

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026
Minneapolis, KS EMS Facility**

Those attending included:

Dave Beam, DK Co EMS

John Hultgren, DK Co EMS

Karl Leech, Minneapolis

Tony Swetson, Bennington EMS

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

John Christensen, Concordia Fire/EMS

Joe House, KBEMS

Amy Mullis Havel, RP Co EMS

Keith Wangerin, SM Co EMS

Alec Trembath, CY Co EMS

Call to Order / Additions to agenda?

Called to order at 1000 by Karl Leech,

Approval of Minutes of April 2026 meeting – MSA Hultgren/Mullis Havel

Treasurer Report –Beam/Hultgren

Old Business:

- Edu Grant Updates – Pam Kemp – Reviewed pending list of grant applications for KEMSA Conference in August.
- Carry over from last meeting
 - FIFA – short review of staffing requests and pertinent planning

New Business:

- **BEMS meeting report** – Joe House
 - Regulations are moving. Meeting was short. Board adopted 3 staffing variance regulations. Authorized activities regulation slowed down. Joe reviewed process and issues with regulations and changes. For full details go through the board packets to follow the proposed statutes and regulations and any changes. Skills verification process is being discussed and various options considered. A July training is scheduled. An Image Trend update has caused a couple of issues for some, but RP Co was able to find a fix for that if still having issues check with RP Co.

Committee Reports – (These standing committee reports will be given if the committee has met or had business since the last Region IV Meeting)

- **Salina Regional Health Center** – Dr. Harington unable to attend but asks for any transfer issues to be reported to SRHC supervisors.
- **Community Paramedicine project Update** – John Hultgren / Karl Leech – John reported that is has been going very well with support from medical providers and numerous referrals. It has been very successful with great community and patient support. They consistently have the maximum patient load as patients graduate from the program and new ones come into the system. John shared several instances where very positive change had occurred in a person's ability to stay home and be safe because of the interventions CP staff were able to accomplish. Services are offered M-F and is staff with 2 paramedics and 2 part timers that do the work. Karl and Tony reported their program is a bit stagnant after a robust start off. They have had some issues with providers understanding the CP role. They have 3 paramedics and 4 AEMTs in their

program. But have had several very good success with many of their patients. The problem is if there is no grant money, the EMS agency can't provide this service. Work is being done on getting approved insurance codes etc., but it is complicated and slow. Other counties in the region are interested in doing the program in their counties, Smith and Republic Counties are already working toward the program. There will be sessions on CP at the annual KEMSA conference this year with speakers from successful programs across the nation.

- Regional Healthcare Coalition – no communication
- EMS-C Updates – EMS-C – no communication from new representative.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** –McGinnis/ Florian – Nathan missed the meeting due to illness but sent a short report saying “I have put the project in to continue to get co monitors. We are also adding another project to get 4 gas monitors to each county. I will have more at the next meeting.”
- **KRAF grant** – Amy Havel –nothing new since last meeting.
- Regional Trauma Council – Nathaniel Florian- no report

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

Minneapolis – County commission are still discussion appropriations to assist both Minneapolis and Bennington. Do have openings for staff.

Bennington EMS – Echo Minneapolis report

Concordia Fire/EMS – have one open position. Waiting on test results for another student that will be added to staff.

SM County EMS – hopefully will be fully staffed mid-July with new hires from ongoing class.

RP County EMS – new part time person. Levi checked with an organization regarding doing a one day in person critical care course (8 hour) estimated price for event will be \$15,000 which includes 2 instructors, instructor travel pocket reference guides for all participants. Tabled for next meeting.

DK County EMS – Fully staffed. Went to a new rental program for staff vehicles with the other county departments.

CY County EMS – fully staffed with 2 in paramedic school. On the list for Wichita state to do an AEMT class. Several staff members in education classes. Still responding to Miltonvale calls and waiting for Washington County's decision on Clifton. Will be doing some training with hospital staff. Adding AED's to other county departments and doing that training.

Reminder on Service updates for website

- (check this page for accuracy <https://www.kansasemsregion4.org/agencies> – notify Pam ASAP of needed changes)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2026 Meeting Dates

October 13, 2026 – Smith County

December 8, 2026- Concordia