

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021
Martinelli's Little Italy
Salina, KS

Those attending included:

Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
John Hultgren Dickinson County EMS
Sean Herrington, Salina Fire EMS – SRHC
Joe House, KBEMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire EMS

Katie Sparks, LifeSave
David Whitley, Republic Co EMS
Brandon Cochran, Lincoln Co EMS
Rocky Cramer, Clay Co EMS
Kathy Myers, SRHC ED
Greg Brockway, SRHC

Call to Order called to order at 1000 at Martinelli's Little Italy in Salina by Karl Leech, Region IV EMS President

Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2021 meeting – MSA Whitley/Cramer

Treasurer Report – Expenses reviewed. MSA Cramer/Beam

Guest Comments – Salina Regional Health Center – Karl introduced Dr. Sean Herrington from SRHC- Salina Fire/EMS to discuss the issue of miscommunications and problems during inter facility transfers into their facility. Discussion included various communication issues, frequent confusion as to why patients are being transferred. Bypass protocols have increased the number of patients coming directly to SRHC which also is a source of confusion if the ED staff doesn't understand in reports the patient is direct from the field, not another facility. Discussion of EM System or other notification system to do more efficient situation reports between facilities and between facilities and EMS. Discussion will continue on a more regular basis to help resolve issues before they become problems.

Old Business:

- **Education Grant report**
 - Pam gave the application status update / approvals needed – MSA approve applications for grant for the scheduled EMS Management workshop KEMSA coming up in October. Leech/Cramer
 - no needed policy edits to include lodging / meal expenses if we make those decisions per events submitted.

- **Legislative Update – Joe House** – The Monday morning service director briefings are beneficial and Joe reminded everyone to try to log in. Discussion of Education incentive grants and when those have to be repaid and details of how to transfer the grant to a different service to avoid issues. CE Audit shows some hours submitted that did not meet the criteria, be sure it does when you submit. Nursing CE is not automatically equivalent to EMS CE. Can apply for retroactive approval. KEMSIS changes are in the system. If you find error messages let Joe know. Destination codes are required after Oct. 1. All vendors have been notified. Will be doing regional trainings on the system. Pediatric dashboard was added. Updates have no identifiers unless the patient name is added to narrative, so local training should include instruction not to do that. Legislative meeting went well with 24 topics sent back to group for prioritization. The board will decide what to pursue. Public hearing on medication list is scheduled on September 28.

- **Vice President position opening**– Pam was unable to find a volunteer and no participants present for the meeting volunteered to fill that open position. Please consider serving in that position
- **NC RHS** – CO monitor replacement project – the council will have to bid the items. John and Missy will be in contact with all EMS agencies in the region to get an inventory of the current CO monitors in use and what needs to be replaced.

New Business:

- EMS-C report – some discussion of available pediatric training. Karl suggested the region should consider doing a training program specific for peds.

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 additional report
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren/Pearson – no activity to report
- EMS-C Updates – Brittney Nichols – the report was sent to the mailing list
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam – no additional report
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – no report
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren – no additional report
- KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam- no additional information
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – Rocky reported that the RTC meeting is next Wednesday August 18.

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Minneapolis EMS – Karl reported there is nothing new to report, all is about the same.

Lincoln Co EMS – Brandon reported staffing continues to be a big issue.

Clay County EMS– Rocky reported they have a new truck ordered. Some staff are going to KEMSA this week. Currently are full staffed but having to backfill for illnesses.

Miltonvale EMS – Kathy reported that increased numbers of sick people in the community are closing things like city offices and some local businesses.

Dickinson County EMS – John reported they are short one staff member ordered new truck which should arrive mid-winter.

Salina Fire/ EMS – Shane reported they have 4 in recruit class right now no COVID-19 restrictions so far in community- still having transfers but it is more fluctuating and not constant

Lifesave – Katie reported that the old MERGe dispatch number did get transferred to their dispatch.

Republic County EMS – Levi reported two new part time folks just finished up the fair.

There being no additional business to discuss it was MSA Cramer/ Pearson to adjourn at 1:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS Coordinator

**PLEASE LET PAM KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HOST A MEETING IN 2022
2021 Meeting locations (we are being optimistic about in-person meetings!)**

- December 14, 2021 – Ellsworth