

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010
Crisis City Training Facility**

Attendees:

Shannon Meier, Jewell County EMS
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS
Pam Kemp, Clay County EMS
Shelly Maze, Ellsworth County EMS
Gaye Woods, Ellsworth County EMS
Rob Pengra, Salina Fire

Marvin VanBlaricon, Salina Fire
Greg Brockway, Salina Fire
Wendy Gronau, Lincoln County EMS
Juanita Arnold, Osborne County EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire
Angela Sjogren, Republic County EMS

The June 9, 2010 Region 4 EMS meeting was called to order at 1000 by Dave Beam, President. The meeting took place at Crisis City.

Approval of Minutes of April 2010 meeting Gronau/Maze MSA

Treasurer Report – Checking balance \$43,397.90. Savings balance (KRHOP grant) \$39,769.16. Still have not received second half funding. Pam checked with Steve but hasn't received an answer yet. She will check again. VanBlaricon/Gronau MSA approve treasurer report.

Marvin introduced 2 personnel from Salina Fire who will fill his vacancy on region 4 from Saline County. Rob Pengra and Greg Brockway.

Committee Reports

- **Data Collection** – Beam – user's group meeting July 13 1-4 in Topeka room 106 at LSOB. Wendy will host the webinar. Salina will also host a site. It can be accessed by any user at their own location if they don't want to travel. Pam will forward information when it is received. Dave gave detail of the intent of the user group being to help users network and learn through best practices how to use all the features. The hospital bridge is now including Memorial Hospital in Abilene, Dave is working with Herington Hospital. Salina Regional is also interested but are not yet up and running on the Hospital Bridge. Beloit hospital may also be using it. Discussion was held regarding how useful the data could be if we could have access to regional data; types of calls etc. It could help in developing education programs and also potential grant funding.
- **Educator Workgroup** –Gronau; VanBlaricon; Zadina – Much discussion was held regarding the BEMS decision not to give conceptual approval to the EDTF's work. Discussion was held as to whether or not the EDTF would even continue work after that denial. Some EDTF members indicated that they would not continue the work. Lots of discussion of why this happened and what the effect may be. Dave asks if it is worth trying to get people back to the table on this? Would it work to get the regions together again to discuss how to try to fix it. Dave volunteered to contact the other regional presidents to see if there is a way to resuscitate the project. **All should review the documents and make written lists of what they like and what they have concerns** about. Big question that generated much discussion is why is Shelly producing better students than Wendy just because Shelly is teaching for a college? That is the perception of many rural educators regarding the EDTF proposal. Have been working on education regulations and the public hearing is delayed until August 4. All those are listed on the BEMS website.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – Kemp; Hultgren – update on the projects radios; imt;etc was given. The accountability project is moving along quickly. 800 radios for all ambulances has been approved and will happen in a 2 or 3 phase project based on funding availability. All are encouraged to attend the RHS meetings if they have questions or concerns about how the process works or what projects are being done.
- **ARC/KRAF grant** /- Beam – out of the committee's hands. The first round of funding is taking place according to Steve Sutton. Dave is unsure who is in "round one" as the committee did not break the distribution into rounds. Traffic fines went up so the funding will increase, but the

BEMS will also have to start paying the administrative fee, it "will be a wash". The EIG funding will have a decrease starting in July. Will meet in August and applications will probably go out in October if it follows past scheduling.

- **Regional Trauma Council** – VanBlaricon – General meeting was May 26 and Marvin resigned and Patrick Eastes was elected to replace him. Don Lieb is the other EMS representative. Discussion of the new triage guidelines. Labette county is doing a pilot program using the new guidelines. Marvin also has sat on the Regional Hospital Association meeting and they have purchased the porta test device for fit testing N-95 masks. There will be two in the region, one in Beloit and one in Salina and they will be available to other areas to do testing also. There should be no charge for that. Fire departments will have to purchase the adapter to do SCBA fit testing if they want to use it. Update on Salina's Level III designation, activation will be August 1. Michelle Giroux will be the trauma coordinator, Dr. Neff will be the trauma director and they will be hiring another trauma surgeon also. They now have a designated trauma room. They will begin their PR tour of area hospitals and EMS departments to discuss their capabilities soon. KDHE wanted trauma data regarding response times and there was confusion about . They may end up putting another committee together to figure out how to address the issues. Discussion of the EMD issue and that it should be mandatory. There is a patient tracking project going on and Angela will be on that committee. There is funding available for PHTLS info is on the trauma web site. Issue of PHTLS availability etc. and the discussion at the ACT meeting regarding the suggestion that PHTLS certification should be mandatory.
- **BEMS Update** – Kemp; Gronau; Beam. Pam sent the meeting notes out last night. Most items have already been discussed. Wendy added the fact that we have a new board member. Ken Keller has been appointed to the BEMS.
- **MERGe Update** – Beam – met on May 13 and are in the process of SOG updates and planning management of symphony on the prairie. Also may help HCC with their field ops program. There will be a 2 day training session this fall that may require some hotel stays. That will be brought to the council for approval when it is planned and costs are known. Crisis City drill is July 13 and they will likely be participating in that also. This will be a functional exercise done in real time. May be calling area services to respond. Part of the exercise will be to test the patient tracking system. Salina fire will have two units on site, but military will be taking care of on site medical including transport. All radios are issued and see to work well.
- **Curricula Review Committee** – Shelly and John are on the committee. Shelly was unable to attend, but did talk to some of the participants. Working to do instructor guidelines for the curriculum for the scope changes. Still unsure if there will be an actual curriculum or just instructor guidelines. Discussion on the issue included how the fix for the EMTD to AEMT would be accomplished and how instructors will deal with a mix of EMTD and EMTI in the same classroom. A lot of discussion as to how the transition is going to affect services in our region.

