

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023
Dickinson County EMS

Those attending included:

Nathaniel Florian, EW Co EMS

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Erica Shamburg, Bennington EMS

Alec Trembath, CY Co EMS

Greg Brockway, SRHC

Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

Wendy O'Hare, KDHE/KS Trauma Program

James Reed, KBEMS

Dave Beam, DK Co EMS

Jeanne Schantz, DK Co EMS

John Hultgren, DK Co EMS

Call to Order / Additions to agenda – meeting called to order by Karl Leech, President at 1000 at Dickinson County EMS

Approval of Minutes of October 2023 meeting – MSA approve as presented, Beam/Florian

Treasurer Report – delay in receipt of grant funding due to discrepancy in FY22 and FY23 balances. Corrections have been made. MSA approve as presented, Hultgren/Alec

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway – Staffing is doing better, cardiologist in-house has helped streamline the cardiac issues that had occurred. Dave asked a question about image trend settings and Greg will follow up with that and let Dave know.

Old Business:

- Edu Grant Updates – Pam Kemp – KEMSA has leadership conference coming up, no grant requests have been received. Pam will send notice to services with reminder that regional grant funds are available.
- Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project update – Nathan Florian / Missy McGinnis – need to figure out the rotation schedule for replacement as each FY Grant year will pay for ½ of the issued CO Monitors.
- Binder Lifts update / quote – Levi Whitley – The quote for the remaining Binder Lifts was presented and MSA approve, Florian/Hultgren. Those will be shipped to Levi and he will distribute. The purchase is based on which size Binder Lift each service requested.
- Computer – Pam Kemp – the office computer is about 8 or more years old and is running a Windows version that is not compatible with some newer programs. The council had approved replacement of the computer before the pandemic, but Pam was able to get it repaired so that replacement did not occur. It was the consensus of the group to have Pam replace the computer at her discretion.

New Business:

- **BEMS meeting report – Jimmy Reed** – planning and ops met, defining professional conduct for an Operator – sticking point is service will be required to assure competency of their personnel. Discussion of how that will be enforced when there is no defined line. Everyone understands the intent, but there has to be a defined standard in place to make it fair and equitably enforced. They also prioritized the legislative requests in the board packet. Licensing renewal regulation will let a service attest that protocol has not changed. Services will need vehicle registration and inspection on new vehicles. Draft regulations include requirements on training records. Jimmy reported that they talked about a regulation to have a service director's workshop every two years or so. Jimmy brought Pulse Point stickers for distribution. All

AED's in the community should be registered. Educator – A reminder that IC is no longer a level of certification.

- Salina meeting date conflict – Pam reported that Shane has a concern because they schedule their Medical Director meeting on the Region IV Meeting date. After discussion, the pulse of the group present is to keep the meeting date the same. All services are encouraged to send an alternate to the Regional EMS meetings if the EMS Director is unavailable. It is also fine, and may be beneficial for more than one person from each department to attend the meetings.

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 Updates (as needed) – Brockway – no additional report
- **Regional Healthcare Coalition – Pearson** – Jeanne Schantz from DK So EMS is a HD Representative and gave a brief report on the last meeting. It may be of benefit to EMS, but most projects seem to be hospital focused.
- **EMS-C Updates – Wendy O'Hare** – EMSC is without a coordinator again. Wendy is hoping to post the position in a couple of weeks. It will be based out of Topeka on a hybrid schedule in the office 2 days per week. Carter Kits are still available but there is training that has to be done. Call Wendy if you have ideas for future EMSC projects that would benefit local services and communities. January will be the next round of national surveys of state EMSC programs that will go to services. The survey will go directly to services from the Federal EMSC coordinator.
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam** – Dave has no report. Nobody present reports any problems. Nathan reported they had to reach out to Image Trend due to an accidently deleted PCR and they were very receptive and helpful.
 - **Regional Homeland Security Council** – McGinnis/ Florian – no additional report
 - **KRAF grant – Amy Havel** – Karl encourages everyone to apply. Deadline is still a few weeks ago.
 - **Regional Trauma Council – Nathaniel Florian** – Wendy reports that Michelle Grayson is the NC RTC coordinator. The NE Region received a grant for some of the hospitals in NE and a couple in SE for awareness of agriculture related suicide. There are plans to expand that program to other areas of the state. There are also other suicide related programs through KDHE that may be available. Statewide assessment is possibly going to be done for the Trauma Council on EMS and State Trauma Registry data with linkage of data as an outcome of the project.

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

DK Co EMS – 2 new trucks. One was ordered 2 years ago. Several staff in testing process for paramedic and AEMT. Herington Hospital closed so evaluating impact on that.

John discussed the Community Paramedicine programs in Kansas. Finally have a grant writer and a foundation working with them to support the grant for Kansas, Kingman County and DK Co were the services in that grant. Some of the metro area services have been providing some of those types of services. Have had challenges proving to insurance companies that it is a worthwhile program. Federal Region VII will hold a summit in KC area in April. Current grant request was not approved for 2023, but is on hold for 2024.

CY Co EMS – working on Pulse Point in the community. Training with schools and staff about stop the bleed program.

Bennington – now on the 800 radio system and ran into some initial problems they are working out. Looking for a used ambulance but they are scarce. Doing ok with staffing.

Minneapolis EMS – a couple part time leave. Looking for use vehicles also.

EW Co EMS – have received funding for some new equipment. Still fully staffed. Two paramedics in testing now and 3 AEMT's in testing process too.

Adjourn – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1204, MSA Florian/Hultgren

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp
Region IV Coordinator

2024 Meeting Dates and Locations

February 13, 2024 - Ellsworth
April 9, 2024 - Mitchell
June 11, 2024 - Salina

August 13, 2024 – Republic Co
October 8, 2024 – Smith County
December 10, 2024 - Abilene