Lots of discussion about how project decisions are made. Concordia FD has received equipment without any pre-notification that they were getting it or any need assessments as to what was needed at the local level.

- **KRAF grant** /– Gronau committee met in March and made determinations for the grant and sent to the board and was approved at last meeting. Questions about the original intent of the grant to provide for rural services not for urban departments.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Lieb – May 21 is the regional Trauma Council meeting in Salina. James Buller asks that EMS personnel attend the meeting if possible.
- **BEMS Update** – Beam / Gronau; others – Joe House reported Darlene Whitlock got done with the model protocols. MAC asked to look at the 60 some electronic files. They are not mandatory, simply as a guide if you choose to use it. Also includes some of the operational policies that are more easily transferable across agencies in the state. They will be posted on the BEMS website as soon as staff gets that done. Services can request a variance if need to park vehicles outside on a temporary basis. Inspection policy discussed again, if a problem is easily solvable while the inspector is on site it still gets reported. Joe advised it needs to be documented but can be also noted as corrected instead of broadcasting it to everyone. Executive committee talked about KRAF award process and how decisions are made. Discussion about paramedic staffing of ER and concerns of various groups that opposed that concept. Board also heard variance requests on certifications and legal recognition issues. AG opinion is that there are parts of the Investigation's Committee that must be closed and others that will have to remain open. No decisions were made yet. Region 4 sponsored the breaks. The whole process of providing the breaks is not well received by many due to the expensive cost. If breaks are provided, they could be more affordable and it might be better to do the break on Thursday which is an all day meeting instead of on Friday which is usually just a morning meeting. Other regions have voiced the same concern. This topic will be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – The team will meet Friday in Manhattan. They are working with the planning team on the Vigilant Guard Exercise in Salina in August. Coordinate through John Hultgren if you want to participate in that exercise.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Debesis – no report. Joe will check on the criteria of when and where test sites are supposed to happen. Need to have a good report and update on the test site process. The contract was renewed for another year. Eric will call Ed to give report at the June meeting.
- **Website** – Kemp –It was noted that the google calendar on the home page is not complete. Beam indicated that the intent of that calendar was to allow members to post events and trainings. Pam will contact Mary for instructions on that process that can be distributed to the group.

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Clay County EMS – new garage construction is in process.

Dickinson County EMS – they have been working on protocol changes. Specs have gone out on new truck. Staff is working on camp 911 which is scheduled to happen in June. Dave attended the Health Care Coalition meeting and a gentleman presented on the patient tracking system being used at Ft. Riley and he will be at the RTC meeting in Salina in May.

Salina Fire / EMS – moved into new headquarters building. Working on vigilant guard too. Shane is at a resuscitation academy in OKC right now. The resuscitation process increases survivability rate during resuscitation

Concordia Fire / EMS – busy running calls and finishing up EMT and fire class and putting in new exhaust system in the garage.

Lincoln County EMS – yesterday was project prom with focus on distracted driving vs. impaired driving.

Smith County EMS – did a truck replacement. Medical director approved spinal restriction protocol and have done training on that new protocol. Also doing work with hospital on 12 lead transmissions.

Minneapolis – back to full staffing. They are also doing 24 hour refresher course.

Miltonvale – Kathy reported that they have finalized the transition process to move away from paper records and all their reports and records are electronic now.

Salina Regional – doing induced hypothermia. ER very busy.

Mass Casualty Equipment review:

The meeting was adjourned to go outside and view the mass casualty trailers from DK, CY and SA counties. After that equipment tour, the meeting reconvened and an informal capabilities assessment, a needs assessment and a gap analysis was done to identify equipment needs. Those needs will be put into a request for the preparedness funding.

The needed equipment list included:

- Additional triage/treatment supplies that can be distributed to multiple triage/treatment areas or teams during a widespread incident.
- Additional lighting sources for those triage/treatment areas
- Additional supplies and equipment that define incident treatment and triage areas and help direct and contain the flow of people into and out of those areas during a working event
- Additional protective equipment for responders that may arrive unequipped and not in uniform; identifying vests; hard hats; work gloves etc.
- It was also identified that all of the services that do have mass casualty capability and resource caches are located in the south east corner of the region. The “Mini-LARC” which is Logistics and Resource Cache mini-trailers that are identical to those in Region 3 will be requested from the Regional Homeland Security Council as an FY14 project as those trailers are more expensive than the Preparedness Grant will allow.

Pam will notify Steve Sutton and Michael McNulty of our intent to apply and will begin work on the grant request for the identified equipment and supplies. It was requested that others help locate vendors and pricing on the desired items.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region 4 Coordinator

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2014 Meeting Date

June 10, 2014 – Clay Center

August 12, 2014 - Concordia

October 14, 2014 - Belleville

December 9, 2014 - Minneapolis