David Stithem, Region Chair, officially called the April 18, 2012 meeting of the Region I EMS Council to order at 19:00, following the STEMI/Stroke meeting. He thanked LifeTeam for the great meal they provided and the presentation by Zoll Medical. Introductions were made and visitors welcomed.

The minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting were presented as posted on the web site and emailed. Michelle Helberg moved for approval. Melody Knudson provided motion second. Motion passed.

The financial report was circulated. Jayne Holle moved for approval of the financial report as written. Kirby Gillespie provided motion second. Motion passed.

Old Business:
Region Trauma Scholarships: The Region has received the NW KS Trauma Council scholarship dollars. Letitia Keenan made a motion we accept scholarships for initial EMS classes. Janelle Bowers provided motion second. Motion passed. The application will be posted on the Region I EMS website. Jayne Holle moved we award $1,000 in scholarships each 2 month period to best distribute the funding. Kirby Gillespie provided motion second. Motion passed. The scholarship committee will review the applications and recommend recipient awards.

New Business:
Stryker Cot Maintenance Workshop: Stryker has offered to put on a cot maintenance course for those with Stryker Power Cots. Options were discussed. We would like more information regarding the liability and effect on warranty following the participants completing the course and work on the cots.
Jayne Holle reported she has been very satisfied with EMSAR in Kansas City. She will send out further contact information. The company has been servicing their cots annually.

Janelle Bowers mentioned the Council needs to consider updating the Region I computer. David Stithem and Gary Winter will look into it.

ACT/Trauma Committee: Deb Kaufman encouraged each service to send their delegates to the NW Regional Trauma Council General Membership Meeting on May 2, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Hays Medical Center, Hadley rooms. Hays Medical Center was commended for their achievement of Level III trauma center designation. PHTLS, TNCC, RTTDC, and ATLS course funding will again be available through an application process. The Level IV trauma center application is available. The policy for peer review is under development. Gove County and Rooks County Health Departments received fall prevention grants. Tami Wood/ Deb Kaufman provided reports on Hospital Preparedness and Homeland Security. The 2011 CDC field triage guidelines have been
KDHE Funding: Region I EMS has signed a contract with KDHE to accept $10,000 this year for training. Our committee recommended we offer the ICS 300 Course. The class was cancelled due to lack of participants. Following discussion, it was decided to also cancel the IAP Course. Jayne Holle moved we investigate the purchase of radios with the funding. Karen Hooker provided motion second. Motion passed. Karen Hooker moved if radios are not an allowable purchase, the executive committee should be authorized to expend the funding at their discretion for a different allowable project. Kirby Gillespie provided motion second. Motion passed.

Northwest Kansas Homeland Security: Deb Kaufman reported the IMT group continues to train. The IMT working group has an IMT operations manual ready to be sent out. There are still some MOUs for equipment needing signed. We are waiting on specs for scanner purchase acceptance agreement and also on a quote from Motorola on radios. EFM continues to work on the county plans. The Council voted to buy three Avatar micro robots with arms, but without gas detectors, and GIS enhancements projects of mapping and tablets with FY12 grant dollars. Please see full minutes. http://www.kansastag.gov/AdvHTML_doc_upload/NWKR_Minutes_040912.pdf

EDTF: The EDTF is still working on reciprocity. The Educator proposal will be put on the Region I web site. It is still subject to discussion. Please send your suggestions to David Stithem. Comments may also be sent to J.R. Behan and Deb Kaufman. Some Council members would like to see the mentoring packet refined.

Board Strategic Planning Meeting: Gary Winter reported the Board of EMS held their strategic planning meeting to identify mission statement, vision and goals and revise the previous strategic plan. Some of the points identified were to standardize the process of regulatory review, establishment of procedure for revision, and to increase the efficiency of the Board processes. The member attendance policy was discussed. There was discussion on increased use of technology and increased public awareness. The Board listed improvement of the level of out-of-hospital patient care. The National Registry was discussed as well as a state medical director and statewide EMS plan. The Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) and a method of improved communications were discussed.

