

**Region 4 EMS Council  
Meeting Agenda  
December 14, 2010  
1000  
Smith County EMS Building**

**Present at Meeting:**

Pam Kemp  
Dave Beam  
Rob Pengra

Patrick Eastes  
Juanita Arnold  
Wendy Gronau

Angela Sjogren  
James Buller

The meeting was called to order at 1005 by President Dave Beam.

**Approval of Minutes of October 2010 meeting- Gronau / Sjogren MSA**

**Treasurer Report –**

Review of the TTT expense worksheet shows a loss of \$546.55. Two services – Lincoln County and Minneapolis EMS are requesting to add a person to each of their attendants that attended that will be paid by the KRAF grant. John Griffin for Minneapolis and Marvin VanBlaricon for Lincoln County. Beam / Gronau MSA to move Griffin and VanBlaricon to the grant.

A request was received from Washington City EMS for refund of TTT fees. Person was a no-show with no notification given of inability to attend. About a week later the service director contacted the office requesting refund. The director of that service was referred to the published cancellation policy and she sent a letter stating the hardship involved was that the person had to cover call. Beam / Buller MS to give a refund minus the expenses. Much discussion of giving 50% refund or refund balance after expenses and other options. Motion failed. Gronau/ Sjogren MSA Pay 50% of payment.

The financial report shows a balance of \$52,566.79 in checking which includes \$2717.54 KRAF Grant and \$14,524.85 Resource Typing grant. The Grant Savings account balance is \$39,972.14  
Gronau/ Arnold MSA approve financial report as presented.

**BoundTree –** President Beam asked to add a vendor presentation to the agenda. Tim Zeller and Kent Anselmi gave presentation on resuscitation. Talked about the “RescuPod”. Prehospital survival rates of CPR are less than 5% nation-wide. Hospital survival rate is only 17%. POD stands for perfusion on Demand and is for cardiac arrest only. Is not for use only with ET tube, but with all airway options. Contact Bound Tree Medical for more information. Information packets and contact information were provided to those in attendance.

**Committee Reports**

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam** – Dave reported that there has not been a recent meeting. The last meeting just reviewed the new dynamic run form. Can now keep your required run log within the Report Writer. The “Dynamic Run Form” it will probably be late spring before it is finally released. The image trend system will record mileage to the tenth of a mile as CMS will require after 1-1-11. There will also be report writing workshops across the state to help make the system more worthwhile for local services.
- **Educator Workgroup –Gronau; Zadina** – no meetings yet.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council – Kemp; Hultgren** – 800mhz project still on track. Need a recommendation as to where to put the extra radio. All licensed ambulances belonging to non-profit agencies will be supplied with the radios. An ordering error with the first round of radios

resulted in an extra radio being purchased. After discussion the group decided to put the radio in Clay County . Buller / Gronau MSA

- **ARC/KRAF grant /– Beam** – KRAF grant is open. January 2, 2011 is the deadline. Patti Artzer is the BEMS Staff member who actually does the work on the grant in the office. She came to the last meeting and Dave is hoping she will continue to come as she can answer questions.
- **Regional Trauma Council – Eastes** – RTC still trying to get instructors for all the various courses. Our region has concern that one instructor can not effectively run a class due to the amount of break out practices etc.
- **BEMS Update – Kemp; Gronau; others** – “Kansas EMS is in a mess right now” is about all one of the attendees can say. Other comments from the membership included: “they need to stop focusing on interventions and start focusing on patient outcomes.” “The BEMS decision is NOT based on what is best for the patient, but on protecting what is “ours”. “It seems as if the BEMS has slapped the new MAC in the face by disregarding their advice”. “The entire profession has been discredited by their decision.” After much discussion of the meeting and the issues, Wendy Gronau reported on the investigations committee meeting.
- **MERGe Update – Hultgren** - report given by Dave Beam. MERGe has not met since last meeting.
  - Gronau re: project with MERGe – will be having a table top in Lincoln on January 21 at 1000. Marvin is supposed to be coordinating it. Wendy does not know any objectives or any other information about the project.
- **Curricula Review Committee** – No report Shelly not here.
- **Scope of Practice Transition Update** – Wendy asked Carman for some clarification as to whether services could move forward with Scope of Transition training in February as originally planned instead of waiting until July. The answer was not clear. Nobody present could really answer the question. We are assuming that we can’t but we don’t know. One service will submit paperwork for approval and see what happens.
- **Regional Testing Update – Gronau**– December 18 and February 19 tests at Brown Mackie in Salina.
- **Website – Beam** – Dave reported that he hasn’t gotten the update from Mary (didn’t ask for it yet) have made some information updates etc.

### Office Update

- No additional report

### Old Business:

- **TTT wrap up**
  - Request for refund was processed above.
  - Additional request for grant funds also approved above.
  - The region has had a request to look at the necessary DuoDote trainers and needed supplies for transition courses. There was discussion about the region not being able to afford to purchase and replace training equipment for the scope of practice transition courses regionwide. All agree that it is not the role of the region to provide training equipment to local agencies. The president will address that issue with appropriate parties as the need arises.
- **Update on meeting with regional presidents on Educator Document** – met Wednesday before the last BEMS meeting for 4 hours. The group that met reviewed the comments they had received about concerns for the proposed educator documents. Dave will send a copy of the document for the minutes. There is some common ground, but the sides are still far apart. The

group will meet again before the February board meeting. The BEMS seems willing to consider the work of this committee.

- **MERGe service information – VanBlaricon** – Marvin was not present.
- **Round Table Discussion** –
  - Concordia – nothing
  - Republic County – nothing going on
  - Dickinson County – not much going on. Doing orientation on a new hire. Did their first EPC class for their staff. Wendy and Marvin helped with that class. Evaluations were good.
  - Lincoln County - Wendy reported she is using up vacation days before she loses them.
  - Osborne County – not much going on. Juanita reports discussions with hospital staff and with medical control regarding AEMT transition. They have two new physicians so are hoping there will be more interest.
  - Smith County – Patrick Eastes reported that they received their power cots. Are doing an EMT class. Asked if there was a TO class coming up. All agreed to let him know of one if we hear of one being scheduled. Have talked to the medical staff about the transition to AEMT.
  - Salina – Rob reported that Greg Brockway was named the new EMS chief. Just getting rolling with the new chief. George Elliott will be in charge of the transition within the department. Working with first responders in the area.
  - Clay County – Pam’s last day as EMS Director is 12-31-10. Patsy Charest, Assistant Director has been named as Interim Director effective 1-1-11. There are 4 applicants of which 3 meet published hiring criteria. Interviews will be done mid January. Pam’s office will move to the Emergency Services Building.

Some conversation about bulk purchasing but no decisions or action on the issue.

#### **New Business:**

- **Pediatric Symposium** – Beam – Dave reports he received an e-mail regarding host coordinators for an ITV training for the Pediatric Symposium March 3 & 4, 2011 taking place in Wichita. One of the sites will be in Salina. There is opportunity for additional sites to be added. Contact Dave if you are interested.

With no other business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Regional Coordinator

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#### **2011 Meeting Schedule –**

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| ○ February 8, 2011 Republic County EMS | ○ August 9, 2011 Jewel County EMS     |
| ○ April 12, 2011 Ellsworth County EMS  | ○ October 11, 2011 Lincoln County EMS |
| ○ June 14, 2011 Concordia EMS          | ○ December 13, 2011 Minneapolis EMS   |