

**Region 4 EMS Council
Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2016**

Those attending included:

Eric Voss, Concordia Fire/EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Rod Rees, Ellsworth Co EMS
Bret Kingon, Lincoln Co EMS
Blaine VanMeter, Republic Co EMS
David Holloway, Republic Co EMS
Patrick Eastes, Smith Co EMS

Brandon Cochran, Bennington Amb
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay Co EMS
John Hultgren, Dickinson Co EMS
Jason White, MARCER
Pam Kemp, Region IV

Call to order by Eric Voss at 0900 at the Concordia Fire Station.

Approval of Minutes of June, 2016 minutes – The June 2016 minutes were taken by Tracy on her work computer and as she is no longer employed there, the minutes are inaccessible.

Discussion of the proposed changes to the Educational process in Kansas EMS.

Concerns:

Marvin sees it as a loss of control by the service director and that BEMS is taking control. Blaine sees it as putting the attendant in full control of their certification and leaving the service out of it.

No real guidance on the remediation process is included in the proposal. Service directors want guidance on process.

What is the cost of the testing? What test question validation process will be used and who will pay for it?

Discussion of why there was only 3 weeks to discuss it and get back to board and group thinks it was just to spur the discussion process more than a “deadline” it is not expected that the board will make decisions in October.

Brandon has no problem with increase in hours or changes in categories. Concern is additional burden on volunteer attendants.

Positives:

Requiring skills validation.

As a region what do we want?

We want input from organizations that represent EMS in Kansas into whatever new process is developed.

Overall we support lowering hours in categories immediately.

Marvin VanBlaricon moved to inform the BEMS that “Region 4 endorses the current continuing education process with categories and core hours with the proposed reduction of hours at the EMT, EMT and AEMT levels.” Blain VanMeter seconded. Unanimously approved. Pam will send letterhead to Eric for the official notice to be sent.

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MARCER Update from Jason White – reminding folks of the Medicaid survey. PLEASE get that done. If services need more information please referenced the documents that Jason has sent out on the issue.

IT IS CRITICAL THAT SMALLER, VOLUNTEER SERVICES DO THIS!!!

It was determined that we do want to do an Educator workshop this year. Brandon would like to hold it in Bennington. Marvin will help him arrange the event.

Pam will contact Chad Pore regarding Image Trend training in the region.

Adjourn at 10:17

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Kemp

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LOCATIONS FOR 2016 MEETINGS!

- October 11, 2016 -- Miltonvale
- December 16, 2016 -- Belleville