

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2023
Ellsworth County EMS
Ellsworth, KS

Those attending included:

Greg Brockway, SRHC
Tim Korbe, EW Co EMS
Nathan Florian, EW Co EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Jeff Beikmann, RP Co EMS
James Reed, KBEMS
Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS

Eric Hamel, MC Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Patrick Eastes, SM Co EMS
Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS

Call to Order at 1000 at Ellsworth Co EMS by Karl Leech, Region IV EMS Council President

Approval of Minutes of December 2022 meeting – Pam asked for close review of attendance list and other details on the December meeting as she was unable to hear on much of the virtual connection of the meeting and it appears as if there are a few participants that may have missed the sign in roster. Karl advised that he believes Alec Trembath from Clay County was at the meeting. Pam will check and will make that correction. No other corrections were voiced. It was MSA Florian/Beikmann to approve minutes as amended.

Treasurer Report – discussion of billing issues with KEMSA conferences and overview of those that were delayed due to needed verifications. It was MSA Pearson/Florian to approve report as presented.

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway reported that SRHC has been having issues accepting admissions from other locations due to internal short-staffing problems. EMS Directors report they are still having occasional issues with hospital staff questioning EMS personnel as to why they are bringing a patient to that facility. Salina will host the April 11, 2023 meeting and Greg will try to make arrangements to have that meeting at SRHC so pertinent hospital staff can attend.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Republic County EMS has submitted a request for an education grant to send personnel to the ACE Regional Workshop being held in Oklahoma City- MSA Hamel/Hultgren to approve the Republic County EMS education grant request. Jeff Beikmann will be attending and will update the region at a future meeting.
- **Legislative Update**-Jimmy Reed reported HB2066 allows each volunteer responder to have property tax on 2 vehicles relieved. He also distributed a list of pending legislation. That list will

be scanned and included with this meeting's minutes. SB212 is particularly problematic and warranted much discussion during the meeting.

- **Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project update** – John Hultgren / Missy McGinnis. A partial shipment was received and those will be distributed today after the meeting. The remaining ones were back ordered. The required Transfer of Property Agreements (TPA) from the North Central Regional Homeland Security Council were not available. Pam will request those from the North Central Regional Planning Commission, the NCRHS fiscal agent, and will forward them to the service directors receiving CO Monitors. If the TPA is not signed and returned in a timely manner, the equipment will be required to be returned to the NCRHS Council for redistribution.

If there are additional things needed by services that could possibly be provided by the Homeland Security Council grant, be sure to let John or Missy know and it will be worked into a project during the next grant cycle's planning process. Keep in mind that all RHS projects must fall into categories of an allowable project dictated by the grant guidance in effect for that year's grant cycle and must be on the authorized equipment lists and/or DHS approved training lists.

- **2023 Meeting dates and locations** – The April meeting was left open during meeting location discussion last meeting. It was decided the meeting in April will be held at Salina Regional Health Center or in Salina if the hospital is not available.
- **Binder Lift Project** - update by Pam in Levi's absence. The project is still active. Levi has been in contact with the vendor and the Health Care Coalition (HCC.) HCC is still planning to purchase additional lifts for the region's ambulances. The plan is that Region IV will purchase enough to fill the gap between what HCC provides and what is needed on licensed ambulances and supervisor vehicles for the region's EMS agencies.

New Business:

- **BEMS meeting report** – Shane reviewed the synopsis of the meeting that was distributed by Jimmy Reed with the Legislative update.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council EMS appointment renewal** – MSA Pearson/Hamel to re-appoint John Hultgren and Missy McGinnis to the NC Regional Homeland Security Council for another term. Karl Leech signed the notification letter and it will be forward to the RHS Chairperson.
- **Update Region IV website** – Dave Beam mentioned that there are out dated items on the website. Pam will contact the website contractor to have updates added and old information removed. Please review the website and let her know any needed changes you find. Services should send updates to their service information and information on their projects, photos of their service or projects they wish added to the Service section of the website to Pam and she will forward it with the needed changes.

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 info to report

- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** – Hultgren/Pearson No information to pass along.
- **EMS-C Updates** – Wendy O’Hare Wendy indicated she has scheduled to be at future meetings this year.
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – Image Trend 3.5 has been being used by services and they are adapting to the learning curve.
 - EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – no representative present
 - **Regional Homeland Security Council** – McGinnis/ Hultgren – No additional information
 - **KRAF grant** – Theresa Charbonneau – Karl will follow up with Theresa to see if she is still going to be active.
 - Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – No representative present. It was mentioned that Rocky will be retiring this summer and a new representative will need to be appointed.

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Dickinson County EMS – down one staff member and that may be filled soon. Have 2 trucks on order. Looking at being a pilot location for a mobile integrated health care project. Will be sending 3 people to Gathering of the Eagles in Florida in June.

Ellsworth County EMS – filled openings and fully staffed for 3 days and will now have an opening. Three are in EMT class to finish in May. Station remodel still underway. Planning to do a safety day with 6th grade classes in May.

Minneapolis EMS – having another EMT class that has started and have 5 in that class.

Republic County EMS – Hired one more full time and offering increased benefits.

Mitchell County EMS – did get new ambulance in October. Down 2 employees,

Republic County EMS – ordered new truck to be delivered hopefully Sept 2025. Did get new command truck and other is ordered.

Smith County EMS – did a hire and still down 2 employees. Supposed to get the new truck delivered sometime this fall.

Salina Fire/EMS - Scheduled for a remount. Staffing is stable. Will be doing routine hiring soon.

Adjourn at 1255 MSA Beikmann/Beam

After the meeting the CO Monitors were distributed. Please remember to return your signed TPA as soon as you receive it.

2023 Meeting Dates and Locations

April 11, 2023 – Salina

June 13, 2023 – Clay Center

August 8, 2023 - Belleville

October 10, 2023 - Minneapolis

December 12, 2023 - Abilene