

**Region 4 EMS Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19 2025  
Minneapolis, KS EMS Facility**

**Those attending included:**

Vincent Urbaniak, JW Co EMS

Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Amber Robinson, MC Co EMS

Nathan Komarck, Salina Fire/EMS

Sean Herrington MD, SRHC

Nathaniel Florian, EW Co EMS

John Christensen, Concordia Fire / EMS

Wendy O'Hare, KDHE

Keith Wangerin, SM Co EMS

Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

**Call to Order / Additions to agenda?**

**Approval of Minutes of June 2025 meeting – MSA Florian/Missy**

**Treasurer Report** – Pam reviewed routine and educational expenses. MSA Florian/Christensen

**Old Business:**

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Pam Kemp – KEMSA conference wrap up. Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Tuition was presented as education option for the group's consideration. After discussion it was MSA McGinnis/ Urbaniak to approve attendee expenses and defer tuition costs to the NC Regional trauma council
- **Reminders on Service updates** for website – Pam Kemp
  - Check this page for accuracy or needed changes and notify Pam of needed changes.  
<https://www.kansasemsregion4.org/agencies>
- **Community Paramedicine project Update** – John Hultgren / Dave Beam – In DK Co's absence, Karl Leech reported that the project is still on track and may start seeing patients as early as October in some of the participating areas. All partners in the pilot program are working well together. Record keeping, billing and insurance claims are all issues still being finalized.

**New Business:**

- **BEMS meeting report** – Joe House – August board meeting was pretty. Joe will send the update. ALS to BLS hand off standard of care issue is at Medical Advisor Council. Authorized med list for AEMT is also being clarified. There is a new virtual system that will track a patient from time of incident until discharge from care. It will be statewide and other states are using it successfully. There is a very short timeline for implementation to meet the World Cup happening next spring. EIG grant requests have dropped and the committee is trying to figure out why. Injury surveillance project will give health care the ability to link patient records from time of injury (crash) to release from care.

**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** Dr. Herrington reported that physician staffing is holding steady. Nursing openings are still there.
- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** –

- **EMS-C Updates – EMS-C** – Wendy reported the EMS-C coordinator position is vacant. Looking for paramedics and nursing personnel that would be willing to contract with the program from across the state to be site reviewers for the programs – contact Wendy if interested. Fully funded until March 31. There are some resources available if you have needs.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – McGinnis/ Florian – At the last meeting they did a project modification to add LE and FD to the project for monitors they will be issued to county EM and will be replaced every 2 years.
- **KRAF grant** – Amy Havel – Karl reported that the grant cycle will be starting soon.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Nathaniel Florian- Nathan reported they will meet tomorrow to finalize the agenda for the state Trauma council is October 8 in Hutch.

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

**JW Co EMS** – they are just finishing up EMT class with 8 students ready to test.

**Concordia FD/EMS** – John had to leave meeting before report.

**MC Co EMS** – Missy introduced her new assistant director Amber Peters. There are several in paramedic training. Possibly will be doing a new building.

**SM Co EMS** – Keith reported that they have 3 that just finished AEMT. Ordered new truck for 2028.

**Salina FD/EMS** – The service took delivery of new truck in July. Hiring 9 more employees. Building new station 4. Brought some old bags and lift equipment to share with other services that wish to have it. Pick up after the meeting.

**EW Co EMS** – They started EMT class with 8 students last week. Nathan reported they have had some resignations but were able to rehire right away. The new truck that is on order will be delivered in May

**Minneapolis EMS** – not much to report, working with city manager and council on wage adjustments in an effort to help with the chronic staffing issues.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1215 for lunch.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

### **2025 Meeting Dates**

October 14, 2025 – Smith Co EMS

December 09, 2025 – DK Co EMS