

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023
Salina, KS

Those attending included:

Greg Brockway – Salina Regional Health Center
Eric Hamel – MC Co EMS
James Reed – KBEMS
Dave Beam – DK Co EMS
Karl Leech – Minneapolis EMS
David Whitley – RP Co EMS

Amy Mullis-Havel – RP Co EMS
Dr. Sean Herrington – SRHC
Rachelle Giroux – SRHC
Erin Baker – SRHC
Rocky Cramer – CY Co EMS
Pam Kemp – Region IV EMS

Call to Order / Additions to agenda

Called to order at SRHC by Karl Leech at 1005

Approval of Minutes of February 2023 meeting – No noted additions or corrections MSA Beam/Cramer

Treasurer Report – MSA Cramer / Beam

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway

Trauma Supervisor; ER Director; ER Medical Director were present to discuss issues that have come up since the last meeting with SRHC staff.

Discussion included the issues of bed shortage situations, communication issues, by-pass situations and staffing situations across the region that aggravate the established systems.

Transfer patterns are changing and EMS crews are being forced to take longer distance transfers more frequently in many situations.

Dr. Harrington asked EMS directors to have their medical directors call him if there are specific questions or if they need assistance resolving a local issue. Greg will send Pam the revised EMS report that SRHC developed for distribution with the minutes.

The need for a communication platform that can send real time messages regarding diversion issues was discussed. EM Systems is supposed to be used by the hospitals, but is not always updated by all facilities and does not function well for EMS use. The Regional Everbridge notification system is a possibility. Pam will explore that and bring information back to the next meeting.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Pam Kemp No new grant requests have been received.
- **Republic County OKC report** – Jeff went to the training. Levi offered assistance to other services that have questions etc. Cost based fee schedule documentation? Clay County sent 2 to RP County for the review Jeff did.

- **Legislative Update** – J Reed – Medicaid reimbursement passed waiting on signature. Budget bill passed and waiting on signature. Still can do line item veto. Much is changing in last minute. The board packet is on the website and is thick this time. The most updated status of legislative issues will be there.
- **Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project** update – John Hultgren / Missy McGinnis
- **Binder Lifts** – Levi Whitley – approved all will be bariatric from HCC Levi and pam will figure out what

New Business:

- BEMS meeting report – James Reed was present from KSBEMS and reported that the KRAF Grant application is due today. The Board of EMS packet is on the website and had a large amount of information this time. The guidance document for providers is approved. The retreat style legislative needs discussion will be held again this summer but location and date are not yet known.

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 – Hultgren/Pearson** – Levi Whitley has been attending meetings.
- EMS-C Updates – Wendy O’Hare
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam
- **EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager** - After discussion it was decided to delete this standing report from future agendas.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren** – FY24 project development will start soon
- **KRAF grant – Theresa Charbonneau** – Dave gave a briefing of what is required Check with KARL regarding if Theresa will stay on or if we need to reappoint.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – Rocky reported the trauma symposium is May 9 in Beloit. The next RTC meeting is after that. And the RTC is struggling to get people active and engaged. We have a temporary chair because Doctors are all busy and unable to take the role. Meets quarterly.

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

Dickinson County EMS – Currently doing specs on vehicles for 25-26 due to the current need to plan that far ahead. Staffing is doing good. Did first paramedic internship in a while and it went well and they are hoping to foster relationships with the educational programs in an attempt to attract their students. Call volume is slightly down.

Clay County EMS – down a bit from last year’s calls, but last year was way high. Staffing is filled right now but don’t have the advanced level staffing they would like. Finished up an EMT class. Started an EMT class in Miltonvale. Possibly will do an EMTA class in the fall but haven’t decided 100% to do it.

Minneapolis EMS – trying to get people interested in taking class, but it is getting harder and harder to find people that actually complete the training. Current class is wrapping up. Call volume is average to down a bit. County is moving to 800 radio systems but don’t have funding to fully buy all needed.

Mitchell County EMS– Trauma symposium in May hosting still need 2 full time
Republic County EMS – one medic in class new command truck coming soon. Hospital is starting a trauma project.

Meeting adjourned at 1230 with lunch following in the SRHC cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2023 Meeting Dates and Locations

June 13, 2023 – Clay Center

August 8, 2023 - Belleville

October 10, 2023 - Minneapolis

December 12, 2023 - Abilene