

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2010
1000**

Host Agency: Dickinson County EMS

Attending:

Pam Kemp, Clay County EMS
Brandon Cochran, Bennington Ambulance/MC Co.EMS
Sarah House, EMSC
Lanny Zadina, Minneapolis EMS
Shannon Meier, Jewell County EMS
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS
Patrick Eastes, Smith County EMS
Jake Stein, Dickinson County EMS

Susan Warren, Dickinson County EMS
Jeanne' Schantz, Dickinson County EMS
Shally Maze, Ellsworth County EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
Marvin Van Blaricon, Salina Fire/EMS
Juanita Arnold, Osborne County EMS
John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS

Dave Beam called the meeting to order at 1005. First order of business was a tour of the new EMS facility by John Hultgren. Fantastic facility! Everyone is jealous!

Approval of Minutes of December meeting – Minutes of the December 2009 meeting in Beloit were approved. MSA – Gronau/VanBlaricon

Treasurer Report – Balance in the checking account as of this morning is \$41,019.90. In the Rural Health Options Grant Savings account the balance is \$38,867.87. Payment of \$655 for website development was paid from the grant savings account. Treasurer's report was approved. MSA – VanBlaricon/Maze. Discussion of the fact that BEMS has not forwarded the 2010 administrative grant funds yet. Pam will follow up with S. Sutton.

Committee Reports

- **Data Collection** – Beam – Hultgren gave the report. Phase 3 is beginning. He reports issues with hospital bridge and services are wondering what hospitals are using the hospital bridge. The information about the hospital bridge was sent to hospitals by KHA in September, but John checked with a few hospitals and found that those hospitals don't remember receiving it. John asked that Joe send the hospital info to him to distribute to local hospitals. John will forward the info to Pam who will send to the region group when it is received. The possibility of a User's Group was brought to Joe Moreland's attention and he sent out a survey asking participants what they wanted in the User's group. The thought is that the user's group can meet regularly (once or twice a year) to discuss problems; shortcuts etc. There is a national user's group that Joe is involved in that make suggestions for changes.
- **Educator Workgroup** –Gronau; VanBlaricon; Zadina – Marvin reports that the EDTF hasn't moved much lately. Wendy reported on regulation action which is all on the BEMS website. Also going on is the educator proposal which hasn't been action on it until the scope of practice issued is settled. There are apparently some issues with Region 1 not wanting to support the educator proposals. The IC survey that was sent to all regions only had 2 replies from Region 4. The survey was primarily about whether or not the IC would be willing to be a mentor in the new system. The only area of the state not covered by affirmative replies will be -
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – Kemp; Hultgren – Last meeting in Beloit in January. Work continues to try to match our priorities with the state strategies. The incident management system using FireTrax accountability and resource management program will be one of the programs. Talk about the region purchasing 800 radios for all licensed ambulances. Much discussion about whether or not we should do mobile or portable radios and why decisions have been made across the state. The issue of haz-mat equipment was discussed at length as well.

- **ARC/KRAF grant** /– Beam – Assistance review committee has received all the grant requests. Dave has had contact with them regarding keeping on track in light of Mr. Waller’s resignation and making sure that the grant process continues as scheduled. The meeting is scheduled later in February for 2 days in Salina to go through the grant applications received. Steve Sutton will be taking over the process; JR Behan and Joe Megredy are the board members who were volunteered to sit on that committee. Dave voiced concerns about continuity of the interoffice administrative process with Waller’s departure.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – VanBlaricon – met last month in Clay Center. Representatives from KDOT there to present info on a new program they are trying to get started state wide. NCRTC gave some funding. Safe Teen Driving is the focus. Goes into a school system and explores seat belt use by students in that district. They do surveys and try to encourage belt use through the curriculum. A couple areas in Region 4 will be starting this program next year. Call Marvin if interested and he will forward the contact info. Some discussion at RTC about grants for trauma education is still possible. Let Jeanette Shipley know if you have educational needs. Marvin reports that the RTC had concerns about EMS response times. Their concern is on the trauma patients with reporting actually when you are on scene vs. when you are at the patient’s side. There can be a significant delay between arrival on scene and when care actually starts. Emphasis should be made on local documentation to reflect delay caused by elevators, train across the tracks or other reason why there may have been a delay in reaching the patient. Current data being gathered shows potential problems in this area. Marvin was asked by RTC to bring the issue to the Region 4 group. Marvin was also notified that day that Kansas may be asked to pilot the new CDC trauma triage guidelines.
- **BEMS Update** – Kemp; Gronau – Discussion of the BEMS meetings last week. See the BEMS update that was sent out to the group the morning of the Region 4 meeting. Pay particular attention to the legislative issues that are pending. Mr. Waller resigned his position after the board went into executive session. It is reported that the board will develop criteria for the next administrator over the next few months. Steve Sutton will act as interim director until a new administrator is appointed.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren – John reports that radios have been received from RHS for MERGe members in our region. Last meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and rescheduled for later this week. All contractual agreements have been completed on our end.

Office Update

- **Grant status** – the only thing to report is that funding for FY2010 has not been received.

