

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2015

Clay County Emergency Services Academy, 703 Second St., Clay Center

Those attending included:

Marvin VanBlaricon, CY Co. EMS
Eric Voss, Concordia Fire/EMS
Patrick Eastes, SM Co. EMS
Joe House, KS BEMS
Blain VanMeter, RP Co. EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS

Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
Rod Reese, EW Co EMS
Kelly Hawk, MC Co EMS
Theresa Ward, Minneapolis EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire / EMS
Traci Cleary, EMSC

Approval of Minutes of April 2015 – MSA Approve minutes of April 14, 2015 meeting VanBlaricon/Eastes.

Treasurer Report – report given on the status of KRAF grants MSA VanBlaricon/Reese.

Old Business:

- No old business brought to the attention of the group.

New Business:

- Discussions from June BEMS meetings:
 - The meetings were one day instead of two with committee meetings in the morning and board meeting in the afternoon.
 - There was discussion on whether or not to keep the EDTF, but no decision was made, it will go to the regions for discussion. Not much discussion going on in the committees this time. Discussion at the regional table included that we would like to at least keep the core EDTF representation in place for future development of the educational programs and any issues that will come up. The formal position of the region will be to recommend that we keep the EDTF structure in place unless KSBEMS determines to disband it.
 - Discussion of whether or not hospital transfers should be treated as “emergency” calls. Hospital option is yes, EMS disagrees. Many issues play into the topic and it has been problematic for many years. Joe indicated that the Kansas Hospital Association will be more involved with KSBEMS trying to mitigate the issues between rural hospitals and EMS providers. A committee will be established to help address the issues. Region 4 will appoint Marvin VanBlaricon as primary representative on the committee and John Hultgren as the secondary representative.
 - Joe House discussed state budget and the need for KSBEMS to develop a report to establish benchmarks for future funding. Joe asks that service directors take quick action on the survey when it is received, complete it thoroughly and return it. The survey will go out as soon as possible.
- RHS equipment – LARC’s – Concordia’s trailer has a problem with the generator. Lincoln County’s will be picked up this week. Smith County’s was picked up today.
- Replacement of Wendy Gronau’s Committee positions - Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS was elected to the NC Regional Trauma Council; Eric Wicks, DK Co EMS will take the EDTF position and Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS will sit on the KRAF Committee for Region 4.
- Educational Grant approvals – there are 3 applications for \$200 each from CY County to go to KEMSA . MSA Reese/Hultgren.
- Other New business? – none presented

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

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** – Giroux - No report because Rachele unable to attend. A reminder that the trauma symposium is this Friday. Additional educational opportunity includes Time

Sensitive Rounds Diagnostic that will be from noon – 4PM on July 21. (has since been cancelled) This will be a case review type of discussion on recent cases brought to their hospital by area EMS providers.

- **EMS- C Updates - The Pediatric mini conference for Region 4 will be Saturday October 24 in Concordia** from 0730 – 1700 with one hour lunch break. Several good speakers are planned. In August, Tracy will send out the Save the Date cards and actual brochures will go out in September. Concordia will provide CEU for the conference. Nursing hour packets will be provided to nurses wanting to apply for CE hours. Registration is through EMS C. MSA VanBlaricon/Beam to spend up to \$300 for refreshments for the pediatric mini-conference. MSA VanBlaricon / Reese allocate to EMS-C up to \$500 for refreshments and expenses for October 24 training instead of the first motion's \$300 allocation. Class will be limited to Region 4 EMS and hospitals in Region 4 until Oct. 1 then open registration after Oct. 1 to a maximum of 150 persons.
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – nothing to report
- **EDTF** –Gronau / Champlain – No meeting has been held.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – Finished up FY 2015 project planning. The CO monitors are in those projects.
- **KRAF grant** /– Gronau – no additional report.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Gronau – Rocky Cramer was elected to fill Wendy's remaining term. James Buller was elected to another full term. There was a good presentation on pediatric trauma. There was discussion about Level 4 trauma centers being required to interact with area EMS providers on protocol development and rapid transfers of patients to appropriate facilities. All services are encouraged to become more active in the RTC by attending meetings etc.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam - No deployments since the last meeting. Weather permitting they will be doing medical branch support at the Symphony in the Flint Hills. But that event may be cancelled if there is more rain.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Voss – next test is June 20 at Cloud County Community College. Still needs volunteers to assist. Contact Eric if you have personnel that are interested in assisting as patients etc. Should be about 40 students to test. Are there dates that people need tests scheduled? If so, get those to Eric.
- **Website** – Kemp – updates were given to Mary. If there are additional changes needed let Pam know.

Round Table Discussion –

CY Co EMS – had open house May 23 that went well. Looking at starting EMT class in August. Will do AEMT class after January 1. New building up and running.

RP Co EMS – getting new monitors. New staffing pattern. Starting an EMT program soon.

Minneapolis EMS – down one FT position and looking for a new assistant director.

DK Co EMS – new truck in service. Finished EMT class a month ago and will be doing another this fall. Working with KEMSA on another manager's workshop in October and on the professional ethics and leadership course. After instructors get done with that class, the hope is to do one in each region.

EW Co EMS – new bariatric lift and monitors. Will also be doing an EMT class this fall.

Salina Fire / EMS – no report other than accepting applications for new hiring list.

SM Co EMS – Had 4 complete AEMT and have new protocols. So now have an MICT and AEMT on each shift

MC Co EMS – an individual going to IC class and starting an EMT class in January. Up to full staff.

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Concordia Fire / EMS – about 50 calls up from last year due to hospital transfers. Getting ready to request new truck. Starting an EMT class in August, possibly will have college credit from Cloud County Community College if details can be worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM MSA VanBlaricon/Reese to adjourn.

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2015 Meeting Dates / Locations

August 11, 2015 -- Ellsworth

October 13, 2015 -- Concordia

December 8, 2015 – Belleville