

**Region 4 EMS  
Special Meeting  
March 2, 2011**

**Clay County Emergency Services Academy**

**Attending:**

Pam Kemp, Region 4 EMS

Michelle Maze, Ellsworth County EMS

John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS

Marvin Van Blaricon, Clay County EMS

James Buller, Concordia Fire Department

Rob Pengra, Salina Fire / EMS

Shannon Meier, Jewell County EMS

Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Beam at 1:15PM at the Emergency Services Academy in Clay Center. Dave thanked everyone for attending with such short notice.

The meeting was called to discuss the KDHE preparedness grant. This is the second year of the 3 year funding, but nobody on the KRAF grant committee knew that until 2 weeks ago. The grant is for \$12,000 for preparedness or for preparedness training. KDHE did not want it to go toward the KRAF grants as it had been done last year. There was a meeting with the state and regions on a Friday by teleconference then the region chairs had to call Steve back by Monday with a decision what they wanted to do. Some of the ideas discussed during the conference call involved:

- Transition module that deals with Marc I kit
- All training has to go through KS Train so KDHE can document all students trained.
- Buying Garmins
- Tabletop drills with MERGe

Dave received the contract and the deadline for submitting a plan for use of the grants is March 31. The spending has to be completed by June 30 and all receipts submitted for funding by that date. Dave is suggesting a 2 day event with MERGe as our project. Day one will be directed to service leadership regarding plan development and other administrative functions a service director may have in planning and preparing the service for disaster response. Day 2 will be for the street level personnel with education and exercise dealing with the medical unit and how will it work during a disaster.

Dave presented a proposal from MERGe for doing the course. He said MERGe will be responsible for all course logistics except setting up the KS Train account. Possible dates at Crisis City will be Friday June 10 and Saturday and June 11 or June 17 & 18 (Fri. and Saturday)

Marvin VanBlaricon made the motion to accept the MERGe proposal for the June 10 and 11 at the stated price with the event to occur in Crisis City. Shelly Maze seconded the motion. Discussion included question as to why this grant contract was not presented to us sooner. MSA

Additional decisions that need to be made are: limit of 25 students per day. Discussion of whether to allow out of region service directors to fill unfilled seats. Discussion included the possibility of allowing more students per service. The decision was made to allow 2 per service with reply back from service director. If we do not meet the enrollment number we will revisit how to fill the remaining seats.

Another idea for the remainder of the funds is to cover hotel costs for those traveling further than 50 miles to the course.

Equipment needed for the course includes inflatable mannequins. It was MSA VanBlaricon / Meyer to buy up to 3 sets of the needed mannequins.

Support for merge team members was discussed as a way to spend down the grant; radios and batteries are new. Dave thought perhaps an inverter for each go bag would be beneficial. Other ideas: triage tags; DuoDote training kits; trailers; merge equipment. Dave will gather information on the equipment ideas discussed and once the determination of actual cost of exercise and hotel, Dave and executive board will be authorized to make the final determination of how to spend down the balance of the funding. MSA VanBlaricon / Maze.

MSA VanBlaricon / Hultgren region purchase 4 inverters for the region MERGE members not to exceed \$500 total expense.

Dave asks all to think about how to spend down next year's funding so we aren't faced with the same last minute chaos.

MSA Maze / Pengra to adjourn at 2:30pm