

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022
Minneapolis EMS

Those attending included:

Patrick Eastes, SM Co EMS

Nathaniel Florian, EW Co EMS

Christan Butler, SRHC

Christy Dixon, SRHC

Erica Shamburg, OCRFD4

Levi Whitley, RP Co EMS

Dave Beam, DK Co EMS

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Cody Woodruff, DK Co EMS

John Hultgren, DK Co EMS

Eric Hamel, MC Co EMS

Greg Brockway, SRHC

Call to Order: at 1005 by Karl Leech, Region IV EMS Council chairman.

Approval of Minutes of August 2022 meeting – MSA Levi Whitley/Patrick Eastes to approve minutes as distributed

Treasurer Report – Distributed to those present by Pam, Still have 3 outstanding from the KEMSA conference to do refunds or reimbursements on. MSA Dave Beam/ Levi Whitley to approve applications on file for KEMSA Core Conference

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Christi Dixon, SRHC Stroke Program Coordinator, updated those present on SRHC Stroke program changes and will provide copies of the handout to be forwarded to those not in attendance. In addition, Christan Butler, Chest Pain/HF Coordinator, provided an update on chest pain and heart failure care. Handout will be sent. Discussion included recent transfers that had glitches in the activation system. It was **decided to switch the December meeting location to Salina** (and February meeting to Ellsworth) to facilitate SRHC staff attendance at the December meeting to discuss activation issues. Greg Brockway will ensure that appropriate SRHC staff is in attendance and will make meeting location arrangements to forward to Pam for distribution with the agenda.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant Updates** – no applications have been received since the KEMSA conference. A reminder that the grant is available and it does not have to be a KEMSA event to apply for the Region IV Education grant. MSA Levi Whitley/ Dave Beam to authorize Pam to do the approvals for the core conference November 18-20, 2022 in Manhattan if those are received between this meeting date and the registration deadline.
- **Binder Lift project** – We will follow up with adding additional Binder Lifts through funding by HCC.
- **Legislative Update** – KSBEMS meetings were last week. Joe not here. Not sure when BEMS will go back to allowing in person attendance without limitation. There was discussion at the last BEMS meeting about adopting national protocols but nobody at the regional meeting really understood what that discussion was.

- **Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project** update – John Hultgren / Missy McGinnis – purchase underway.

New Business:

- **BEMS meeting report** – Joe House was not present. Reports should still be on the KBEMS website.
- **2023 Meeting dates and locations** – February will be Ellsworth instead of in December to facilitate the change to meet with SRHC staff in December. Notify Pam if you have a specific month you wish to host the meeting.

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 – May be eliminating mask requirements soon.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren/Pearson -
- EMS-C Updates – Wendy O’Hare
- Data Collection / KEMSIS – Beam – switching to newest version of Image Trend.
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager -
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren
- KRAF grant – Theresa Charbonneau -
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer -

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Minneapolis EMS – Have a couple classes on-going and both are full. Have been doing a great deal of public education with schools – Touch- A - Truck events; Career Day etc.

Bennington EMS – Erika Shamberg – is now interim director at Bennington. Also doing the Touch-A-Truck and school events. Did get a new-to-them truck they have put into service. Major mechanical issues with one truck. Staffing is still an issue.

Dickinson County EMS – Doing recertification hours. Have a couple of positions open.

Ellsworth County EMS – still fully staffed with full time. Have 5 people in class which is challenging for scheduling. Had big station remodel.

Republic County EMS – Levi reports things are going well, have 2 in paramedic class. Got approval to get new command truck. Have 2 in EMT class. Doing trainings.

Smith County EMS – Short staffed again. New truck is not arriving until fall of next year.

Mitchell County – EMS – Fully staffed. Have several in classes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS Coordinator

2022 Meeting Location

December 13, 2022 - Martinelli's in Salina