

**Region 4 EMS Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2023**  
**Republic County EMS**

**Those attending included:**

Greg Brockway, Salina Regional Hospital  
Levi Whitley, RP Co EMS  
Erica Shamburg, Bennington EMS  
Nathaniel Florian, EW Co EMS

Wendy O’Hare, KS Trauma Systems KDHE  
Joe House, KBEMS  
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS  
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

**Call to Order** 1005 at Republic County EMS Facility by Karl Leech, Region IV President

**Approval of Minutes of June 2023 meeting** – It was MSA Whitley/Florian to approve the minutes of the June 2023 meeting.

**Treasurer Report** – It was MSA Whitley/Florian to approve the financial report as presented

**Salina Regional Health Center Update** – Greg Brockway – Discussion on the e-mail notification of services not available and work being done to make improvement. Work is being done to have an interventional cardiologist on staff and available.

**Old Business:**

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Pam Kemp distributed the spreadsheet of those who applied for Region IV grants to attend KEMSA. Consensus was to approve that list and allow Pam to approve additional requests that are received before the stated deadline. Discussion of the issue of verification of attendance resulted in agreement that Region IV does need to have verification that those receiving the paid grant did complete the training the Region paid for. Discussion of the various ways that can be provided were discussed and it was agreed that the KEMSA verification used for their certification renewal should be easily received by the individual and either mailed or e-mailed to the Regional office. Joe will also look for a solution to that issue.
- **Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project update** – John Hultgren / Missy McGinnis – RHS representatives were not in attendance. Pam reported that the RHS project was submitted and will continue with a replacement rotation of the CO monitors. It is yet to be determined which services will be replaced with the next grant cycle, but that rotation schedule is due before the 2024 projects are finalized.
- **Binder Lifts update** – Levi Whitley – Levi reported that the HCC purchased bariatric lifts for services. Levi will check with the services to determine whether or not they needed bariatric or regular. Gaps will be discussed at the October meeting. Levi will bring pricing estimates on what is needed to complete the project of providing these on all ambulances.
- **Regional EMS notification group** – Pam reported that a test notification was sent via the regional Everbridge system to all EMS Directors and Assistant Directors that submitted the information request forms to verify cell numbers and e-mail addresses. For the services that did not respond, the information on file was used. Several notifications were showing as not received even though the individual reported receiving the message. Pam reminded the group that you must make an active reply by following the instructions in the header of the notification whether it is received by phone, text or e-mail. That reply is what will trigger the message showing received in the system. Additional personnel, such as shift supervisors or Captains can be added to the notification list, just get their information to Pam.

## **New Business:**

- **BEMS meeting report – Joe House** – Joe reviewed some of the changes in the CE categories what is approved and what is not, that information will be on the website. Investigations- 2 staffing cases with different situations for patient transports. EMR ended up being primary care on one which is not allowable, part of the issue was because of lack of visible identification of level of certification with staff not fully aware of each other's status. Another for a region 4 service that couldn't have adequate coverage. Last case went to consent agreement and that was approved – the voluntary surrender of a paramedic certification and a fine to the 2<sup>nd</sup> attendant, patient care errors and unfamiliarity with equipment. Service is shut down.
  - Regulations will have public hearing on October 5. Check KBEMS website for details.
  - Vehicle registration will be required to be on file on vehicles permitted by KBEMS
  - Defining unprofessional conduct is going to be required to be defined.
  - Service directors need to understand that in the portal to add personnel to the roster, if that person's number starts with 99----- they are not a certified attendant, you can add them to the roster, but need to know they are not certified.
  - Nathan asks everyone to get into the Image Trend system and vote on the options listed in the poll that is posted.
  - Motion for re-consideration on a former investigation in 2020. That will be revisited at the October meeting.
- **EMS-C – Wendy O'Hare** – EMS-C grant renewed with increased funding for the next 4 years. Dana Hull is the new EMS-C coordinator and will be involving EMS agencies. Recognition program will be based on pediatric performance measures and making sure that pediatrics are in all disaster plans. Carter Kits is a kit that for kids on the autism spectrum that need stimulus reduction interventions if items in the kits get used they will replace it for free. One kit will be provided, training is available.
- **Trauma System – Wendy** reports they will be doing a statewide trauma reduction project. Will be working to link data between EMS and trauma and hospitals in a several year project. October 4 is statewide symposium in Wichita at Wesley Medical Center will be trauma CEU and will have national speaker.

## **Committee Reports – (These standing committee reports will be given if the committee has met or had business since the last Region IV Meeting) – no additional reports were given during this meeting**

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates (as needed) – Brockway –
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren/Pearson
- EMS-C Updates – Wendy O'Hare
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren
- KRAF grant – Amy Havel
- Regional Trauma Council – Nathaniel Florian

It was reported that Dave Johnson has requested regional council group discussion for MERGE and more detail will be presented when it is received.

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

**Republic Co** – had on-scene issue with ZOLL monitor. Also has had issues with other equipment

Switched pads and is working with ZOLL on resolution.

**Minneapolis** – will be conducting AEMT class in Minneapolis. Trying to decide on next truck acquisition.

**Ellsworth** – Had issues with lack of coroner availability. Joe suggested sending local people to the Death Investigator class. All FD and county buildings now have AEDs it was funded through a private donation. There is also a grant they will be applying for. Will give all road deputies, PD vehicles etc. one in their vehicle and EMS coordinates training and supplies. Joe knows of a former legislator that is willing to come to communities to do civic groups about Pulse Point.

**Bennington** – Did AED, CPR, Stop the Bleed for citizens in their service area.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned to lunch at 1300.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

### **2023 Meeting Dates and Locations**

**October 10, 2023 - Minneapolis**

**December 12, 2023 - Abilene**