

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2011**

Those attending included:

Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS
Lanny Zadina, Minneapolis EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/ EMS
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS

Patrick Eastes, Smith County EMS
Lydia Adee, Miltonvale EMS
Jason White, Mid-America Regional Council
Pam Kemp, Region 4 Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by President Dave Beam at the Concordia Fire/EMS Station in Concordia, Kansas.

Approval of Minutes of April 2011 meeting – MSA Gronau / VanBlaricon

Treasurer Report – Pam asked the group for a decision on whether or not to formally move funding from the Administrative fund to cover the deficit in the 2010 KRAF fund that was created with the approval of the 2 late Scope of Practice TTT registration fees. Funds were moved back to 2010 from the 2011 KRAF due to the BEMS deducting those funds from 2011 instead of 2010. Consensus is to move money from administration to the 2010 KRAF MSA VanBlaricon/ Gronau to zero out the grant and cover the overage by moving \$377.71 from administrative funds to the 2010 KRAF fund.

Jason White – Guest Presentation – Mid America Regional Council in Kansas City Missouri – Jason explained a project going into effect in July in Missouri to increase the Medicaid to Kansas EMS providers. It is basically a provider tax that will allow more federal matching money to come into the state. Hospitals have been doing this (46 states use it) to augment their funding. In Kansas the law has had a hospital based FRA (Federal Reimbursement Allowance). Jason discussed the history of the project and how it will work. Several hand outs were presented to the group which will be scanned and sent to membership with these minutes. John Hultgren will be the Region 4 EMS representative to a work group that has been formed to explore this option in Kansas.

Old Business:

- **Update of regional contact lists** – the contact list was reviewed and updated by those present. Services were reminded to please send updates to Pam and she will make the changes as they occur. The list will be sent to the group through the year as needed.
- **Resource lists / Kansas Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System / KS MAP / GIS** Handouts were distributed and all were encouraged to read through them and be thinking of what other information we need to have in our resource books. We will potentially have special meeting in July.
- **KDHE / KSBEMS Grant and \$10,000 extra funding** – The training that happened at Crisis City last weekend was reviewed and the evaluation results were discussed. The majority of the evaluations request more training and better planning at their local level and at the regional level as well as resource lists to be developed and distributed. If a service did not have representation at the training and would like a copy of the disc, please let Pam know and she will send you a copy of the disc. Pam will contact the counties that did not attend and ask if there is a scheduling process that would be more beneficial to them. There will be another \$10,000 coming for preparedness funds, everyone was asked for suggestions on what to do with that funding. Equipment discussions were held as to what the funding might be used to purchase. Charlie Horses/ Broslow Kit / other ideas?
- **RHS appointment** – the RHS hasn't changed by-laws yet that will probably occur in July. Dave Beam indicated that Pam no longer fits the criteria for the position so it should be reappointed. Wendy Gronau nominated Dave Beam who declined, Wendy Gronau also declined. Dave Beam suggested Marvin

VanBlaricon be the representative Wendy nominated Marvin / Patrick Eastes seconded MSA. Much discussion about the 800 radio project.

New Business:

- **Open officer positions due to resignations:** Vice-President; Secretary/Treasurer – Shelly Maze has moved to Hoisington to accept the EMS Director position so has resigned her Secretary / Treasurer position. Ed Debesis has also resigned due to staffing issues at his service. Appointment of Wendy Gronau as Vice President was made by MSA VanBlaricon/Zadina. MSA VanBlaricon/Gronau to appoint Lanny Zadina to fill the open Secretary / Treasurer position.
- **August Meeting Election of Officers** – VanBlaricon / Gronau MSA to move the general annual meeting and elections to the October 2011 meeting at Salina Regional Hospital. Beam appointed VanBlaricon and Hultgren to the Nominations Committee to develop a slate of individuals willing to run for office to submit to membership at least 90 days prior to that October meeting. Exploration of a by-laws change to re-establish the officer rotation in the by-laws will also be done.
- **Translation Charts** – Wendy Gronau presented translation charts to use during emergency calls with non-English speaking patients. The items cost about \$5 each. Wendy distributed the vendor's contact information for those who were interested in receiving it.

