

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021
Miltonvale EMS Facility

Those attending included:

Jeremiah Brown, EW Co. EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Eric Hamel, MC Co EMS
Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Dave Beam, DK Co. EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

David Whitley, RP Co EMS
Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS
Katie Sparks, LifeSave EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
James Reed, KBEMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS

Call to Order by Jeremiah Brown Region IV President. - Called to order at 1000 at the Miltonvale EMS facility.

Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2021 meeting –MSA Beam/Cramer

Treasurer Report - MSA Buller/Leech

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant application status update / approvals** –MSA Buller / Cramer to approve those who submit for Education workshops that are rescheduled (Survival workshop etc.)
- **Legislative Update** – SB 238 includes EMS. Some changes in KPF retirement benefits for those that are on that system that has been signed into law.

New Business:

- **Officer Elections** – Pam reported that Karl Leech has agreed to fill the vacant VP position. With discussion of the open VP position it was moved to re-elect Jeremiah Brown as President, Kathy Coleman as Secretary, Jeremiah and elect Karl Leech as Vice-President. MSA Buller / McGinnis
- **BEMS report** – Jimmy Reed reported the legislative meeting will be during EMS week in Salina. A KEMSIS user group is being established and will meet soon. Renewals are being worked. He encouraged services to make sure their financial data is very accurate. There have been many exams given in the past few months.
- **Training** – The possibility of doing training on the BEMS Investigative process by Mark Greyson (sp?) with BEMS was discussed. Several training opportunities that were postponed due to the pandemic are being rescheduled. It was noted that KEMSA will limit attendance as things are rescheduled, so regional personnel should book early.

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) – Giroux – no report
- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** – Hultgren/Pearson – Beth Vallier has retired from her position due to serious health issues and that position is temporarily filled by Tami Wood.
- EMS-C Updates – Brittney Nichols – no report
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – Image Trend training will be done virtually in July, services can apply for grant fund to pay for that.
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – no report

- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – McGinnis/ Hultgren – working on FY21 and FY22 project development.
- **KRAF grant** – Coleman / Beam – Kathy Coleman reported that the process has been completed for this year and letters went out last week. She advised services sure you receive your acceptance letter before ordering. Not all requested monitors and overall here were much fewer requests this year.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – Virtual training one hour each day going on all week. NC Regional Trauma Council Meeting will be on May 13 at 2PM virtually.

Round Table Discussion –

Salina Fire/EMS – Shane Pearson reported they are short on people because they have some openings due to retirements. They are taking applications unsure when hire date will be due to city process. He reported they are doing another remount and the new 800 ratio system should be operational end of May. The Med 9 channel at SRHC will not be used after that occurs unless the hospital decides to maintain it. The hospital 800 frequency will be encrypted, contact the Assistant County Administrator for information on encryption approval if you. Will change the Region IV meeting in Salina due to mask mandate status. Will switch with Clay Center's date.

Clay County EMS – Rocky Cramer reported they ordered a new ambulance from Osage and are expecting delivery in middle to end of May. They also purchased new vents with SPARK funding and have one in paramedic class.

Life Save – Katie Sparks reported they have been purchased by Air Methods. Salina aircraft has changed. Many structural changes occurring but those will not interfere with service. Use the same number to call for service, but you will be talking to Air Com out of Omaha. If have questions or concerns call Katie.

Dickinson County – John Hultgren reported they have been working mainly COVID-19 response. EMS side has been same staffing. They received a new ambulance with SPARK funding and new ventilators as well. John expects they will do another new truck purchase next year.

Miltonvale – Kathy Coleman reported that 4 students in the current class will be ready to test soon. They are now working on county wide radio project to get everyone on the same system and upgrading everyone to digital.

Ellsworth – Jeremiah Brown reported they have replaced all their monitors with Lifepak monitors. EMS staff has been helping with vaccine clinics. They currently have 1 student testing next month and two additional in paramedic school.

Concordia Fire/EMS – James Buller reported they are looking at the Image Trend system and will probably switch to that. Pending BEMS approval another EMS class in Concordia will start in July. They currently have a couple openings and will likely hire from outside the department.

Mitchell County EMS – Eric Hamel reported that they have teamed up with the nursing college to do a disaster drill for nursing students and have been working on that planning. They are fully staffed right now and are hoping to get new truck by next year

Minneapolis EMS– Karl Leech reported that they are looking for part time help. Call Karl if interested.

OTHER Discussion –

Regional Training - Discussion of modifying the Region IV education grant funding to include room and travel expense. All agree that we can do that with the funding that did not get spent during the pandemic. Pam will review the current policy and bring the needed edits to the next meeting.

New EMS Directors: It was reported that David Swisher is the new EMS Director at Bennington and Lincoln County is interviewing applicants today.

KEMSA has new COO Kari Presley will replace Mary Napier.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2021 Meeting locations

- August 10, 2021 – Salina
- October 12, 2021 - Minneapolis
- December 14, 2021 – Ellsworth