

## Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

**Region 4 EMS Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2018  
Fire Station #1  
222 W. Elm  
Salina, KS**

### Those attending included:

Dwayne Yeager, Salina Fire EMS  
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire EMS  
John Hultgren, Dickinson County EMS  
Dave Beam, Dickinson County EMS  
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS  
Marvin VanBlaricon, Clay County EMS  
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS  
Rod Reese, Ellsworth County EMS  
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS

Jeff Beikman, Republic County EMS  
Joe House, KS BEMS  
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS  
Alex Snyder, Smith County EMS  
Patrick Eastes, Smith County EMS  
J. Missy McGinnis, Mitchell County EMS  
Eric Hamel, Mitchell County EMS  
Jeremiah Brown Ellsworth County EMS

### Meeting called to order by Dave Beam at 1000.

### Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2018 meeting – MSA approve VanBlaricon/Jeff

**Treasurer Report – false debit on bank statement-** a debit on the bank statement shows \$352.11 to JJ Keller & Associates on 9-7-2018. We did not make a purchase from them at any time. Pam contacted the bank then contacted JJ Keller who could not find an invoice that matches the regional address or name. The bank filed a “charge back request” and started an investigation. On 10-12-18 the bank issued a provisional credit of that amount pending final resolution of the issue which could take up to 90 days. The bank cancelled the debit card and will re-issue a new card. MSA Coleman/VanBlaricon approve financial report.

### Old Business:

- Legislative Update – Joe reported that the Medicaid reimbursement to services should be increased and services will see that soon. There will be four items explored: background checks required fingerprint based on new hires; inactive status will be pursued; clean up language that is outlined in the committee package removing TO, EMT-I, FR language etc. clarifying medical director roles to possibly include competency assurance; pursue increase percentage disbursed into KRAF grant by 7/10%.
- **Edu Grant application status / approvals.** Pam reported on status of those attending KEMSA in August and presented 3 applications for the Core Competency conference happening in November in Manhattan. James/Kathy to approve grant requests for KEMSA Core Competency.

### New Business:

- **EMS Educational Opportunities** - Dave opened discussion of potential educational projects the region might provide. NAEMT Course Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership Course. It is a two day course. MSA James Buller/ Kathy Coleman to explore the option of doing that class in

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the region in January or February. John Hultgren and Marvin VanBlaricon will check to find the details of that for the next meeting.

- Dave also suggested the class from EMS-C on safe pediatric transport. We will check with Tracy at EMS-C for information on that class.
- **Updates from KS BEMS Meetings** – Planning and Ops discussed non-transporting agencies again and will be moving forward. Discussion of having services make a declaration of the services they provide. Medication list discussion regarding AEMT, EMR, and EMT is in committee. AEMT discussion will be suspended until the committee review is completed. The committee is being formed, contact Joe if you are interested in serving on that committee. Executive committee discussed legislative issue, interstate compact is progressing, grant discussion included making KRAF/EIG grants available only to not for profit services. More discussion will have to happen. The Education committee was a short meeting, they discussed some regulation updates that are in public comment. The public hearing is in December. Also some discussion of EMS standards which are based on National Standards that were never intended to be adopted as rule. Investigations committee spent time discussion a problem area that numerous state and federal agencies are involved in. The hospital in Ft. Scott is closing and they are a hospital based service that will be able to operate under that arrangement until the end of March unless other local arrangements can be made sooner. Rumors across the state say that several other Critical Access hospitals are likely to close soon as well.
- **Discuss vendor presentation at meetings** – vendors continue to ask to come to a meeting and present their sales pitch. Dave has traditionally told the vendors he would bring the request to the council for approval before scheduling. Concordia is using Hand Tevy which is an app subscription. That vendor want to come present a presentation or webinar at the next meeting. Consensus is not to change the way we are doing it. Vendors have access to service contact info and they can make those contact themselves without interrupting our meeting time.
- **Life Save/ Life Team presentation to local hospitals** – Life Team has presented to Kansas hospitals to provide transport for inter facility transports. The hospital can use an App to request transport by answering a series of questions that will triage what level of service is needed to transport the patient. Life Team will then make transport arrangements for the transfer based on capabilities of services in the system. There are some local service concerns about budget impact, how services will be selected and how it will impact local operations. The transport service is planning to add additional air and ground units in the western part of the state. The local concerns include the lack of communication between this company and the local community ambulance service systems in place and the mentioned budgetary impacts.
- **2019 Meeting locations** – the meeting locations for 2019 are listed at the end of the minutes and will be added to the website..

