

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes July 8, 2014 Clay County Emergency Services Academy

Those attending included:

Marvin VanBlaricon, CY County EMS
Dave Beam, DK County EMS
John Hultgren, DK County EMS
Eric Voss, Concordia Fire/EMS
Joe House, KSBEMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS

Rachelle Giroux, SRHC
Wendy Gronau, LC County EMS
Tim Korbe, Minneapolis EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire
Pam Kemp, Region 4

Approval of Minutes of April 2014 – MSA approve the minutes: VanBlaricon/Gronau

Treasurer Report – the report was distributed. 2014 KRAF grant was received. Preparedness Grant spending was completed but funds have not yet been received. MSA approve report: Gronau/Coleman

Old Business:

- **Any needed follow up to Stemi discussion with Salina Regional** – no real discussion. Rachelle is still talking to those at SRHC as is Shane. One issue is the ability of EMS to transmit to SRHC. Services that have an E series with Bluetooth capabilities or a monitor with Wi-fi capabilities can transmit. Contact Shane Pearson at Salina Fire/EMS for assistance with set up to do so.
- **KS BEMS Legislative package** – no discussion
- **Staffing Regulation** – Eric reported on last meeting. Looking at a transition type ambulance orientation class for RN's, physicians etc.
- **Preparedness Funding** - The spend-down was completed. Pam asked Marvin to assist in making priority lists etc. due to the short timeframe. Corrected total of grant funds spent is \$10,989.80 after final invoices were received.

New Business:

- **New discussions from June BEMS meetings** – Preparedness grant money is going away according to the report received by the committee. More changes have been made to the AEMT med list. Region 4 personnel have some concerns about the frequent changes to the list. Also concerns are the educational standards that should accompany the med list but are not in place. Wendy asks what has been done to get concerns to the MAC regarding provider concerns. Marvin states the transition program was a failure and did not provide what education the AEMT needs to deliver the meds on the list. He cites confusion between the national scope of practice and the Kansas scope of practice for AEMT. The group also voiced concerns about the number of board members that do not show up for meetings.
- **Vigilant Guard** participation August 5, 2014 for transport of patients to DK, OT and SA hospitals and support of the exercise. August 6, 2014 Public Health Exercise for the entire region plus some counties in other regions.
- **Mass Fatality and other disaster related trainings** are on the state training calendar at KS Train. <http://ks.train.org>
- **Medical credentialing** – review of the CRMCS (Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System) requirements for KSERV verification of medical credentials. The policy can be found in the "resources" list under CRMCS of the www.kansasresponder.com website. Counties are working to finish up personnel credentialing and begin resource typing and entry of resources into the system.
- **Educator Workshop** – are we or are we not going to have one? Yes, those present want to do a workshop this fall. Educators have to have 8 hours so the workshop will be a full day. Ideas included: New testing scenarios? Possible breakout sessions for IC / TO? Distance education and computerized trainings development? **Wendy and Dave will be the committee to set up the agenda.** Pam will find date and location. Darrel Kohls was suggested as a speaker.

Shoot for end of October first of November Saturdays available for the training.

Committee Reports

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam** – User group meeting that discussed report writing and generating reports. At the next user group meeting they want to have Image Trend reps there to do training on the QA and training portions of the system. Region 1 is interested in participating in the user group meetings. Only 2 meetings have been held but more attended the second time and all regions have been represented. Eric asked if there is a way to get on image trend to get data if they are not image trend users and what the status of Fire House interface with image trend is. Joe House indicated that he thought the link is available now. Contact Joe House or Joe Moreland. Dave suggests trying for a September time frame to do the training with Image Trend. Joe House will check with Image Trend and see if it can be arranged then. John asked Joe to send out a map of where Image Trend users are at.
- **EDTF –Gronau / Champlain** - There is a meeting scheduled at KHP on July 21st which is the same day as the legislative packet meeting. Keeping the subcommittee active has been a challenge. Continued competency is a major focus of the next meeting. Jason Bolt is the chair of the EDTF.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren – John and Marvin reported that the Mini-Larc trailers for LC, CD and SM counties have been approved as a 2014 project. Next meeting is July 22nd
- **KRAF grant /– Gronau** – no work done
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Gronau – annual meeting was held. Carman Allen has been accepted as the state Trauma Coordinator.
- **BEMS Update** – Beam / Gronau; others – 3 new regulations into effect on July 4. Staffing regulation guidance document is still being constructed. BEMS meetings are July 31 and August 1. Equipment lists have been through Dept. of Admin, that is regulation 109-2-8. Removals of short board and changing the terminology of biohazard contaminated materials have gone through the system. Next years' service renewal packets will go out and no follow up calls will be made to remind services to complete it. Services are responsible for returning it on schedule without reminders. If you have an outstanding or extremely deficient finding during inspection the owner / operators will get a notice otherwise notice goes to the service director. Working on the protocol documents. No action on the state medical director but is expected the MAC will have more discussion on that. Interstate compacts meeting in Chicago that Joe attended has draft agenda to present legislation that will address licensing across borders during daily operation types of emergencies. Education is working on matching AEMT guidelines to regulations. Roster definition changed and now require name of the person and time in and time out for purposes of audits. Executive committee meeting is on Friday for interviews for the executive director position and it is expected a decision will be made before the August meeting.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – John, Brandon Beck and Kerry McCue have been moved into division commander positions. Still working to get Region 1 to get them up and running. Notice sent out to collect interest in becoming MERGe members. Both Region 1 and Region 2 had applicants. Interested persons need to send a letter of interest to the Regional chair immediately.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Debesis – there was a test site in Beloit but no detail is known.
- **Website** – Kemp – The instructions for adding information to the Region 4 calendar on the website were distributed to the group and have also been sent to everyone on the list electronically.

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Miltonvale EMS – first chance to go through the budget. Staffing was the biggest concern. Raising the base rate and are going to start charging for stand by calls. The auction and fundraiser raised \$2800 and that goes to their maintenance fund. EMR class will start sometime around the first of September.

Dickinson County EMS – budget cuts due to loss of the mortgage tax is affecting most agencies. Doing fair standby that includes the big rodeo and demo derby. Did Camp 911 again for about 41 kids for 2 days at Camp Brown south of Abilene. Will be getting a new ambulance after the first of the year. EMS Toolkit still using it.

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Clay County EMS – budget time. Will get more budget next year. New garage is completed for \$263,000 and commission has agreed to modify the rest of the building as well. They ordered a new ambulance yesterday. Marvin will do an EMR class for Miltonvale in September. Still have one opening. Doing many more transfers out of the hospital than before.

Lincoln County EMS – had a part time position open and interviewed 5 for that position. Doing budget not much else going on.

Salina Fire / EMS – picked up a new ambulance yesterday. Doing training for 5 people to do transfers.

Minneapolis EMS – They will be doing an EMT class in August – January. Director is now an EMT. Now have 2 FT AEMT.

Concordia Fire / EMS – will be adding a FT position. 2 IC's just finished up an EMT class and they will possibly be doing an AEMT class. Concordia will have a fire school in December that will have EMS hours as well.

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2014 Meeting Date

August 12, 2014 - Concordia
October 14, 2014 - Belleville

December 9, 2014 - Minneapolis