

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021
Ellsworth County EMS

Those attending included:

Nathaniel Florian, EW Co EMS
Patrick Eastes, SM Co EMS
Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
Luke Brandeberg, EW Co EMS

Eric Hamel, MC Co EMS
Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS
Alex Leff, DK Co EMS
Landon Reed, DK Co EMS
Brandon Cochran, LC Co EMS
Greg Brockway, SRHC

Call to Order- Pam Kemp called the meeting to order in the absence of the officers.

Approval of Minutes of October, 2021 meeting – MSA approve Greg Brockway/Rocky Cramer

Treasurer Report – MSA Brendan Cochran/Rocky Cramer

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway – Greg distributed data sheets showing the First Medical Contact and percentage of FMC within 90 mins to Primary Reperfusion for STEMI patients. Discussion of by-pass protocols and how important it is to move patients quickly to the appropriate facility. If there are questions or concerns with these protocols at the local level, call Greg. Other discussion included notification that several new mid-level practitioners are going to be entering practices in our region.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant**

- **Application approvals** – have been chaotic as people just don't seem to understand the application process. It was MSA Dave Beam/John Hultgren to approve the following retroactive applications for the KEMSA Core Conference:
 - Deborah Whitmer, EW County
 - Terry Whitmer, EW County
 - Melissa McNeil, Miltonvale
 - Sharon DeMars, Miltonvale
 - Caryn McAdams, Miltonvale
 - Bret Kingan, MC County
 - Susan Hoge, Minneapolis
 - Carole Freeman, Minneapolis
- **Revision of Grant request/reimbursement form** –
 - Pam revised the grant request and reimbursement request forms and put them into an Excel Workbook with detailed instructions for each included in the workbook. Please delete all previous copies of the grant and reimbursement forms that may be saved or on file. The last few months since in person trainings have resumed have been extremely chaotic and time consuming involving numerous e-mails and phone calls for almost every grant or reimbursement request.

- Several people were either no-show or cancelled their attendance after the event invoice had been paid resulting in KEMSA issuing credits that have to then be calculated back into the next invoice etc. Discussion included the point that those not attending and not giving adequate notice to the sponsoring agency should be required to reimburse that registration fee as outlined in the grant guidance.
 - There are numerous outstanding certificates of attendance for the past few events and the list of those was distributed to service directors present to assist with getting those on file. The Education grant the region receives from the Kansas Board of EMS requires us to have the person's certification number on file as well as verification of their attendance at the event we paid for them to attend.
 - Discussion on the issues above included review of the revised Education Grant Workbook. Those present agreed that Pam should contact service directors immediately if their personnel do not submit the follow up documentation within the 30 day time frame outlined in the Education Grant Workbook.
 - Individuals who repeatedly are non-compliant may be excluded from future grant approvals.
 - No reimbursements will be issued until all grant requirements, including submission of the certificate of attendance or verification from the hosting agency that the individual did attend the event. The reimbursement request form and documentation outlined in the Education Grant Workbook must also be on file before approved expense reimbursement for that event is issued.
 - Pam will have Kathy change the information currently on the website to reflect this change.
 - Service Directors present will more thoroughly review the document after the meeting and changes can be made as needed. It is recommended that individuals be instructed to check the website before completing a grant or reimbursement request to make sure they are working with the most current Education Grant Workbook.
- **Legislative Update** – John reported on some work being done to increase Medicaid rates to EMS. EMS leadership is also working with LEO and fire fighters about changing the time to vest in the KPF System. Committee with representation from all of the professional associations working on it.
 - **Vice President Appointment.** – Brandon Cochran commented that he was willing to service as VP. Rocky Cramer / Patrick Eastes MSA to fill that open position.

New Business:

- Report on Gathering of The Eagles Conference – John Hultgren and Alex Leff gave a thorough report on this event and thanked the region for sponsoring their attendance.
- Regional Homeland Security Project development – John Hultgren – Service Directors should make an inventory of what CO monitors their department has and what needs to be replaced. John and Missy will be contacting service directors to get that information soon. Services in Region IV counties can participate in the project if they choose to do so. The project can supply the CO monitors for ambulances and staff vehicles
- BEMS meeting report – Joe House – BEMS rep was not available for report
- Virtual option for meetings - Pam will set up a permanent virtual link for meetings that we can use for those who wish to attend using that format.

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
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren/Pearson
- EMS-C Updates – Brittney Nichols
- Data Collection / KEMSIS – Beam
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/Hultgren
- KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Dickinson County – fully staffed, one on active duty for the next year but have it covered. Have new Osage truck coming soon. There is a backlog of orders at the factory due to more purchases now being made and chassis availability in short supply

Smith County – down two full timers and have one in EMT class starting soon.

Clay County – down one full time one off on medical leave calls are up for the year, truck ordered several months ago won't be delivered until next summer dependent upon chassis availability.

Ellsworth County – fully staffed, hopefully will add another full time position or two after first of the year. Have 2 in AEMT class. New truck scheduled to be here in August and new staff vehicle this week.

Lincoln County – fully staffed using prn positions. Hoping to add another full time staff soon. Ahead on runs.

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Mitchell County – fully staffed well above normal call volume new truck through ARPA grant scheduled to be here in April or May. Teaming up with vo-tech to do disaster drill in April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Regional Coordinator

2022 Meeting Locations

February 8, 2022 – Lincoln County EMS

April 12, 2022 - Salina

June 14, 2022 – Republic County EMS

August 9, 2022 – Clay County ESA

October 11, 2022 – Minneapolis EMS

December 13, 2022 - Ellsworth County EMS