

## Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

**Region 4 EMS Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8 2017**  
**Republic County**

### Those attending included:

Dave Beam, DK CO EMS  
Kelly Hawk, MC CO EMS  
James Buller, Concordia Fire / EMS  
Rod Rees, EW CO EMS  
Marvin VanBlaricon, CY CO EMS  
Brian Sheets, RP CO EMS

Amy Mullis-Havel, RP CO EMS  
Blaine VanBlaricon, RP CO EMS  
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS  
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS  
James Reed, KS BEMS

### Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2017 minutes – MSA approve Coleman/Rees

### Treasurer Report – MSA approve Coleman/ VanMeter

### Old Business:

- Legislative Update – Marvin reported that the reimbursement change has been approved but we have to wait until KDHE develops a state plan and submits to CMS for approval. The EMS Interstate Compact is finished and the first meeting is in OK City in October.
- Edu Grants – MSA approve all listed 13 attendees for the KEMSA Conference out of KRAF Grant. Medical director update – 8 EMS directors 4 medical directors and one from KDHE were there. Discussed Medical Director Education and how best to provide opportunities for medical directors to keep them up to date on changing EMS field practice. The Medical Directors have started a Medical Director's Society within Kansas Medical Society. Marvin will check with Mary to see if she can create a secure portal within our website for the medical directors to use. Dave suggests that within the medical director society they build some way to communicate back and forth with EMS providers possibly having an EMS representative in their society. Service should communicate with their medical director, they were sent the meeting notes etc.
- KEMSIS training update – Dave reported that there hasn't really been any activity on the project of getting education and training on KEMSIS in our region, especially in the data mining and report generation.

### New Business:

- Updates from KS BEMS Meetings – James Reed and Dave Beam – James reported that during the Operations Committee there was discussion of credentialing non-transporting EMS providers. Many EMS providers indicate they are non-affiliated, but they are actually working in industry, first response groups, fire departments etc. James indicated that getting those people into a system working under approved medical protocols is a protection for those providers. BEMS will begin in September to ask those groups to report to BEMS how they are structured. There are 742 licenses in the state. Talked about an alternate method for medical oversight and consensus is there is not an alternative. The schedule for the state fair is nearly complete, Concordia will be there for the NC Region. EMS Volunteer recognition project is moving along. The plan is on the BEMS website. There was some discussion of information that is available on the public side of the BEMS website and what is on the portal. James handed out a graphic showing EMR recertification category requirements. The all levels of certification's graphics will be on the BEMS website. Dave encouraged all to review this with staff repeatedly to ensure they understand the importance of the requirements and required categories. There are also videos on the website that will explain the process for each level of certification. Other BEMS topics included the contract for the skills testing by Region II is set to expire next year in July and is required to go to RFP. The Board will pursue the BEMS taking that back over. Discussion on the history of skills testing and how it has evolved into the current system. The board is beginning to take a stance on the PSAP centers that are providing EMD will be required to have certification of dispatchers of some sort. AEMT level medication list is growing and

some concerns are beginning regarding the training and educational component on those medications being administered at the AEMT level. There is discussion regarding national standards that revise the scope of practice for AEMT. MAC is advising not to do anything in KS until the national scope of practice is redefined. BEMS was approved as a program provider so no longer will need to use local provider's PP when doing education.

### **Committee Reports**

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates – Giroux – no representative
- EMS-C Updates – Cleary – no representative – Dave reported that there is restructuring in her department and requested a point of contact for the region. Dave will act as that POC. She is working to get the EMS Survey completed 100% in Kansas. CY, Clyde, DK, Miltonvale, MC and SA Counties. Counties not listed should double check if they did it or no and let Dave know if you have problems with accessing it. It is important that all services complete this.
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam – no additional information
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – they did meet, but no representative present. Dave wants discussion in that group to include how that committee will be structured with the loss of TO's.
- Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – Marvin reported that the 2018 / 2019 project will be sustainment of the CO gas detectors to replace the ones that are expiring. It is suggested that local agencies put them in the police Explorers for a day or two to make sure they do not alert. Light towers will continue. The first 5 have arrived and been distributed. Also working a project to provide kits to provide tourniquets and hemorrhage control supplies to certified law enforcement officers.
- KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam – In the middle of a cycle and the grant isn't open yet. Probably will have a meeting in a couple of months for the next cycle.
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – Trauma council meets tomorrow. Nothing really has been happening since last meeting.
- MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam – met the 28<sup>th</sup> of July in Hutchinson. MERGe is opening up the application for team membership. Deadline is September 1. If any personnel are interested their application must be received in the Regional office before August 22, 2017 they will be forwarded to the board for approval prior to the deadline. MSA VanBlaricon / Coleman. Minimum of 5 years EMS experience; supervisory experience; ICS 400; on the roster of a licensed EMS provider; letter of endorsement from sponsoring department; disaster training and response experience. One application has been received from Greg Brockway prior long time paramedic with Salina FD and is now the EP Coordinator with Salina Regional Hospital.
- Regional Testing Update – Voss – September 9 in Concordia finishing up EMT class if any others will have students to test, contact Eric.
- Website – Kemp – let Pam know if there are changes that need to be made

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

Dickinson County EMS – nothing major to report. Fair is over.

Mitchell County EMS – have 6 new EMT students working through the grant obligation.

Numerous mechanical issues.

Concordia Fire / EMS – waiting for board approval on EMT class. EMT class finishing up.

Ellsworth County EMS – one finishing paramedic school this year and one going to next class.

Clay County EMS – finished up the fair. Response training in and stocked and ready to go. Open paramedic position. Ordering a new ambulance for 2019.

Republic County EMS – finished up EMT class in June. Did some hiring and have some wanting to do paramedic program. Got their remount back from Osage.

Miltonvale EMS – looking for EMT class to start in December.

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Minneapolis EMS – looking at new ambulance specs and building to unify all emergency services in Minneapolis.

Continuity of business planning

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1246 .

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Kemp, Regional Coordinator

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### **LOCATIONS FOR 2017 MEETINGS!**

- 10/10/17 - Beloit
- 12/12/17 - Concordia