

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025
Republic County EMS Facility**

Those attending included:

Nathan Kamerck, Salina FD/EMS
Dr. Sean Herrington, SRHC
Shane Pearson, Salina FD/EMS
Nathaniel Florian, EW Co EMS
Anthony Swetson, Bennington EMS
Alec Trembath, Clay Co EMS
Amy Mullis Havel, Republic Co EMS

Dave Beam, Dickinson Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV
Joe House, KBEMS
Vincent Urbaniak, Jewell Co EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
John Christensen, Concordia FD/EMS

Call to Order / Additions to agenda - Called to order by Karl Leech, Region IV Chairman at 1000.

Approval of Minutes of April 2025 meeting – MSA approval of April 2025 minutes. Beam/Florian.

Treasurer Report - MSA approval of treasurer report. Florian/ Trembath

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Pam Kemp – it was agreed to have Pam approve KEMSA conference grant requests as they come into the office before the deadline.
- **Reminders on Service updates for website** – Pam Kemp
 - (check this page for accuracy <https://www.kansasemsregion4.org/agencies> – notify Pam ASAP of needed changes)
- **Community Paramedicine project Update** – John Hultgren / Dave Beam – Still working on the fine details. Discussion on details of both patient care and administration of the programs in DK and OT Counties that are in the pilot programs.
- **Regional Homeland Security Project CO Monitors** – Distribution of new monitors and Transfer of Property Agreements – Nathaniel Florian – At last meeting it was virtual, they will be expanding the CO Monitor program to include fire and le that respond with local EMS agencies. All transfer of property agreements have been returned by service directors.

New Business:

- **BEMS meeting report** – Joe House – Board met last Friday. Joe will forward written report. Withdrew guidance document for variance request for staff which will be replaced with guidance document for new staffing statute. First Monday after 4th of July will be the annual meeting for legislative and issue review. Mailing will be coming out.

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 Update** by Dr. Harington, staffing is improving and no major issues to discuss with the group.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Keith Wangarin??
- **EMS-C Updates** – EMS-C – no representative present. There has been real information received by anyone regarding continuation of the program with the loss of grant funding to KDHE.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – McGinnis/ Florian – Nathan Florian states there is no additional report beyond that in New Business.

- **KRAF grant** – Amy Havel – grants were approved. Please let Amy know if you apply and why you are requesting the item so she can advocate for your request during the decision making process. If you received a grant, get your items ordered! Deadline is approaching.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Nathaniel Florian – Trauma symposium did offer EMS CEU hours. Moving forward they will have better communication with EMS agencies about the process. The attendee must complete the post event survey before their CE is awarded and there is a short timeline to do that. The statewide **Trauma Symposium in Hutchinson will be October 8** and there will be CE for EMS. KEMSA July 21-25 doing a Peer Support class; July 7 First Midwest is doing a one day introduction.

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

Minneapolis EMS – still short staffed

DK Co EMS – not a lot. Still moving forward on the rural emergency hospital designation at Herington.

EW Co EMS – doing good. Lost one full time but hired 2 part time. Having an EMT class starting August 11. Capping at 10 students.

Salina Fire/EMS – Personnel staff is ok, more paramedics would be great. Adding another ambulance soon. Will be replacing station 4 just a half mile or so away and it will give them much more space and training capacity.

Concordia Fire/EMS – Have new hires that started recently. Talking to Osage for truck replacement and/or rebuild. Looking at doing policy to having drivers but still intend to use staff to do calls. Planning in a few years to be a countywide EMS service.

Bennington EMS – doing the MIH program, has a tech that just left to do a summer/fall wildland fire position in New Mexico. Have several others getting ready to do a class. Have some doing driver training. Put 2 paramedics on staff.

CY Co EMS – wrapped up a public education program EMS, Fire and LE departments did education for citizens in each area of first response. It was intended to be used as a way to advertise for the coming EMT class. Have 3 starting medic classes in the fall. Did receive the KRAF grant for monitor upgrades. Doing scheduling for standby season with games and races.

JW Co EMS – still working on getting the EMT class in the fall and finding a test site. Still short 2 people so hoping the EMT class is filled. Does have one driver approved.

RP Co EMS – have one in paramedic class. New truck will be here in July. Next-gen students have been doing rotations in the department in partnership with the hospital. Levi is out of town. Did a big extrication class recently.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 1215. MSA Trembath / Swetson

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2025 Meeting Dates

June 10, 2025 – Republic County EMS
August 19, 2025 – Minneapolis EMS

October 14, 2025 – Smith Co EMS
December 09, 2025 – DK Co EMS