

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Agenda
April 14, 2011
Ellsworth County EMS / Ellsworth Steak House**

Those Attending include:

Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS
Shannon Meier, Jewell County EMS
John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS

Shelly Maze, Ellsworth County EMS
Rob Pengra, Salina Fire / EMS
Gaye Wood, Ellsworth County EMS
Steve Sutton, KS BEMS

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Beam at Ellsworth County EMS facility at 1000.

Approval of Minutes of December 2010 meeting – MSA Gronau / Maze

Approval of Minutes of Special meeting March 2, 2001 - MSA Maze / Meier

Treasurer Report – As attached to minutes MSA Gronau / Maze

Ask BEMS for itemized accounting of the TTT Steve will talk to patty

Committee Reports

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS–** Beam - Data Collection education in Lincoln in May and in Topeka in May. Topics should be that the Image Trend folks will be there to help with the report writer features. Dave is hoping that after the trainings we will be able to garner better local reporting of statistics. At least Lincoln and Dickinson Counties in our region are participating as the pilot services for the Dynamic Run Form. We are unsure if other services in our region are in this pilot. Steve Sutton talked about parts of the program not providing the information the board expected to receive. Participants agreed that the report writer is a cumbersome process to evaluate local statistical data. John Hultgren reiterated to Steve the need for consistent User Group meetings. Those meetings should be at least quarterly. If the state is not willing or able to coordinate those, the services or regions can do it, it just needs to be done. Steve outlined the budgetary consideration of maintaining a data collection system. The suggestion was made to approach other state agencies that use the data to help fund and support it.
- **Educator Workgroup –**Gronau; Zadina Meeting canceled. At last BEMS meeting EDTF was tasked with deciding if EMR to EMT bridge is needed. Chad wants to resign as chair of the EDTF so a new chair may be coming, EDTF is still not using a toll free number for their meetings. Dave reported that the sub-group of educators met prior to the April meeting and found some common ground on the issues of educator development process. Jon Friesen and Ralph Claussen will integrate the common ground changes into the document and resubmit it to the EDTF to approve. If that happens it will come back to the regions. Timeline is to have recommendation to BEMS by November. Dave also suggests that the data collection be expanded to include education. Much discussion about the need to validate instructor quality. Wendy states that we have had problematic representation on the EDTF over the years and we need consistent representation on the EDTF. Wendy suggests that George Elliot or Shelly Maze be made the alternate EDTF representative. Lanny wants to remain on the EDTF, but it would be a good idea to have that alternate filled so that we have a presence on the EDTF when they meet. Consensus is that we should always have two educators signing in to the calls and representing the region. Those two should work to represent the regional perspective, not necessarily their local service perspective.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council –** Kemp; Hultgren Project updates were given to include:
 - Credentialing – Details of the credentialing project were reported.
 - Accountability project – all counties in the region will be part of this project at this point.

- Regional Appointments – The reappointment of the EMS positions on the RHS was discussed. There are some potential by-laws changes that will change how appointments are made. Table with decision to be made at the next meeting.
- 800 radio project – radios will be purchased soon for the remaining ambulances in the region.
- **ARC/KRAF grant** /– Beam reported that the final estimated expenditure list approved by BEMS at their last meeting. Letters have begun to be sent notifying services regarding their awards. The awards list is posted on the BEMS website that shows the prioritization of requests. Dave reported that there has been discussion in the committee of putting a cap on the amount approved for monitors due to the high cost of them. A lot of services have been requesting high priced monitors based on the potential of AEMT in their service. The committee decided only to approve if the service can actually demonstrate that the AEMT capability currently exists. Also had discussion about services requesting devices for educational purposes things like big screen TV's were low priority. If a service can truly justify the need for something it will be approved.

The group broke for lunch at 1155 and reconvened the meeting at 1255.

