

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2022

Clay County Emergency Services Academy

Those attending included:

Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Joe House, KBEMS
Theresa Charbonneau, OCRFD4
Alec Trembath, CY County EMS
Jacob Hudlin, CY County EMS

Rocky Cramer, CY County EMS
David Whitley, RP Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Brenda Myers, CY Co EMS
Jairos Kelley, CY Co EMS

Call to Order by Karl Leech at 1008 at Clay County Emergency Services Academy.

Approval of Minutes of June 2022 meeting – MSA Rocky Cramer/Theresa Charbonneau to approve minutes as presented.

Treasurer Report – The treasurer report was reviewed. Several members are planning to attend the KEMSA conference. Discussion of KEMSA conference registration process and refund, how the registration for the conference is formatted and some confusion members have had with making payment or receiving an invoice. It is unsure whether they are doing a core conference this year. Rocky Cramer/Levi Whitley MSA the report as presented.

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway – unable to attend.

Old Business:

- Edu Grant Updates – encourage members from local services to take advantage of the Region IV Education grants, it doesn't have to be a KEMSA sponsored event to qualify for the grant funding we have to offer.
- Legislative Update – Joe House reviewed some of the updates. There is now a 988 number for mental health emergencies. There are 3 call centers in Kansas JO SG DG counties. Those dispatchers will coordinate with the local 911 center. No other real legislative things have happened since June. Medicaid reimbursement has increased to about 80% of Medicare allowable. Driverless vehicles are now allowed. Emergency responders should call the number on the side of the vehicle so they can disable the autonomous vehicle. \$15million to build a mental health facility in the Wichita area to serve western Kansas. New items from the Milford meeting to discuss and review for potential change include:
 - First response agency oversight
 - Include other disciplines to be preceptors ex. Respiratory therapists etc.
 - Asked to clarify if paramedics could operate outside the EMS or ER environment.
 - Authorized activities discussion – AEMT can initiate an IO but not monitor it. A person can apply electrodes etc. but can't monitor it. KSA 65-6144 is EMR 6121 EMT 6120 AEMT 6119 Paramedic. There are multiple conflicts with statute and actual EMS practices. Statute is more difficult to open and change than regulation. EMR can do nebulizer but can't assess lung sounds. Multiple examples of these types of discrepancies in statute and regulation. Service directors should check the BEMS website for updated information.
 - Discussion of service verification of competencies on equipment etc.
 - Talked about national registry draft resolutions. Practice analysis addendum of different levels of certification. What they found between AEMT and paramedic they decided

they needed to adjust more on the side of critical thinking and the registry is reviewing their exams to include scenario questions more based on critical thinking. Also updated eligibility criteria for the test access.

- ALS redesign – there is information in the notes on the website packet
- Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project update – John Hultgren / Missy McGinnis / Pam
 - We haven't heard back from HCC on the lifts purchasing for the rest of the ambulances
 - Have the AA from 8 services will continue collecting them until August 14.

New Business:

- BEMS meeting report – Joe House adopted regulations on exam retakes. No public comment on it at all. EMR – discussion on realigning with national registry board decided not to do anything with that at this time. Will reach out to current EMR to find out if they would be ok with their scope of practice adjusting down to the national registry. Change in regulation for 24 hour staffing for transport only agencies, see the website for 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 – Hultgren/Pearson
- EMS-C Updates – Wendy O'Hare
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam – Joe reports version 3.5 will bring some changes that may bring some problems. 100% of services are reporting. Let Joe know if your service wants to be first in line for 3.5 version.
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren
- KRAF grant – Theresa Charbonneau -
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – Haven't been very active have a new person now and are reorganizing. EMS James is up for reappointment. Monday should be available. Rocky will be up for reappointment next year and is retiring so someone will need to step up. Michelle Greyson will be the

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

Minneapolis EMS– applying for grants for training equipment etc. Going to Bennington sponsored classes.

Bennington EMS– Offering EMT and AEMT class soon.

Republic County EMS– two in classes right now. Others in AEMT. Inspection went well. Staffing is going well. Major staff turnover in local health department has caused some issues but is resolving.

Clay County EMS– sending 4 to KEMSA will take delivery of new truck at the conference. Middle of an AEMT class full staffed for the next 2 weeks and have interviews for that one soon. Went to Image Trend training in Minnesota and it was very good and beneficial as well as recommend it to others.

Ellsworth County EMS – busy, starting AEMT class.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:50 then meeting adjourned, MSA Levi/ Theresa.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS Coordinator

2022 Meeting locations

December 13, 2022 - Ellsworth County EMS