Old Business:

- **KDHE Pan Flu Grant** – equipment delivery update – Pam Kemp – still have a few counties to arrange delivery. Will try to take a load to the next RHS meeting for counties west of Beloit.
- **Vehicle Numbering Project** – Kemp – not received requests for payment. Several services indicated that they are working on the project and will be turning in funding requests.
- **By-Laws change discussion** – e-mailed to list. Committee Shelly, Lanny, Dave will meet to thoroughly review the by-laws within the next few weeks and will bring suggested changes to the next meeting. Dave will forward them to Pam to send out with the meeting materials. If anyone has suggested changes, please let Dave, Shelly or Lanny know.
- **Website proposal** – Dave Beam – Dave reports that the contract with Mary Napier was signed and the first payment of \$655 has been paid. The balance will be paid when the work is finished. Changes in her boiler plate contract were the issues that the board had talked about before. She will provide 12 hours per year update time under the contract without additional fee. She will report the time balance as requested by the region. Also added that all content; web domain etc are the property of the region if something happens and either party terminates the contract before its expiration. Dave gave her photo and logo ideas etc. Dave reviewed the draft copy of the website that we gave to Mary. User pages will have a calendar where local agencies can put in their events as well as a photo gallery that will allow each service to have their own “album” within the gallery.

- **Round Table Discussion –**
 - **Ellsworth County EMS** – expanded training room to fill the whole upstairs now. They got a grant from Home Depot for the project. Will be reducing the fleet by one truck. Instead of having a transporting unit in Holyrood, they will have a FR truck there. Have hired a billing person.
 - **Dickinson County EMS** – No new projects now that the station is completed!
 - **Smith County EMS** – not much going on except on going issues with the hospital.
 - **Lincoln County EMS** – doing first responder class with 4 students right now. Wendy thinks the 4 in class are outstanding students! Hospital is doing a major renovation in ER and there will be a new ambulance entrance.
 - **Jewell County EMS** – looking for a new ambulance no other news
 - **Minneapolis** – added a couple more staff and for the first time have someone in MICT training!
 - **Osborne County EMS** – just started FR class with 8-10 students. No other issues that she is aware of.
 - **Bennington EMS** – had investigation issues and is working a consent agreement with the board of EMS last week that will allow them to maintain their license. Have more folks in classes, so hopefully their staffing will be fixed. Bob Boss has resigned as director. Brenden is interim director
 - **Salina Fire** – Marvin reports a major incident with a CO poisoning to 7 personnel responding from his department to the call. He will be working on a “lessons learned” type of presentation that may help other departments. It took less than 4 minutes for the first personnel in the event to become overcome. In the process of getting 2 more new ambulances. Also doing a remodel of station 1. Will be sending 6 MICTs to critical care class.
 - **Clay County EMS** – in the hiring process to fill open positions. Continue to have issues getting transfers covered. Several other services in attendance also voiced similar problems. Not sure if the new truck will be affordable this year or not yet.
- **Transition TTT Course Update** – no more info available this month on this topic.
- **Spring Educator Workshop Report** – Wendy Gronau. The Spring Educator Workshop to be sponsored by Region 4 is scheduled for March 27, 2010, at Webster Conference Center in Salina. Moved to top of old business agenda due to Marvin needing to leave. Brandon Russell and Darrel Kohl will be doing the program for us. Marvin will take care of the contract with Webster; Wendy will call Brandon to make sure they are filing the Single Program Provider application for credit as an educator workshop. It still hasn't been determined if the fall TTT for the scope of practice changes will count as an educator workshop.

New Business:

- Training Officer Workshop possibility – discussion of the possibility of doing a TO-1 class to help refresh the pool of folks in rural services that need TO's to facilitate their recertification processes. Wendy suggests trying to do initial educator training on odd years and the renewal workshops on even years. The group voiced consensus to that idea.
- EMS-C – Sarah House – Rescue Buddy project. This is a stuffed doll that EMS can give to pediatric patients that has a little blanket and a sharpie marker that you can give to the child. They come 25 per case. Just send Sarah an e-mail and she will send a case to you. The only obligation is to send back the report form on a quarterly basis. Second item on her list is the pediatric symposium that is coming up in April in Wichita, Olathe and Hays. April 22, 23 and 24 will give a minimum of 9 hours CE. Lunch provided. Cost of \$25 per person. Registration deadline is April 15 through KS Train. National speaker in the morning with local speakers and panel in the afternoon. Third item is EPC courses – program is expanding well in the state. Getting ready to do a marathon class in Region 2 this summer. If interested in bringing EPC to your service, call Sarah. She is still working on developing the instructor pool on the program. She is covering the instructor fees through her funds. Dave reported that there is a class in Hutchinson March 17 and 18 if anyone is interested. Dickinson County will be having an instructor class after that. Minimum instructor activity requires two classes every 4 years. Sarah will double check that, but

she thinks that is correct. The cost for EPC is \$15 per student to NAEMT. A service or organization may have to pay instructor and equipment costs depending on local availability. Instructor materials are provided by EMS-C. The way the "hybrid" course is set up, the didactic portions of the EPC can be done on-line during duty time and the practical in the classroom during training time. Sarah would like to have an affiliate faculty member within each region. Let Sarah know if you are interested. The hybrid class is \$33 of that fee, \$25 goes to the webmaster and \$8 back to NAEMT. Discussion of how to expand the EPC education throughout Region 4 was discussed. Instructor qualifications were discussed. Sarah will send the qualifications to Pam and she will attach them to the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by Dave Beam at 2:10 PM. MSA - Maze/ Zadina.

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2010 meeting dates:

April 13	Concordia
June 8	Salina (Station 3)
August 10	Clay Center
October 12	Osborne
December 14	Smith Center