

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2011
Buffalo Roam Steak House, Mankato KS
1000 hrs**

Those attending included:

Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
Shannon Meier, Jewell County EMS
Patrick Eastes, Smith County EMS
Rob Pengra, Salina Fire / EMS
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS
Calvin Schultz, Miltonvale EMS

James Buller, Concordia Fire / EMS
Lanny Zadina, Minneapolis EMS
Rod Rees, Ellsworth County EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS
Jessica Frye, Adjutant General's Department

Approval of Minutes of June 2011 meeting – MSA VanBlaricon / Hultgren

Treasurer Report - VanBlaricon/ Gronau MSA approve as presented. Review of bids for replacement computer MSA Gronau / Zadina to purchase new laptop up to \$1000 being frugal and using best pricing available.

Guest Presentation by Jessica Frye, Adjutant General's Department –KS MAP presentation that included detail of the widget features of the KSMAP tool and how it connects to the "Resource Manager Web" that is being developed. The Resource Manager Web will be rolled out to local Emergency Managers in late September and local resources will be added to the system after that. The resources will be typed and standardized resource definitions will be developed as part of the project. Some discussion of possibly printing map books through state GIS department. **A special meeting will be held to determine what kind of information we want to have available and any additional resources that EMS would benefit from having on the KSMAP. The special meeting will be held in Clay Center at the Emergency Services Academy building (703 Second Street in Clay Center) at 1000 on September 13.**

Old Business:

- Update of regional contact lists – has been sent to Mary to update the website. Please remember to send updates to Pam as changes occur in your department.
- Election update – Marvin and John will finish that up and get the names to Pam by this weekend and the ballots will be sent to the group before the 90 day deadline.

New Business:

Dave asked if there was any interest in having the Region 4 logo digitized and archived with rules for accessing it? Dave asked Rob to check into places in Salina that can do it and get bids. Marvin / Wendy MSA. Jessica also indicated that the state GIS department can change the format of an existing logo if that is needed.

Committee Reports – deferred unless specific business to report

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam - Met at Lincoln last week. Beneficial session. It was the training that was postponed from May to review the report writer features and Image Trend features to hopefully make it more functional for services.
- **Educator Workgroup** –Gronau; Zadina Very little activity other than some editing of the document has been done. Gronau reported that last EDTF meeting was solely to refine the educator document and it

has been provided to the BEMS education committee. BEMS directed staff to start working on legislative language for the update. The document will improve the process of how educators in Kansas are produced. A copy of the document is on the website. No additional EDTF meetings are on the schedule.

- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon; Hultgren - Projects for 09 and 10 are working. FY11 is in the planning stages. Requesting information from services regarding numbers of supervisor vehicles and what mass injury response trailer capabilities exist in the region as some projects are possibly expanding and may include additional equipment. Additional 800 radios for supervisor vehicles and “Charley Horse” patient movers are possible items that may be included. It will all depend on how the existing projects can be modified and approved.
- **ARC/KRAF grant** /– Beam - Dave reported that they will be meeting within the next month or so to review the last year’s process and develop the new process. One topic will be capping numbers on cardiac monitors due to the larger price tag on those items and the number of services requesting them. That should be the only major change.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Eastes - Still want to sponsor PHTLS classes and still trying to get instructors within the region. Salina hospital will be offering a course on concussion injuries and that information will be sent out soon to all hospitals. There will be limited seating and each hospital will have two seats to fill, so EMS will have to partner with hospitals to attend. This will be a TTT. The concussion guidelines will help locales develop community standards for sports participation etc. It may be a computer based assessment to establish a baseline as part of the athlete’s school physical. The tentative date for the TTT is September 15.
- **KDHE / KRAF / KSBEMS grant updates** - Beam - grants have already been discussed elsewhere in the agenda and there is no additional information on any of them.
- **BEMS Update** – Beam; Gronau; others - BEMS sent out a request for region leadership to sit down with Steve Sutton and that meeting was last week before BEMS meetings. This will happen several times a year to try to establish a better chain of communication in Kansas EMS. More discussion on the statewide data collection system. EIG has been cut a small amount. CPAP for EMT’s was discussed. The MAC advised that the EMT level be able to do CPAP, but currently they can’t do that due to regulations. Regulation rewrite is in process to allow EMT level to utilize CPAP. Several other scope of practice regulations were discussed during BEMS meetings. The BEMS legislative platform was discussed at the meeting. Topics to watch: community paramedics (EMS personnel providing public health type services); regionalization of services like specialties and education, medical control etc. New board members have been added to the board, but the names haven’t been released yet. Board member attendance will be tracked now. First Responder regulation is being developed. MAC is working on base level FR group protocols.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam - Had members that deployed to Joplin with mutual aid, not MERGe response. No other responses this year so far. Have had requests from region 5 to become more involved in MERGe and a couple of their personnel have applied for membership to MERGe. Will be doing a presentation at the KEMSA conference. Went to Kiowa to do a training and exercise similar to what was done for our region.
- **Curricula Review Committee** - drop from future agendas unless needed.
- **Scope of Practice Transition Update** - drop from future agendas unless needed.
- **Regional Testing Update** – Gronau / Kiser - Terry and Wendy have resigned as site coordinators and will not be the go to any more. Ed Debesis will be the new coordinator. There will be test sites in Beloit on a quarterly basis.
- **Website** – Beam no additional information

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Smith County EMS - the service is currently looking for someone to fill the roll of assistant director. In the process of updating monitors. All the 800 radios have been installed.

Jewell County EMS - no news been quiet

Salina Fire / EMS - October 11 meeting in Salina Rochelle Gereaux from trauma services Dr. Harrington would like to sit in on the round table discussion. Charlie Grimwald would also like to sit in on the discussions to hear the concerns of the regional EMS agencies. The hospital will provide the meeting room for the meeting. The 800 radios will all be installed soon. The training is scheduled. Will be doing triage tag Tuesdays and using the 800 radios.

Minneapolis EMS - still have personnel in paramedic class. No other news.

Clay County EMS - all 3 techs in class passed their EMTI tests. Two are finishing paramedic class. New protocols implemented.

Dickinson County EMS - not much going on. Calls are up. Fair is going on. John is now also the director of the health department and has moved Dave into the main building as day to day operations manager. Starting a new internet based EMS management tool called EMS toolkit. If it works well for them they will share the info with the regional partners.

Miltonvale EMS - working on a grant for the building and finally got it finished. Will have official ribbon cutting at the annual celebration on August 27. Life Star will be coming out to present some training. Have some new EMT's on the roster. 3 of their personnel are now TO-I certified.

Ellsworth County EMS - Rod Rees is the new EMS director since Shelly left. Some starting paramedic class in Salina.

Lincoln County EMS - not much going on. Took a break from transition classes over the summer and they will be starting back up this fall. Will be doing an EMT class soon.

Concordia Fire / EMS - new ambulance will be here the 26th and will have one to sell. Call them if you want information on it.

Final thoughts - tyvek suits for training; triage tags;

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2011 Meeting Schedule –

- October 11, 2011 Salina Fire / EMS
- December 13, 2011 Minneapolis EMS

2012 Meeting Schedule TBA!