- **Regional Trauma Council** – Eastes – Not present. No report
- **KDHE / KRAF / KSBEMS grant updates** – Beam – included with other reports.
- **BEMS Update** –Sutton reported on EIG funding and possible changes in KRAF. Certain amount of funding has been dedicated to transition courses. EIG was considering not paying for attendant's transition unless they were affiliated with a licensed ambulance service. Service inspections have been ongoing and include educational and training program inspections. As a result 3 IC's are in investigations. Discussion of the new on line submission of quarterly program provider reports included a request to add the capability of printing the report from the website. It was also suggested that the recertification form for attendants go back to requiring the attendant to list all their CE courses with CIN etc. This should help with validation of the certification as well as many of the investigative issues that have been in committee regarding incorrect recertification requests. Discussion of how to ensure that all attendants are operating under medial protocol as required, FF first response groups are areas of concern. Both house and senate have approved adding back the Deputy Director position. The agency is reviewing possibilities that will work around issues if SB216 doesn't pass this session. The medication list has been approved for AEMT. Intubation remains outside of the authorized activities. Sanctioning guidelines are being considered that include application of consistent application of sanctions. Discussion of the Medical Advisory Council's role in BEMS decisions.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam Have a MERGe meeting next Friday.
 - **Training project with MERGe The training under our contract will be June 10 and June 11.** Dave reported that there was a misunderstanding when we had our special meeting when we reviewed the equipment mannequins pricing was actually \$50 each instead of \$50 per case. Dave is working with Chris to work out the needed equipment. Dave set the region up as a course provider on KS Train with Deb Nichols at KDHE who manages the system. Be sure to ask Dave or Pam if you need copies of the troubleshooting document if you are having registering on KS Train. **Please get your registration to KS Train by May 15 so we have time to validate the registrations and fill open slots if necessary.** There are some out of region personnel interesting in attending. Dave updated all on the agenda for the workshops as well as the MERGe equipment that is being purchased with the remaining grant funds. Some discussion of the next grant cycle and developing a plan prior to the next cycle so we aren't floundering about how to spend the funding.
 - Regional map books/ response books – Jessica and Sherry to meeting list battle book contents to the group.
- **Curricula Review Committee** - no work being done. This item will be taken off the agenda for future meetings unless they begin work.

- **Scope of Practice Transition Update** – Lincoln County is doing EMR and EMT, nobody else has started. Dickinson County will start in May. Ellsworth County is doing pre-study sessions prior to doing the classroom sessions.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Gronau / Kiser – Next test site in Salina at Brown Mackie is June 4, 2011. Register by May 4, 2011.
- **Website** – Beam – Dave had Mary submit a report for the February meeting and we'll forward that when Dave finds it!

Office Update – no additional updates.

Old Business:

Round Table Discussion - All

- **Lincoln County** – Transition Courses just purchased new ambulance last week. Wendy reported on Muddy Angels which is a bike ride that will be from Denver area to Colorado Springs June 24, 2011 for the EMS Memorial. They are still looking for support people. Contact Wendy if you need contact information. The EMS Memorial will be on June 25 in Colorado Springs this year Kansas has one person being memorialized. Wendy encourages everyone to attend to honor our peers if at all possible. June 14 and 15 is HCC field Ops day. Contact HCC for information.
- **Jewell County** – EMT class underway. Starting transition courses in May.
- **Dickinson County** – transitions classes in May and June. Kids camp June 14 and 15 again. EPC in May. Started EMTI class. KEMSA Adm. Management workshop finishing up. John going up for EMS Day on the Hill in Washington DC in May.
- **Ellsworth County** – is starting the bidding process on a new ambulance. Two EMT classes ending in May. Talked with Salina about having the hospitals do patient care reviews on calls as training for EMS agencies. Great Bend used to do this when they had a hospital and Shelly is interested in starting it at Salina Regional. Let Shelly know if your technicians would be interested in participating. Rob will help follow up with that
- **Salina Fire / EMS** – Greg sent a letter to services that if services were unable to staff transfers they would be willing to take transfers for them. Rob will speak with the hospital about some of the issues that were discussed with recent events on hospital to hospital transports. River festival going on same dates as the MERGe training with the region.
- Clay County EMS – no representative present
- Osborne County EMS– no representative present
- Mitchell County EMS– no representative present
- Concordia Fire EMS – no representative present
- Republic County EMS– no representative present
- Smith County EMS – no representative present
- Minneapolis EMS– no representative present
- Bennington EMS– no representative present
- Clifton EMS– no representative present
- Clyde EMS– no representative present
- Miltonvale EMS– no representative present

New Business:

- **Registering patients at receiving transfer facilities** – some services report being requested to register patients at Salina Regional. Dickinson County has talked to the registration staff at Salina Regional and all services were encouraged all not to do it. John has a face sheet that he will forward to all. The sending hospital should send the face sheet to the Salina hospital prior to the crews leaving their facility with the patient en-route to Salina. That fax will go directly to the registration desk at Salina.

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- Update of regional contact lists – Pam sent the request to all services to update their contact information at least 2 persons deep. Everyone is reminded to also be sure to submit their departmental changes to BEMS.

ADJOURNED at 1520 MSA Gronau / Hultgren

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2011 Meeting Schedule –

- June 14, 2011 Concordia EMS
- August 9, 2011 Jewel County EMS
- October 11, 2011 Lincoln County EMS
- December 13, 2011 Minneapolis EMS