

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018
Concordia Fire / EMS**

Those attending included:

Dave Whitley, Concordia FD/EMS
Marvin VanBlaricon, CY Co EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
Alex Snyder, SM Co EMS
Patrick Eastes, SM Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV

Roderic Rees, EW Co EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Joe House, KS BEMS
James Buller, Concordia FD/EMS
Jeff Beikman, RP Co EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina FD/EMS

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Dave Beam, President at the Concordia Fire/EMS.

Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2018 meeting – Rod Rees / Kathy Coleman MSA approve minutes of April 10, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer Report – Marvin VanBlaricon /James Buller MSA to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Old Business:

- **Legislative Update** – Joe House reported that two pertinent laws go into effect July 1. Mandatory report of abuse of adult- same number as child reporting. KS Right to know act change with how collected fees are accounted. Medicaid reimbursements may improve due to some changes. DUI laws have been tweaked regarding blood draws. If EMS provide blood draw services for their, they should educate their personnel about the legalities of consent issues etc. Federal legislation – directs the federal government to spend on EMS education similar to KRAF in Kansas; Veteran transport expenses would be subject to the prudent layperson rule for decisions as to where to transport; potential for increased liability coverage for Good Samaritans during disasters. There was a legislative meeting on May 16 to discuss what issues needed to be pursued next session. The meeting notes are in the board packet on the website. Joe encourages service directors to review that information and give him feedback.
- **Edu Grant application revision / approvals** – several grant request for the KEMSA conference were reviewed. Only two had submitted the requested registration form with their grant application. MSA Marvin VanBlaricon / Rod Rees to approve KEMSA applications up to \$245 each with clarification of what they are attending via submitted copy of the registration form or course flyer. That will cover the full conference, pre-con session and banquet for the attendee. Motion by James Buller, seconded by Rod Rees to deny the CCEMT-P applications submitted due to initial certification and high cost of the course. One opposed, motion passed.
- **Administrative policy updates** – Pam and Dave have been working on office related items. Rewrite of the contract etc. the original documents were approved when we were managing testing and had an equipment cache. Those items have been revised to update to current operations. MSA do away with fax line Dave Beam /Kathy Coleman. Dave reviewed the changes between the original contract and the revised contract. James questioned whether Pam is good with the changes. She is, and had told Dave early in the discussion that the amount paid per the old contract was too much, especially since we no longer manage testing. MSA Kathy Coleman/ Karl Leech to approve the new contract.

Break for Lunch at a nearby restaurant and reconvene at 1240 hrs.

New Business:

- **Updates from KS BEMS Meetings** – Joe House reported that the medical director workshop as part of the KEMSA conference is coming up and notices have been sent to all Medical Directors. He also reviewed

the KEMSIS user's meeting that was held. MAC did not meet so proposed medication list is still open for comment. Low number of comments have been received. BLS Exam guide is published on the website.

- **Update from NC RTC Meeting** – Symposium was in Salina with good turnout. James did not bring up the Stop The Bleed program support of local courses by the RTC and if that would be available. Dave asked James to follow up on what support the RTC would be to this project in our region.
- **EMS and Service Animals** – Pam had distributed notification on this to the mailing list. Just be aware that there is legal precedence requiring transport of designated Service Dogs with patients. This does not apply to “comfort animals” official Service Dogs only.
- **Reappoint Regional Homeland Security Council EMS Representative** – Marvin will be retiring and we need to reappoint an EMS representative to the Regional Homeland Security Council. Kathy Coleman is possibly interested in being an appointee if her employer agrees. Pam will forward meeting information to Kathy so she can attend, if possible, and determine if this is something she will be able to do.
- **Dave asked all to brainstorm potential projects the council should be doing.** Examples might be continuing education seminars etc.
- **Marvin discussed the CO detectors distributed by the Regional Homeland Security Council** – the new replacement monitors have 3 year replaceable batteries instead of having to replace the whole device. In the future distributions of this project just the batteries will be replaced instead of the full monitors. Services should become familiar with the newer devices. Marvin will bring information on recalibrating them. Marvin and Shane will work on developing a maintenance and testing template for local services to follow.

Committee Reports

- **Salina Regional Health Center** Updates (as needed) – Giroux – will not be at June meeting will report in August.
- **Regional Healthcare** Coalition – Hultgren – no report
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – Traci not here - everyone should have the final pediatric scenario.
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – Dave reported they met May 14 in Salina and reports he is pleased with the direction the project is going now. The data integrity process is much improved. Some discussion of needing more education with the report writer process.
- **EDTF** – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – no report
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – completed work on developing 2019 projects. Marvin reviewed status of existing projects.
- **KRAF grant** – Coleman / Beam – grant is closed until first of next year.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – No additional information other than what was discussed earlier.
- **MERGE Update** – Hultgren / Beam – haven't met. Terry David resigned as IC and Jon Friesen has taken over as interim Incident Commander.
- **Website** – Kemp – remember to send needed updates for your service contact information as changes are made please.

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

Miltonvale – working on setting up another EMT class. Received 3 different grants for equipment.

EW County EMS – EMT class scheduled.

CY County EMS – trying to hire personnel. Have new ambulance to arrive the end of August.

Concordia Fire/EMS – finished up high school EMT class this year. It was a challenge, but was successful.

SM County EMS – Patrick introduced his new Assistant Director. Recently took delivery on a new truck.

Salina Fire EMS – Saline County is doing a major radio study and it estimates over \$16 Million for a new system that would bring everyone into one system. Still in the study phase. Taking applications for the next hiring process. Still working on the new ambulance acquisition due to manufacturer issues. Shane brought surplus equipment to share with whoever wants it. Pick up after the meeting.

Minneapolis EMS – New facility is nearing completion. Waiting on some electrical and concrete work. Will likely be another 4 or 5 months to completion. Took delivery on a new ambulance.

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DK Co EMS – Not much new. New paramedic graduate working now. Kids camp is next week 75 or so are registered.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Regional Coordinator

LOCATIONS FOR 2018 MEETINGS!

- August 14, 2018 – Clay County
- October 9, 2018 - Salina
- December 11, 2018 - Miltonvale