

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024
Republic County EMS Facility**

Those attending included:

Nathanial Florian, EW Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Keith Wangerin, SM Co EMS
Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS
Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS
James Reed, KBEMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

Alec Trembath, CY Co EMS
Levi Whitley, RP Co EMS
Amy Havel, RP Co EMS
Anthony Swetson, Minneapolis EMS
Michelle Grayson, KDHE Trauma
Jessica Baker, KDHE EMS-C

Call to Order / Additions to agenda? – Call to order at 1000 by Karl Leech, Region IV President

Approval of Minutes of June 2024 meeting – MSA Florian/Trembath

Treasurer Report – MSA Whitley/Beam

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Rachelle – No report

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Pam Kemp Reviewed the reimbursement process for those attending KEMSA conference with a Region IV Education Grant. The reimbursement packet is in the Grand Workbook on the Region IV website <https://www.kansasemsregion4.org>
- **Community Paramedicine project Update** – John Hultgren – In John's absence, Dave Beam reported that John went to the Missouri EMS conference and attended the track on Community Paramedicine but he hasn't had a report from John on that yet. Jason white did an interview with Jon Friesen on the KEMSA website that was very informative as to what is happening with that project. It should still be posted on the www.kemsa.org website

New Business:

- **BEMS meeting report** – Joe House – In Joe's absence, James Reed reported on meetings. Legislation updates included the AED registration issue; Paramedics working in facilities current cannot work as Paramedic; not supported EMT monitor cath lines; several other scope of practice authorized activity issues pertaining to inter-facility transfers and other issues were discussed for possible updates. Let James or Joe know if those affect your service. Attend the EMS Forum call every other Monday for updates. Contact BEMS for details of any legislation or other issues at any time. Possible required service director training is being discussed again. It will likely be required this year to submit renewal applications before December 1 to have a guarantee of being done before expiration 12-31-24. Recertification applications received after that date will pay a late fee for the application. This is being done to prevent the huge rush of last minute certification requests that result in expired certifications in several services each year. There are also several changes in education timeline and reporting deadlines etc. that are being discussed. All these are on the website as is the hearing schedule. Remember the outside instructor is no longer there when registering courses.

- **Officer elections** – Nominations for Chair: Karl Leech; Vice Chair: Nathaniel Florian; Secretary/Treasurer: Keith Wangerin. MSA Buller/Swetson to accept slate of officers as nominated.
- **Presentation** by RP Co EMS personnel that attended difficult airway classes. – A brief synopsis of the two difficult airway classes that RP Co EMS personnel attended was given. If anyone has questions or wants more detailed information they can contact RP Co EMS for the in-depth details.

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 –
- Regional Healthcare Coalition –
- **EMS-C Updates** – – Upcoming education farm accidents calendar is on the website Colorado symposium attended. Sending pals kits to those that did the survey. She will send details on a new program to be sent to members. Trying to find funding for new project and have funding available. EMSC has training equipment if need to borrow.
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Florian – Nathaniel reported on the CO monitors project status; CD Co will be host of a Functional Exercise in October.
- **KRAF grant – Amy Havel –**
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Nathaniel Florian – Michelle Grayson reported on the ACT and the State assessment process. Sept 19-20 meeting if you have not received invite let her know so ground EMS is involved in the statewide assessment. Statewide symposium is Oct. 7 at Heartland Educational facility in Wichita. Will send additional info to region 4 office. Regional symposium will be 2 day event.

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

RP Co – one going to AEMT class. Doing more training on cardiac arrest updates and more.

EW Co EMS – Started EMT class with 10 students last night. Got a grant to get new video laryngoscopes.

Nathaniel Florian was selected as the KEMSA EMS Director of the year. Congratulations Nathaniel!

Minneapolis – EMT class going on. Still trying to get that “new to them” ambulance on the road. Still trying to fill out schedules for football games etc. A couple of techs contract with Salina Raceway so are going to some training for that.

SM Co EMS – things are going good. Doing lots of transfers. Hospital has some projects coming up that EMS will be happening and will provide Stop the Bleed kits and classes.

Bennington EMS – In beginning stages of community paramedicine project. Also trying to get a new to them unit in service. Revamping training program.

CY Co EMS – doing second Saturday programs for CPR awareness and some businesses have purchased AED. New AEMT’s. Sending 3 to paramedic school with grant from the county. Mental Health First Aid class completed. Updating the disaster trailer.

MC Co EMS – have 2 ambulances on order. Currently having big issue with one ambulance that is still a warranty issue but major inconvenience. Will be building a new facility that will house fire and rescue with hopes of future new EMS, will do a safe haven baby drop box program. Also doing program for identifying next of kin for children in crashes where parents are incapacitated. The program RothID.com. August 21 will reenact a rescue call that occurred at a local grain elevator.

Concordia Fire / EMS – Voss resigned, James is interim director. Position is open for application. Working to maintain status quo, not making big changes at this point. Do have one full time position open.

DK Co EMS – got through fair season partner with Abilene fire and Herington Fire on class.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM for lunch and dismissal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2024 Meeting Dates and Locations

October 8, 2024 – Smith Co.

December 10, 2024 – Dickinson Co.