

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneapolis EMS
October 10, 2023

Those attending included:

John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS
Nathaniel Florian, EW Co EMS
Greg Brockway, SRHC

Amy Havel, RP Co EMS
Keith Wangerin SM Co EMS
Erica Shamburg, Bennington EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Call to Order – Regional President, Karl Leech called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM at the Minneapolis EMS facility.

Approval of Minutes of August 2023 meeting – Minutes of the August 2023 meeting were approved as printed, MSA Hultgren / McGinnis

Treasurer Report – The regular treasurer’s report was approved as submitted, MSA Florian / Hultgren.

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway – Greg reported that there new cardiologists and new trauma doctors on staff and things related to the prior staffing issues are leveling out. Nursing staffing is improving too. Members present agreed that improvements have been noticeable and the need to continue with open communication between regional EMS services and the facility is important.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Pam Kemp – Pam distributed the report showing members that attended the KEMSA conference and outlined those that have not yet submitted reimbursement for expenses. It was MSA Hultgren/ McGinnis to approve those that have submitted reimbursement request to be paid and give Pam permission to reimburse the ones left to be submitted as they are received.
- **Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project update** – John Hultgren / Missy McGinnis – FY 2024 RHS projects will include the CO Monitors being replaced per a schedule to be determined by the project committee.
- **Binder Lifts update** – Levi Whitley – Levi was not present, but sent report on what has been distributed. If the region agrees, he will contact the services to see what their needs are to fill the gaps around what has been received. The goal being to have the device on ambulances and supervisor response vehicles in the region. He will get pricing for the next meeting.
- **Regional EMS notification group** – test notification – Pam reported that the list has been distributed to other Everbridge administrators in the region and to region’s Emergency Managers. If additions, corrections or personnel changes need to be made be sure to let the Region IV office know.
- **Follow up on Pulse Point discussion from last meeting** – Jimmy has cards for the registry that he will try to get to us for distribution at local AED trainings.
- **Follow up on request for MERGE discussion** from last meeting – no new information. Word is it is stagnant until further notice. Discussion of need for rapid EMS deployment and how to get resources moved to scene quickly.

New Business:

- **BEMS meeting report** – Joe House – remember to add equipment to truck. KRAF grant provides equipment and protocols and equipment list must be update. Be sure to update equipment list and have medical director approve the list. Board meeting, did have a planning and ops committee meeting this time, Planning and Ops is looking at defining unprofessional conduct for operators and that info is on the

website in the board packet. Prioritized items for the legislative meeting discussion, but not completed and will be assigned to committee. The ambulance renewal permit application and renewal revision is up for public comment on hearing is on Nov 14. Approved regulations are on website. Supraglottic airway devices survey was distributed by Joe and they would like to have the information back from services as soon as possible please.

- **2024 Meeting locations** were determined (see dates and locations below)

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 – John reported on Symposium held a few weeks ago.
- EMS-C Updates – Wendy O’Hare
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren
- KRAF grant – Amy Havel
- Regional Trauma Council – Nathaniel Florian

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Minneapolis EMS received grant for radios in Minneapolis and are working through ordering process. Looking at used ambulances and not having much luck finding anything affordable. Finishing up an EMT class in November and doing a lot of standbys.

Bennington – also working on radio procurement. Went to full time instead of volunteer. Have a stop the bleed class scheduled and also will be doing cardiac training in November

Dickinson County – Lost Herington Hospital yesterday and trying to figure out what the needs will be in that community and how it will affect EMS. Have 2 new trucks from Osage that will be here by end of the year. EleGard system is being added to trucks, protocols are under revision so not yet on the trucks. Went to statewide trauma meeting in Wichita last week. DK Co EMS will be part of a grant for a pilot project for community paramedicine. John gave a briefing on what all the project will entail.

Mitchell County – almost fully staffed. Started process of ordering new ambulance for fall of 2026. Will be adding on to the station.

Ellsworth County – fully staffed. The service did a big fundraiser last night and it was very successful. Carter Kits for autistic children response are being implemented. Also doing Pulse Point.

Smith County – took delivery of new Osage truck. Trying to get into a truck rotation schedule. Doing community CPR classes.

Jimmy Reed thanked the services that came to the state fair. The representation went very well and everyone did a great job.

There being no further business it was MSA Florian / Hultgren to adjourn at 1152.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS Coordinator

2023 Meeting Dates and Locations

December 12, 2023 - Abilene

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