

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021
Clay County Emergency Services Academy

Those attending included:

Deidre Stout, CY County EMS
Joe House, KBEMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Dave Beam, DK Co EMS

Brandon Cochran, LC Co EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS
Katie Sparks, LifeSav

Call to Order – Called to order by Vice-President Karl Leech at 1000 at the Clay County Emergency Services Academy in Clay Center.

Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2021 meeting – MSA – with the correction Swetson not Swisher as interim director at Bennington. As amended Beam / Hultgren

Treasurer Report – MSA Buller / Hultgren

Old Business:

- Edu Grant
 - Application status update / approvals =- MSA Beam / Stout to approve applications for the KEMSA conference including meals and lodging for this event due to the limitations of the pandemic policies in place.
- Legislative Update – Joe House reported the medical director bill became law last week. Moving forward in next session there needs to be a push on the PTSD legislation for public safety, it is currently just sitting. There is also discussion about cost based reimbursement for ground EMS but no action.
- Legislative meeting July 13 at Acorns resort in Milford. Joe will send registration information.

New Business:

- Resignation of Jeremiah Brown as Regional President due to job change. – Jeremiah resigned as he took a job out of region. Karl is willing to step up to President if someone else will do VP. With no volunteers stepping up to accept the VP position it was MSA Buller / Beam to deal appoint Karl Leech as President and discuss the VP position at the August meeting.
- Salina Regional issues – Karl mentioned they are having issues with Salina Regional staff in ER being frustrated with EMS personnel when they bring in patients from the local hospital again. Others present reported they are having some of the same issues with their EMS personnel being confronted by nurses angry with hospitals and about things out of EMS control on transferred patients.

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) – Giroux –
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Pearson -
- EMS-C Updates – Brittney Nichols

- **Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam** – KEMSIS user group meeting on July 12 at Acorns. CHECK WITH JOE ABOUT REGISTRATIONS sent to service directors in the system.
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – Joe reported there will be a survey going out
- **Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren** – met last week of May working on FY21 and FY22 projects. CO detector replacement should be an annual project for replacement of some of the issued CO detectors each year.
- **KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam** If you encounter issues with your ordered equipment, please let Joe House know.
- **Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer** – The RTC met on-line for training. Will not start meeting in person until state requires employees to work from office. The RTC is coordinating with EMS-C for a project development of pediatric programs

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

Concordia Fire – EMS – will be doing AEMT class starting July 6 if anyone has students looking for a class.

Minneapolis EMS – maintaining status quo. 5 new AEMT certifications.

Dickinson County EMS – two people short but do have applications. Call volume is up and heading for record year. More accidents and falls etc. Working on protocols through an app that will replace their pocket protocol books. Specking a new truck for next year. Finding a chassis was challenging. Hospital will soon be part of Salina regional's network.

Clay County EMS – have been busy in Rocky's absence. Call volume up. Fully staffed.

Lincoln County EMS – doing budgets and job description rewrites. Full staffed right now.

LifeSave – dispatch in Wichita has been moved to Omaha but it should be seamless when you call for transport. Unsure what the MERGe number is.

No further discussion meeting adjourned to lunch t 1140 hrs. MSA to adjourn Stout/Leech

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2021 Meeting locations (we are being optimistic about in-person meetings!)

- August 10, 2021 – Salina
- October 12, 2021 - Minneapolis
- December 14, 2021 – Ellsworth