

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

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Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018
Ellsworth County EMS

Those attending included:

Rod Rees – EW County EMS
Dave Beam – DK County EMS
Pam Kemp – Region IV EMS
Shane Pearson – Salina Fire/EMS

Karl Leech – Minneapolis EMS
Joe House – KSBEMS
Eric Hamel – MC County EMS
James Buller – Concordia Fire/EMS

The meeting was called to order at 1000 in the classroom of Ellsworth County EMS by Dave Beam, Region IV President.

Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2018 meeting MSA James Buller/Rod Rees

Treasurer Report – review phone/fax charges at next meeting to determine if there is a more cost effective way to provide the service, Pam will get some options before the meeting.

Rod/Karl MSA Rod Rees Karl Leech

Old Business:

- **Legislative Update** – Joe House gave the update – bill requiring EMS to mandatorily report cases of suspected elderly abuse is on the Governor’s desk will go into effect on July 1. Suspected neglect or abuse or exploitation of elderly. Reporting is required. Primary means of notification is the same 800 number for reporting child abuse. HB2577 is a bill on hazardous materials reporting, training and information for response community by KDHE. Will likely be approved. SB374 is revamping of DUI laws in response to Supreme Court opinions on current law. Attorney General’s office has asked for an EMS advisory group to develop best practice details on the blood draw issue. Contact Joe House at KSBEMS if interested in sitting on that committee. HB2556 state interoperable advisory committee being established. May replace SEIC. Unknown how it would change existing system. HB2386 designed to get convicted felons back into the work force. Example consistently used was barber and cosmetology which are trades that can be learned in prison, but convicted felon cannot be licensed. BEMS has been excluded from the process because the current system is working and there have been no issues or complaints. HB2526 regulatory process will probably change. Will add a ranking minority member to the committee was the original intent, has grown to include mandatory impact reporting and notifications to KAC and LOM, requires all proposed regulations to be reviewed by budget process. Will add at least 2-3 months to the regulatory process.
- **Regional Educational Grants** – Updated application – Buller/Leech MSA Change the grant application requirement for director signature to just e-mail confirmation. The applicant will list the approving director’s e-mail and Pam will verify with that director by e-mail that the grant application is valid.
- **Change in Public Health and Hospital regional boundaries** – borders will remain the same due to public outcry regarding the proposed change.

New Business:

- **Updates from KS BEMS Meetings** – Joe House reported on Examination – The decision is to have a single station, single scenario medical or trauma decided at exam site and student will have to manage the patient for 15 minutes. Will use the national registry check sheets. Contact BEMS instead of national registry for representative at the site of testing. Sponsoring organization will have to identify examiners, set the test fee, assistants (2 trained assistants and 1 moulaged patient). Examiners cannot have participated with the class in any way and must be in good standing with the BEMS. Good standing means no past or current investigations, revocations or suspensions. The national registry exam policy will be made Kansas specific as the guide for exams. Draft will hopefully be in place by June BEMS meeting. Test sites will still be posted on the BEMS website. Retest issues were part of the discussion at the regional table. Will be implemented after July 1. Those needing to retest will have to retest in the new system if testing after July 1. Change in the way continuing education hours are calculated. Now must be 1/24th of a day to receive 1 hour CE. The language isn't finalized and is being reviewed, but problems exist with some organizations piling all break time at the end of a day long educational endeavor. Looking at piloting a project to provide the EIG funding to military personnel and family or low income families to use for certification costs. The funding would be that which has been returned to the grant by defaulting prior students. Will start in July for 2 years. April 23 is the proclamation signing at 1000 for the EMS Week and EMS-C proclamation if interested in being there call BEMS. MAC medication list was reviewed with discussion of epi-pens. Very few have been administered in the state and those had a paramedic or AEMT present. It will, obviously, be a topic of much discussion before any action on that list is taken. There is a place on the BEMS website for comments. Data in the data collection system is being used by a national organization to track hourly trends. More on that will be covered in the user group meeting in May. Joe is looking for at least 2 services per region to volunteer to be in the first group that will have access to the reports from that process.
- **FDA** – Joe reported that the FDA will do best practice training for your service if requested. They will cover logs required, safe storage, protecting your service from unlawful diversion and more. Joe will look into the detail of Region IV hosting an educational meeting regarding the topic for all our services to attend together.
- **Website Usage Report** – The report was received as requested but did not really give much information.
- **Policy development** – Pam and Dave will meet next week for administrative policy documents revision.

