

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018

Clay County Emergency Services Academy

(The meeting location was changed at last minute due to illness of personnel in Miltonvale)

Those Attending Included:

Patrick Eastes, SM Co EMS

Alex Snyder, SM Co EMS

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Joe House, KS BEMS

Jeremiah Brown, EW Co. EMS

Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

Janice Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS

Eric Hamel, MC Co EMS

Diedre Stout, CY Co EMS (left at 1000 for EMS call)

Dave Beam, DK Co EMS

John Hultgren, DK Co EMS

Jeff Beikman, RP Co EMS

Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS

Dwayne Yager, Salina Fire/EMS

James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS

Tracy Cleary, EMS-C

Meeting called to order by Dave Beam at 1005.

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2018 meeting – Eastes/Leech MSA accept as distributed.

Treasurer Report – Beickman / Buller MSA approve as presented.

Old Business:

- **Legislative Update** – Joe House reported. With new state elected leadership coming in there will be a change in committee assignments but no final decisions have been made. Federal side, still waiting for the Farm Bill to be signed. It contains grant funding similar to KRAF for states.
- **Edu Grant application status update/ approval requests** – MSA Beikman/Hultgren to approve two grant requests from Minneapolis EMS for the KEMSA sponsored “Just Culture Training for EMS Managers” scheduled in January 2019.
 - **Delinquent certificates of attendance for grants paid in past months includes:**
 - KEMSA Conference in August
 - Caryn McAdams, Miltonvale EMS (has been received since meeting)
 - KEMSA Core Conference in November
 - Danni Kamanda, Minneapolis EMS (has been received since meeting)
 - Scott Fisher, Clifton EMS
 - Curtis Osland, Dickinson County EMS
- **EMS Education opportunities** – “People class” from NAEMT – John reported that NAEMT will have more information on that in the spring.
 - Tracy Cleary, EMS-C - reported on the transport of children by EMS course called “Pediatric Safe Transport”. The course is about 3 ½ hours long. Currently 4 instructors in the state. It was decided to have the classes in Dickinson County and Smith County. A morning deliver and an afternoon delivery will be done in each location. Dates selected were Thursday, March 21, 2019 and Friday, March 22, 2019. The region will pay for lunch for all attendees from the region and for the hotel / mileage for instructors. The class will be opened to out of region personnel around March 1, but they will be required to pay their own expenses.

For other educational opportunities, services should consider the EMS Management class as well as the Just culture Training for EMS Managers coming up in the next few months. KEMSA is sponsoring several educational opportunities and those are listed on their website home page at www.kemsa.org.

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New Business:

- Updates from KS BEMS Meetings – Joe House reported that Planning and Ops Committee discussed regulation of non-transporting agencies and that process is moving on to planning. There will be some change to how a call is tagged in the system to clarify how the call was received and how it was responded to. The Executive Committee discussed legislative items, there are currently four bills going through the process – clean-up bill that will make language consistent through numerous statutes, getting rid of old language referencing training officers etc. Inactive Status, background checks and an increase in KRAF funding will all be addressed in legislation. Legal council asked that felony convictions and other offenses be reviewed as to how they are handled. Education incentive grant (EIG) was discussed and more information on that topic will be presented at future meetings especially on the topic of the grant and for profit companies. Medical Advisory Council process was also discussed. Joe explained how that committee is appointed and managed. Dave Beam stressed the importance of EMS Directors and Medical Directors have a good relationship and shared vision of their service. Education Committee – issue at a recent test where examiner showed up very late. Issue where process is not being consistently applied is being worked on. Also seeing behavior from examiners that is problematic – coaching student through the exam, using cell phones etc. – that is all being worked on too. Regulatory revisions in the process with public hearing scheduled soon. Initial course option proposals were explained by Joe. Standards, guidelines and curriculum was also discussed during the Education Committee Meeting. A change to national registry will allow their results to be valid for 24 months. Joe has asked for more information on that topic, but hasn't received an official answer yet.

Break for lunch -

Committee Reports

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates (as needed) – Giroux – not present
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren – met last month with new contractor for an organizational meeting. This contractor has NC, SC, NW regions and John reported he thinks they will be a good fit for the region.
- EMS-C Updates – Cleary – all EMS services received an e-mail survey in October. That survey closes tomorrow, please complete that if you haven't already done so. Tracy will be gone from Thursday through Dec. 27, contact Wendy O'Hare if need anything.
- Data Collection / KEMSIS – Beam – Joe reported that it is still slow to migrate over to the updated system. Over 237,000 records year to date. Will start receiving SG county data at first of year. There will likely be training in our region soon.
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – the issue of instructor pass rate was discussed but Dwayne didn't think a consensus had been formed by the EDTF on the topic even though a consensus had been reported to BEMS. The issue of sub categories also was discussed but no consensus was formed or recommendation made. Yet, it seems recommendations from this committee were forwarded to the board. Reports will be sent back to the regions to determine if regions are satisfied with their representation on the task force.
- Regional Homeland Security Council – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – Marvin, Kathy and John were absent from the last meeting. Pam Kemp reported that the Homeland Security Council conducted routine business and also listened to an after action report from Jewell county officials regarding the shooting in their dispatch center/courthouse a few weeks ago. After much discussion at that meeting with those officials, the RHS council approved a project to repeat the dispatcher active shooter training that was done in the past with the intent to include a new

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project next grant cycle that will focus on helping counties do facility assessments and facility hardening as well as staff trainings.

- KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam – Is open until January 2 or 3rd. Joe reported in Kathy's absence.
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – nothing to report
- MERGe Update – Hultgren / Beam – nothing to report
- Website – Kemp – no update requests were received since the last meeting. Pam will have the webmaster add links to social media links and whatever else the regional services want, but she does not make changes without a request from that service. That includes changes in the listed contacts for each service. Please take time to review your service information on the website and notify Pam of any requested changes. <http://www.kansasemsregion4.org>

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

Salina Fire/EMS – waiting on delivery of new ambulance, going to do a remount in 2019. Moving to Image Trend after first of the year. Transfer of data from the CAD to that system is working seamlessly in testing.

Mitchell County EMS – one in paramedic class

Minneapolis EMS – still waiting to get moved into the new facility.

Ellsworth County EMS – noting to report

Republic County EMS – finishing EMT class to test on Jan. 5. Trying to move to digital radios based on issues that were identified in the response to assist Jewell County.

Smith County EMS – one in paramedic class, received grant for furniture in crew quarters and working on doing work on an ambulance remount

Concordia Fire/EMS – started EMT class took delivery of new ambulance

Dickinson County EMS – waiting on new truck

Clay County EMS – reps called out from meeting, not present for service update.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Regional Coordinator

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LOCATIONS FOR 2019 MEETINGS

- February 12, 2019 - Clay Center
- April 9, 2019 – Smith Center
- June 11, 2019 - Concordia
- August 13, 2019 – Belleville
- October 8, 2019 - Minneapolis
- December 10, 2019 - Ellsworth