

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes August 12, 2014

Concordia Fire Department

Those attending included:

Eric Voss, Concordia Fire EMS
Wendy Gronau, LC County EMS
Joe House, KSBEMS
Dave Beam, DK County EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, CY County EMS

Rod Reese, EW County EMS
Blaine VanMeter, RP County EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS by phone
Rachelle Giroux, Salina Regional Health Cntr.

Approval of Minutes of July 2014 – Correction to the date on page one. Meeting was July 8, 2014.

Accepted as corrected. Gronau/VanBlaricon MSA.

Treasurer Report – Accepted as presented. MSA Gronau/Beam

Old Business:

- Any needed follow up to Stemi discussion with Salina Regional – Marvin asked Shane to send out a process to hook up to wi-fi at SRMC. Marvin will send Pam the vendor info to send to the state communication office regarding integrating public safety broadband project into it.
- KS BEMS Legislative package – moving along. Joe gave a short briefing on status of package. Marvin asked how serious the board is about the state medical director appointment. Joe thought the opinion at the legislative meeting was that it is too soon to try to do it and asked the group their thoughts. Shane is not opposed, just needs to be convinced it is worthwhile. Marvin is concerned all services will be seen as the same and they are not. Shane cited reference to other states that have ended up with just one statewide protocol that doesn't take transport times into consideration regarding treatment decisions.
- Staffing Regulation – Eric reported they did have a meeting. Now looking at making the Type 2a regulation pertinent for all ground ambulances. Two attendants required for all ground ambulances. Concern about how it would affect education regulations and there would need to be a change that would require a paramedic student to ride with a paramedic. The regulation would also need to require those field internships to be in a service that has a high enough call volume to support a good Field internship experience. Not disagreeing to let that be with a type 2a service, it just needs to be an aggressive service. Eric reported that 14 regulations would be affected. Next meeting will be in October the proposal will then go to the board. Next hurdle will be if EMR should be allowed to tend to the patient alone.
- Educator Workshop – Scheduled for November 15 at Webster Conference Center. Marvin will submit for CE approval. Darryl Kohls will do the morning session. The afternoon session has several topics for consideration – Con Olson on employee skill competency; region 2 testing briefing and how to prepare students for testing; KSBEMS staff for common test errors ; Mark Terry test question writing are all possible topics.

New Business:

- Any new discussions from August BEMS meetings – 109-3-5 AEMT medication goes into effect later in August. Joe House was appointed as the new Executive Director. Discussion about the issues with data collection and Image Trend being the only system gathering data. Joe reported that some other services are using and reporting via Fire House. BEMS meetings were more briefings than actions this time so meetings went quickly. A little bit of discussion on the "AEMT Medication and Procedure" list.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:40 Reconvene at 12:40.

Committee Reports

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- **Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam** – Dave – still waiting on confirming dates for education
- **EDTF –Gronau / Champlain** – Wendy – moving forward but nothing new
- **Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon; Hultgren** – Marvin – looking at finishing up 2013 funds. LARK's are 2014 project for LC, SM and Concordia.
- **KRAF grant /– Gronau** – Wendy – nothing new, going to have a meeting this fall to develop a plan for the project without using Fischer Scientific.
- **Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Gronau** – Wendy and James reported that the last meeting was in Salina and the next meeting is August 27 in Beloit. PHTLS is still on their agenda as a priority, lots of discussion. Rachele expects the council to be more active due to member changes.
- **BEMS Update – Beam / Gronau; others-** no additional report
- **MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam** – Dave – participated in the Vigilant Guard exercise. Have training in Garden City in September. Set up the footprint at Vigilant Guard. One of the Region 3 LARK's is now at Herington.
- **Regional Testing Update – Debasis** – no report. Some discussion about having other locations for testing. Eric will see if there is a way to do that under the current contract. Need better communication about test sites and the whole test process.
- **Website – Kemp** – No news, those needing the Region 4 Calendar instructions can get them from Pam. Please put your trainings and other events on the calendar. The possibility of doing a Facebook page for the region was discussed.

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Lincoln County – Wendy is trying to coordinate a training officer 1 class in January. Have a new CEO at the hospital that wants the hospital to be a level 4 trauma center so they will be doing the trauma team training.

KSBEMS – had a meeting with the new trauma personnel. There were some discussions with them about some areas of concern regarding patient care reports being received by them on patients that have been transferred to a CAH then to trauma centers.

Dickinson County – got new truck ordered that will arrive in spring of 2015. Waiting on budgets to be approved. New monitors and wi-fi in the trucks is in that budget. One employee leaving so have an opening.

Clay County – ordered new ambulance that should arrive about the end of the year. Hired one that will start soon. Two are back from medical leave so that should help overtime. Will do an EMR class in Miltonvale soon.

Ellsworth County – New medical director

Salina Fire / EMS – new ambulance ordered and will be here this fall. Two in FI and others starting paramedic school.

Concordia Fire /EMS – will hire one more new position after first of the year. One going into paramedic program. Updating protocols. Doing an AEMT transition.

Meeting locations- Marvin voiced concern that we have meetings scheduled in locations where the local services do not regularly attend meetings. Eric will talk to Belleville and make sure they want to do the meeting there. Add to the agenda next meeting to discuss how to increase participation and decide meeting locations for 2015.

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2014 Meeting Date

October 14, 2014 - Belleville

December 9, 2014 - Minneapolis