April Board of EMS Meeting:

Planning and Operation:
- The committee received a KEMSIS update.
- Dave Cromwell gave a protocol compliance update. There have been 18 inspections, with 3 having all the required protocols.
- Mark Willis stated he felt the pediatric protocols are placing an undue burden on services. After discussion, Steve Sutton suggested extending the grace period for new protocol implementation, including pediatric protocols.
• Sarah Fertig gave the AGs office interpretation of ambulance staffing statutes. The Board does have authority to regulate attendants on air ambulances, including helicopters.
• The committee discussed 109-2-7. There are still several questions. It will be reworked.
• Dr Kingfisher gave a MAC report. The MAC has approved Zofran for AEMT use. Also approved was antiarrhythmic for pulseless v-tach. The MAC would like to see benzodiazepine as a class of medications approved instead of specific medications.
• Dr Kingfisher stated the MACs position on medical director. The MAC would not be the medical director, even if they approved the protocols.
• The question was asked if there could be possible variances due to the current drug shortages. This should be addressed by local protocol.
• Dr Allin gave a presentation on Trauma – Regional Performance Improvement.
• EMS Accident Data received shows there were 65 accidents in 2010 involving ambulances.
• The 24 hour deadline to resolve issues found during inspections was questioned. In some cases, such as ordering replacement parts, that deadline cannot be met.

**Education:**
• The committee received an update on the progress of the transition courses.
• The audits of the transition courses have yielded a variety of issues. The committee heard staff concerns with the findings.
• The AEMT regulation 109-5-7c was voted to take to the full board for approval.
• Moving to the National Registry BLS skills stations was discussed. The change would occur in 14 months when the new contract is awarded. Carman wants to fully adopt the national registry process. They would accept 1 station, but recommend all 3 stations. The stations include trauma or medical assessment, BVM, O2, cardiac arrest, immobilization of a seated patient, bleeding & shock, and immobilization of a supine patient. The tested stations would be combinations of these stations. It was voted to keep the continue with the current exam process until the contract is up, then go to the national registry check sheets beginning July 1, 2013.
• A transition audit action plan was discussed. It would allow a consent agreement to get an old certification back and give a timeline to regain the new certification by completing the missing processes. The sponsoring organization would be notified and be responsible. This was voted to take to the full board.
• The committee would like every course with problems identified and be given one opportunity to correct the deficiencies prior to the next board meeting.
• Chad Pore informed the committee he feels the educator proposal could be implemented without requiring statutory changes.
• The EDTF is still working on reciprocity.

**Full Board Meeting: February 3, 2012**
• The previous minutes were approved.
• Planning Committee Report: Staff will bring back a new med list for the AEMT
- Education Committee
  - 109-5-7c passed on a roll call vote.
  - BLS skills stations recommendations passed.
  - Allowing remediation for transition compliance prior to the June BEMS meeting passed. If Steve finds willful disregard, he can refer them to the investigations committee.
- The EIG funding amounts were approved as presented.
- The KRAF allocation awards were approved as presented.
- Bill Brown with the National Registry wants to talk to the board in June regarding their initiative to allow attendants to regain their National Registry status through an application and fees.
- The next BEMS strategic planning meeting will be held April 17th at the Topeka Country Club from 9:00 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- Public comment:
  - Terry David gave an update on the state EMS association meeting recently held in Kansas.
  - Terry David reported he and other members of KEMSA recently went to EMS on the Hill in Washington DC.
  - Chad Pore asked about the BEMS view between local and state issues (i.e. protocols)
- The meeting was adjourned.

Be sure to check the Board website at: [http://www.ksbems.org/ems/?page_id=6](http://www.ksbems.org/ems/?page_id=6) for new regulations.
Scott Reese made a motion for adjournment. Michelle Helberg provided motion second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kaufman, Secretary

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