### Committee Reports

- **Salina Regional Health Center** Updates (as needed) – Giroux – no report
- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** – Hultgren – The state has contracted with a fiscal agent for several of the regions including the North Central. The next meeting is November 16 at the Saline County Health Department. They encourage EMS personnel to attend but have had low attendance from EMS personnel. Go on KS Train #1079808 to enroll for the meeting.
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – Tracy's report was e-mailed to the Region IV contact list earlier this week. Dave distributed some educational information she had provided.

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- **Data Collection** / KEMSIS– Beam – not much activity. Joe reports BEMS is working on the quality side of the system. The Field Elite is very expensive and as of now, has not received support from legislators for the addition.
- **EDTF** – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – chair wasn't at the BEMS meeting so no official report was given. Duane Yager reported that he sat through the last meeting and had conversation with members after that meeting and is still unsure of what the committee is doing.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – Coleman / Hultgren – finishing up grant on FY16. Discussion on the need to reply back to the inventory. Also discussion of doing maintenance on the CO Monitors. Representatives will discuss it at the next RHS meeting to see how that can be done.
- **KRAF grant** – Coleman / Beam – Kathy reported that the committee met to discuss changes for the next cycle. There may be some new questions to further clarify detail of the application. Match for the auto pulse and monitors is 25% and grant will open in December.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – met Oct 9 in Wichita they are also having fiscal agent issues. KDHE staff that works in trauma has changed again so there is a transition process as new staff comes on board. James reported problems with getting bills paid and hoping that they will have that problem solved with a new
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – Brandon Beck is new commander, John Hultgren is assistant.
- **Website** – Kemp – send Pam links to your service's social media accounts and they will be added to the website if you wish.

### Round Table Discussion – All (*as time allows*)

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**Republic County** – looking for help. Doing an EMT class. Just received a Dane Hanson grant to purchase a second auto load and another Zoll with the \$61,000 grant.

**Miltonvale EMS** – Kathy reported it is pretty quiet right now. Did put into place another process of vetting those interested in taking classes

**Clay County EMS** – EMT class in process. New ambulance is on line. Marvin is retiring in February.

**Ellsworth County EMS** – students finishing paramedic and AEMT training. New director.

**Mitchell County EMS** – a new ambulance in service. A new paramedic finishing up class

**Concordia Fire/EMS** – new ambulance to replace a vehicle failure.

**Smith County EMS** – have one student in paramedic class. New hospital is up and running.

**Minneapolis EMS** – paramedic students soon graduating. Still waiting to move into new facility.

**Salina Fire/EMS** – paramedic students wrapping up training. New ambulance moving along in build process. Also doing a remount. Hired 3 new employees that are just starting. Have a new supervisor vehicle.

**Dickinson County EMS** – a couple of EMT's in paramedic training. Doing a truck remount at the end of the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kemp, Regional Coordinator

### LOCATIONS FOR 2018 MEETINGS!

- December 11, 2018 – Miltonvale

- October 8, 2019 - Minneapolis

- December 10, 2019 - Ellsworth

### LOCATIONS FOR 2019 MEETINGS

- February 12, 2019 - Clay Center
- April 9, 2019 – Smith Center
- June 11, 2019 - Concordia
- August 13, 2019 – Belleville