Committee Reports –

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – the Image Trend classes were cancelled because of personal reasons with instructors. The classes will be rescheduled but no dates are yet available. John Hultgren suggested we contact Steve to determine if someone else could coordinate the classes to get them moving.
- **Educator Workgroup** –Gronau; Zadina EDTF will meet Thursday to discuss the educator proposal and to determine if we want the state to offer EMR to EMT transition courses. Wendy expects discussion of the potential of Paramedic transition to the national registry standard as well.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – Kemp; Hultgren – remaining EMS radios are ordered and will be distributed as soon as they are received. Hultgren will do delivery or make arrangements.
- **ARC/KRAF grant** /– Beam – no report. Some discussion was held regarding the number of people requesting monitors and how quickly that depletes the funding. Watch for changes in that.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Eastes – general meeting was held in May and there were some interesting case studies presented to the group with the patient there at the meeting. It stressed the importance of re-triaging and reassessing patients. Funded some PHTLS and ATLS classes. Also discussion of the level 4 criteria for hospitals. Region 6 participated with CDC in a pilot project on field triage. CDC is evaluating the data. Also some discussion of by-pass protocols being explored.
- **KDHE / KRAF / KSBEMS grant updates** – Beam
- **BEMS Update** – Beam; Gronau; others – working on a Medical Director survey to determine a better picture of what is going on in Kansas EMS two surveys will go to EMS Director and medical director on survey monkey. The results will be available to Kansas EMS. Possibly leading toward regional medical director positions. Also discussed was the state-wide medical protocol issue. Stay alert to this issue as it progresses. The board voted to allow the switch to national registry check sheets for EMR and EMT starting to July 1. Concern was voiced because IC's have not yet received this information. Did a study on why people choose not to renew their certifications the results are on the BEMS website. Discussed service inspections and the education records being inspected. Two new positions have been added to the BEMS for physicians.
- **MERGE Update** – Hultgren / Beam – quite a bit of activity going on with MERGe. Some of the SE Kansas personnel deployed to Joplin as mutual aid from their counties and reported back quite a bit of information to the rest of the team for educational purposes. The NE region is in discussion with MERGe about expanding the contract to that region. Some team members worked at the HCC event. Tomorrow several members will be going to the field ops 2 day event.
- **Curricula Review Committee** – Maze – will need to be reappointed. Remove from agenda as this committee has not done anything
- **Scope of Practice Transition Update** – Pam will send an e-mail to the group mail list to ask if they want their scope of practice classes posted on the website and will forward those to Mary if they are received

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- **Regional Testing Update** – Gronau / Kiser – next test site is August 27th at Brown Mackie in Salina. Contact Region 2 (www.skems.com) for information.
- **Website** – Beam added pictures of the MERGe team meeting in Lincoln and will post photos of the last workshop from last weekend. Please remember to send service updates as personnel changes.

Round Table Discussion –

Dickinson County EMS– busy doing transition for paid personnel in two groups, then will do first responders. Completed EMTI class that tested in Salina and all passed. Doing kids camp today and tomorrow Camp 911 have 53 kids signed up this year. EPC class completed.

Miltonvale EMS – just finished EMT class with new people added to the service and doing orientations. Looking at how to do the transition courses will likely partner with other services

Smith County EMS – just started transition courses. Having local radio system discussions to decide how to operate in the county.

Minneapolis EMS – reported that they are working on transition courses. Completed their hiring. One attendant is in paramedic class. Having technicians do a start triage with every patient just to keep people familiar with the process.

Lincoln County EMS – very busy and staffing issues around harvest and summer activities. Right in the middle of the transition courses. Have been working monthly to work through it. No issues have come up with the transition process. They are not doing any education through the summer. Will pick back up in the fall.

Clay County EMS – finished draft review of protocols to go to med society for review. Going to move away from Image Trend. Will start AEMT transition in September. Hiring another full time employee and some prn. Two out on surgery leave. Doing check offs on new people and equipment.

Meeting adjourned MSA VanBlaricon/ Zadina at 2:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Regional Coordinator

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2011 Meeting Schedule –

- **August 9, 2011 Jewel County EMS**
- October 11, 2011 Salina Fire / EMS
- December 13, 2011 Minneapolis EMS