

**MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE
(MARCER)
August 19, 2011
MEETING SUMMARY**

PRESENT: (according to sign in sheet)

Chris Alexander, KCK Fire
Paul Berardi, KCFD
Tony Burr, Leavenworth county EMS
Tom Collins, KCFD Ambulance
Angela Fera, Med-Act
James Fricke, Providence Medical Center
Colin Fitzgerald, Lenexa Fire
Steven Holle, Belton Emergency Services
Steve Isaacson, Overland Park Fire
Department
Mike Johnson, Sni Valley Fire Protection
Susie Krug, St. Luke's East
Michael Latta, KCFD
Paul Lininger, Central Jackson County
Ralph Loar, Grandview Fire Department

Ted McFarlane, Jo Co Med-ACT
Donna Maize, KCFD
Brad Mason, Johnson County Med-Act
Ruby Mehrer, Life Flight Eagle
Robert Norman, South Metro Fire
Kevin Pratt, Kearney Fire
David Rierson, Southern Platte Fire
Dr. Joe Salomone, KCMO
Mike Wallace, Central Jackson County Fire
Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital
Dick Whipple, Lifeflight Eagle
Tina York, HCA Midwest
Jeremy Young, Fort Osage Fire

OTHERS Present:

David Gustafson, Warsaw Lincoln/Lake Lotawana
Cathy Moffett, Allmed

MARC Staff

- Mike Hicks , Erin Lynch, Jason White, Justin Sorg and Tanya Kraatz

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chris Alexander, Chair called the meeting to order and self introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING SUMMARY

A motion was made and seconded to approve the summary from July meeting and the August meeting agenda. The motion passed with all signifying "aye".

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative
Jason White discussed the following issues.
 - Missouri FRA- A start date of October 1, 2011 has been determined if you have not received information from Social Security please let Jason White know.
 - FRA Kansas – there are issue with the formula and they are being worked on.
 - Medicare – cuts are due to take effect December 31, 2011.
 - 911- Missouri the hearings are going well, please keep in mind that Missouri is the last state to implement the tax. A grass roots letter writing program has been implemented; this is an important issue for the state of Missouri.

A motion was made and seconded authorizing a letter from MARCER in support of the 911 Bill. The motion passed with all signifying "aye".

- Time Critical Diagnoses

Region A adopted the plan with a couple of minor changes. They are moving forward to speak with and educate the outline counties.

Jason White suggested a letter to push the data collecting to Missouri to Missouri PSO patient safety. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with a letter suggesting that the data collection be done by the PSO. The motion passed with all indicating "aye".

Dr. Salomone has suggested sending a letter to the DHSS Director requesting the TCD data collection depository that the state is using for PSO, Patient Safety Organization. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with a letter to the Director of DHSS. The motion passed with all indicating "aye".

SAC meeting- the topic of national accreditation will be required by 2012, only 5 are complying. A letter requesting training on the requirements was suggested. A motion was made and seconded authorizing a letter to Greg Knoch asking for training on the accreditation. The motion passed with all indicating "aye".

- Joint Paramedic Recruiting

Angela Fera advised the deadline for scholarship applications is October 1, 2011 there remains 3 scholarships to be given for the fall. There should be a decision by the October MARCER meeting.

- Communications – the Radio installations and reprogramming continues. The Project should be completed in time for the November KCMO system to go live. They are hoping for a smooth transition.
- T&E - The training and exercise budget is being worked on to sustain the program until 2013.
- Policy and Grants – Discussion on sending the 3 representative to the EMSystems Conference in September took place. A motion was made and seconded to approve sending up to 3 people to the EMSystems conference. The motion passed with all signifying "aye".

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- Hospital
Carolyn Wells reported that the Hospitals continue to work on their patient tracking program. The Hospitals will be conducting a HazMat exercise October 12, 2011.
- D-MAT
They deployed to the Kenny Chesney Concert at Arrowhead stadium and aided 130 patients. Currently there is a team at the State Fair.

They will be dismantling the Mobile Medical Unit in Joplin.

EMS

Missouri- MARCER has not had a representative attend from the State in at least a year. Mike Hicks advised that he will write a letter asking for a representative

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mike Hicks reviewed the financial reports and advised those agencies that have not paid their 2011 Assessment received a second notice if they do not pay we will write them a letter.

STAFF REPORT

- Bio Hazardous Waste – Staff will be working on a bid for regional service. Mr. Hicks asked for volunteers to review the bids and assist with the decision. Please contact him if you are interested.
- Medical Reporting Forms – the form will be put into a paper version this will allow each entity to make the changes they need.
- Dr. Salomone advised that UMKC has a new training programs for EMT and Paramedics the classes will start in January 2012 at the school of medicine. All the training will overlap. The actual degree that will be earned is being discussed.
- Boundtree and Allmed are both working to ensure a smooth transition. Please let Mike Hicks know if you have any concerns or issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Joplin Hot Wash- the event was discussed at the EMS Conference with specific discussion on the use of helicopters. They are working on drafting a document on safe response and mutual Emergency planning. The use of helicopters is being worked into the document within the tri-state Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

EMS Conference- Ruby Meier advised that the comments were positive to the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Latta reported that there are numerous outdoor events scheduled for the next few weeks and encourage everyone to be prepared as the excessive heat warnings will continue through that period of time.

Overland Park is offering a Basic Infection Control course September 8-10 and Advance Infection Control September 9-10. Contact Steve Isaacson if you are interested.

NEXT MEETING

September 16, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.