

## Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

### Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019

Smith County Hospital  
Smith Center, KS

#### Those attending include:

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Dave Beam, President.

**Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2019 meeting – MSA Buller/Eastes.**

**Treasurer Report: MSA EW/Eastes**

#### Old Business:

- Legislative Update – Joe House, BEMS reported Legislators on break. The EMS clean-up bill was pulled from the calendar on the house floor. Joe was told it should come back in conference committee. HB2366 presented by legislative policy group would have ended up with a driver and a provider only on non-emergent transfers. The bill is still alive through the end of next May, but probably won't go anywhere. No other legislative activity that really affects EMS. Medicaid expansion is still alive but isn't being discussed much in the Senate. The 911 extra fee is in conference committee and should be moved along as soon as the dollar amount is decided.
- Edu Grant application status / approvals James/Dave – The actual KEMSA conference is coming up. To clarify, Region IV approves the KEMSA member rate (\$160) not including the banquet or pre-cons. Pre-Conference courses vary from \$25 to \$75. We will also cover the pre-con fees for those registered. No banquet fees will be covered.
- Pediatric Transport Classes – Tracy Cleary presented the report on attendance. There is a possibility of two instructors in our region which would increase our chances of doing evening or weekend classes. Discussion of the need for EMS providers to take the CPST training.
- Website report - The report from Kathy Coleman on website analytics for 2018 was reviewed. MSA Dave/Ellsworth. Kathy work with Mary to revise the webpage and explore the options of building a coordinating Facebook page or group for the region. Kathy will get ideas for the June meeting.

#### New Business:

- Updates from KS BEMS Meetings – KEMSA has been posting a live feed of the meetings. There have been some audio issues, but the bugs are being worked out on that. The board packet is also posted on the BEMS website.
  - Planning and operations committee – KEMSIS update. There will be a user group meeting May 21 in Salina and BEMS will be sending out info on that. Image Trend is slowing down but work is being done to move to a new server that will speed things up. Exports aren't happening reliably, but imports are working without problems. There will be an RFP released to update the data collection system. If more than one vendor bids on the project, Joe will form a committee to review it.
  - Service Inspections – BEMS Staff provided a year-end report
  - Inter-facility transfer staffing issue in rural areas. The proposal was made to utilize the current variance process to allow a service to transport hospital to hospital EMT level care with just one provider and one driver. It would require a public hearing where the applicant would have to justify the variance, will have to sponsor at least one EMR or EMT class per year and develop a staffing resolution plan. Variance would be for a 12 month period. Much discussion about how to find creative local solutions that do not diminish the standard of care that has been established to accomplish the necessary inter-facility transfers. Dave asked the group if they would stand in opposition to the issue of staffing with only one provider and one driver and there was unanimous consensus.

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- Tracy briefed the council on the EMS week activities coming up May 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the week them is Beyond the Call. There are sub categories for each day Monday – Friday consisting of webinars and training events for providers and the public with challenges throughout the week to complete listed events. BEMS will provide CE for the webinar hours.
- Regional Trauma Council is May 6, 2019 in Salina. Registration is on KS Train.
- Regional Medical Director training – Date has not yet been announced for the meeting but will likely be in Abilene. Encourage medical directors to attend.
- EMR-EMT medication list is in the regulatory process.
- KRAF grant – 4 agencies in Region 4 received grants. Patient care vs. Patient handling is the priority. Wait until you get the letter before you make purchases. There will be an increase in funding for the KRAF Grant.
- Executive Committee – Dr. Hornung came up with a proposal for approving protocols. This process would replace the current process. The entire proposal is on the BEMS website.
- Education Committee – regulation will be proposed requiring sponsoring organizations will have to maintain a 70% pass rate over three years, all attempts. A status report will be provided to the organizations.
- May 20, 2019 Joe will be in Salina doing the legislative meeting at KHP Academy.
- May 21, 2019 is the KEMSIS meeting in Salina Tony Event Center

### Committee Reports

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** (as needed) – Giroux – no report
- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** – Hultgren – no report
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – Should have received the car seat resource sheets. Safe Transport will be issuing more information. Tracy showed the link on her webpage for resources. It will be e-mailed out to the group. Tracy wants one or two people identified in each service as her contact person for pediatric issues, training etc.
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – covered above
- **EDTF** – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – the only thing happening lately has been data analysis.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – Coleman / Hultgren – last meeting was review of the SPR and Project Manager training. FY16 has wrapped up and getting ready to do FY20 project development. Possibly would like to do updates to the Mini-Lark trailers.
- **KRAF grant** – Coleman / Beam – Nothing additional to report giving in committee report.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – Meeting May 6 as above. Registration is on KS Train
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – Met on March 22. Brandon Beck replaced Terry David. Marvin resigned from the team when he retired. Dave has resigned from the team, John Hultgren and Greg Brockway are still on the team. There are quite a few assets for the team, but participation is down as members retire or change positions. The annual support invoice will be coming due soon and the region will have to make the decision whether or not to pay it.
- **Website** – Kemp nothing additional

### Round Table Discussion –

**Concordia Fire/EMS** – some classes going on, but nothing major happening.

**Ellsworth County EMS** – working on getting funding for remodeling the training room at the ground level. They received some funding from the wind tower and gas line companies about funding local projects.

**Osborne EMS** – have 2 finishing up the AEMT class. Searching for a new medical director after the end of the year. Still working on the new building.

**Mitchell County EMS** – not much going on. Did some updates on the building to repair some issues. Doing some classes.

**Smith County EMS** – have one opening and losing an EMT that is going to Manhattan fire. Should receive another remount in a few months. Looking at CPS devices after the Ped. Transport class.

**Miltonvale EMS** – working with all the services in the county to cooperate on training. And are rotating through each service for hosting the training nights.

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**Dickinson County EMS** – have a truck in Texas getting remounted should be back in service late summer. Ordered two new ventilators from ZOLL. PSAP is changing software so will have I-pads in all the trucks to provide all the dispatch information as well as many other functions. Did some protocol revisions for AEMT positions. Send staff for Fit Responder training .

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Pam Kemp, Regional Coordinator

### **LOCATIONS FOR 2019 MEETINGS**

- June 11, 2019 - Concordia
- August 13, 2019 – Belleville
- October 8, 2019 - Minneapolis
- December 10, 2019 - Ellsworth