Committee Reports

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** – Giroux – not present – Shane will take any concerns back to Rachelle and she will be available any time there is a specific concern or topic that we need her at meetings for. The issue of patient diversions was discussed

and Shane reported that ICU back log and division is sometimes due to nursing staff shortages. The update will be kept on the agenda as needed.

- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** – Hultgren – not present – Pam reported this group will be sponsoring a mass shooter training for area school and law enforcement officials in May and June.
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – not present – Dave reported that EMS-C is working on a pediatric scenario booklet for departmental training. It will be out in a few months and will be distributed to all services.
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – still planning on a user’s group meeting on May 1 in Salina. Registration information will be coming from KSBEMS.
- **EDTF** – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – no report – they have met, but no report sent for this meeting.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – VanBlaricon / Hultgren – Neither EMS representative present so update by Pam that the 2015 projects are wrapped up. FY16 and 17 projects are open and spending. FY18 has not yet been released to spend. Please be sure to report back to the RHS when any equipment issued by RHS is used. The CO monitors will be put for bids as soon as the money is freed up for FY18 spending.
- **KRAF grant** – Coleman / Beam – Kathy sent the following report: ommittee met last month and reviewed applications. Letters should go out soon. Approval for the disbursement needed to be approved by the board at the April meeting on April 6th. Dave reported that 60% of the total amount goes to monitors and is concerned that people don’t submit projects that might be other items. Only 3 requests from Region IV, one rewarded.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – May 22 is the NC RTC meeting. Registration on KS Train. Notification should have been received by now. Dave suggested that the Stop The Bleed program support might be a good project for the RTC to explore. Dave and James will do more research regarding the training needs of services. PHTLS will happen in May in Concordia.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – Dave reported MERGe had a meeting the 30th of March. Added Greg Brockway from Region IV.
- **Website** – Kemp – The educational grant request form has been changed on the website to be fillable, but the form will need to be printed, signed and sent to the region office until changed per above discussion to allow e-mail verification by service director.

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

Miltonvale EMS – Kathy sent the following report. Miltonvale EMS has created a Face Book page to promote, employees, public events and relevant health articles. The hope is to create a better understanding of our job and to create an interest in new recruitment. Link to the FB page is: <https://www.facebook.com/Miltonvale-EMS-150558872427180/>

Minneapolis EMS – Slab poured for the new facility. New ambulance scheduled to arrive soon. Will be doing an AEMT class toward the end of the year. Have one full time in paramedic school. The EMS offices, city offices and PD will be in the building across the parking lot from the new building.

Concordia Fire/EMS – EMT class with high school students went very well. Also doing another EMT class.

Salina Fire/EMS – New ambulance purchase awarded to Osage expect fall delivery. New hires. Possibly looking at remount next year. Doing a countywide radio interoperable study.

Ellsworth Co EMS – started an EMT class last Friday. Having a series of meetings with hospital and dispatch focused on improving patient outcomes by possibly getting dispatchers EMD certified. Dispatch is run by the Sheriff's office and the sheriff is on board with that plan so far. Also reviewing by-pass protocols in this process.

Mitchell Co EMS – received approval to get a new truck. Partnering with Concordia to put on an EMT class.

Dickinson Co EMS – unit down with mechanical issues and possibly remounting it next year. Started a Face Book page. Kids camp will be done again this year in June.

The next meeting is June 12 in Concordia.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2: 00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

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LOCATIONS FOR 2018 MEETINGS!

- June 12, 2018 - Concordia
- August 14, 2018 – Clay County
- October 9, 2018 - Salina
- December 11, 2018 - Miltonvale