Office Update

- Grant status was covered in treasurer's report
- By-laws signatures were obtained on the new revisions.

Old Business:

- **Vehicle Numbering Project** – Kemp- It looks like all county are done. Please get bills to Pam by June 30 if you want the region to pay the cost.
- **Website Update** – Dave Beam – Dave passed out directions to add to the calendar on the website. **Service directors can enter their own information onto the calendar. The service director needs to send photos and other updates to Dave dbeam@dkcoks.org** Dave also distributed a document from Mary that shows the webpage use. This will be available at every meeting. The project was budgeted for a technical assistance page that we did not do. We did not get charged for that, but we still have that option if we decide we want to have that page.
- **Round Table Discussion** – All
 - **Lincoln-** yesterday had the CEEP class in Lincoln for critical employee preparedness program. It was good information to prepare employee's families know how they would

be cared for if disaster strikes. Focus was on taking care of those families so employees stay on the job and work after the disasters.

- o **Jewell County** took delivery on new unit in May. No other news.
- o **Clay County** applied for AFG for ambulance. Waiting to see. Staff musical chairs, but full staff on board.
- o **Dickinson County** not much going on because John is on vacation! Dave says the annual Camp 911 is next week for 6th graders. Still at full staff
- o **Ellsworth County** having some protocol issues with medical directors. Possibly will be introducing EMT class in the high school in both Ellsworth and Claflin. Got training room almost finished.
- o **Osborne County** Juanita wondered who gave the transition presentation to KAC because their commissioners attended and received misinformation. They were told that they will be required to hire full time staff and the commissioners are very upset by it.
- o Concordia looking at getting radios.
- o Mitchell County Cawker City facility is underway.
- o Republic County Don Lieb appointed to chair of RTC.

- **Transition TTT Course Update** – The Transition Project Train the Trainer workshop for Region 4 will be October 23 and 24. Pam will find a facility and send registration information as soon as all the final details are available. We will also submit it to BEMS for educator approval and see what happens. We still do not know what the cost will be. It may be as much as \$400 per person based on the size of the documents. **Services should let Pam know how many they will send. Decisions will be made at the next meeting about how many per service we may be able to fund out of KRAF grant funding.**

New Business:

- Webinars – Pam presented the most recent webinar registration information from PWW law firm and was instructed to make the arrangements for the webinars.
- **Stemi Summit Update** – Dave provided information on the Stemi Summit that was held in Hutchinson. There is a push to decrease door to balloon time on Stemi patients to <90 minutes. The summit was to discuss the challenges in rural Kansas and how to decrease the times. Dr. Holmes, DK Co. EMS would like to develop a list of stakeholders to discuss the issues of moving the patient to the appropriate facilities quickly. Looking at strategies for getting 12 leads on all ambulances and developing by-pass protocols for Stemi patients. Dave will work with Dr. Holmes to get the project started.
- **Region II testing requirements** – Region 2 won the testing RFP for 4 test sites in each region. Region 2 asked Wendy Gronau and Terry Kiser to be the site coordinators for Region 4 to find the dates and locations. It will be \$100 per student to test. The entity that provides the equipment will be paid \$3.50 per student for equipment by Region 2. Right now looks like September 11 in Salina or Lincoln for first test site. Wendy requests that instructors let her or Terry know where they would like to see test sites in our region and other ideas to make this work. The contract with Region 2 starts July 1.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM

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Remaining 2010 meeting dates:

August 17 Clay Center – Emergency Services Academy Building (703 2nd Street in Clay Center) at 10:00 AM

October 12 Osborne

December 14 Smith Center