

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
Ellsworth County EMS
Ellsworth, KS
February 13, 2024**

Those attending included:

Amy Mullis Havel- RP Co EMS

Levi Whitley – RP Co EMS

Greg Brockway – SRHC

Nathaniel Florian – EW Co EMS

Pam Kemp – Region IV EMS

Dave Beam – DK Co EMS

Erica Shamburg – Bennington EMS

Keith Wangerin – SM Co EMS

Alec Trembath – CY Co EMS

James Reed – KBEMS

Michelle Grayson – KDHE Trauma

Jessica Baker – KDHE EMS-C

Karl Leech – Minneapolis EMS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours at EW Co EMS station by Karl Leech, President

Approval of Minutes of December 2023 meeting: MSA with typo corrections. Whitley/Florian.

Treasurer Report: MSA approve as distributed Beam/Florian

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway - Lindsay Sma, Chest Pain and Heart Failure Program Coordinator and Greg Brockway presented a short educational program. Their personnel are available to assist with or present training for local personnel.

Old Business:

- Edu Grant Updates – Pam Kemp – The issue of verifying attendance still occurs with KEMSA events.
- Community Paramedicine project Update – John Hultgren – Dave Beam reported the project is still moving, but is going slowly. In answer to questions about insurance payments Dave referred those questions to next meeting when John is present as he knows the more of the most current details of how they are working with insurance etc.

New Business:

- BEMS meeting report – Joe House – Jimmy Reed reporting in Joe’s absence - In reference to the issue of verification of attendance for grant purposed Jimmy suggested that any Certificate of Attendance clearly state it is not usable for CE hours. He also suggested approving a conference in Oklahoma for grant approval if requests are received.
 - Legislative updates include status of bills on the following topics (most current status will be on KBEMS website)
 - Legislative update regarding treatment of minors
 - Distribution of OTC to scope of practice for EMS providers
 - Requires schools to have albuterol and possibly Epi for emergency administration
 - Requiring emergency response plans for school districts with grant funding available
 - Bill allowing counties to share PSAPs.

- Expanding the definition of good Samaritan law
- Adding dementia training to EMS
- Single staffing of ambulances currently can only get a variance for 12 months. This would give BEMS authority to do a permanent variance

Board meeting March 5 will be virtual only CR109.22 approval will need registration, inspection verification and equipment and supply lists.

No longer will be an AEMT skills exam. Verification will be from service in portfolio similar to paramedic. Several cases in investigations received fines. Several cases will be reviewed at the next board meeting they are anticipating a lengthy meeting.

Karl asked Jimmy to walk him through the variance process.

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 – Michelle Grayson, Regional Trauma Coordinator reported that the pediatric checklists will be coming out in May.**
- Data Collection / KEMESIS– Beam -
- **Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Florian – Nathan is working on ordering. No project was submitted for FY23 or24 unsure which and will have to resubmit**
- **KRAF grant – Amy Havel – next application cycle opened Dec 1. Another meeting is scheduled in April.**
- **Regional Trauma Council – Nathaniel Florian – meeting next week on the RTC. Trauma Symposium is at SRHC April 23, 2024. They will be offering CE credit. They are still looking for another EMS topic for the agenda.**

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

CY Co EMS – doing a 2nd Saturday CPR class schedule doing Heartsaver level and basic first aid level classes and have had good response. Ordered a new mannequin. Have a loaner ambulance right now while Osage does a remount on one of the old ones. Have an AEMT class going on and doing FI at other locations.

DK Co EMS – One paramedic student.

EW Co EMS – two vents from the state and got training on those. A very good class from SHRC staff.

Two paramedics just passed and one more starting training. Other staff are all AEMT. New truck due to be delivered in 2026.

SM Co EMS – still doing day by day but it has been busy with calls. Call volume is down a little bit after last year being very busy. Most transfers go to Kearney, some to Hays

RP Co EMS – New paramedics from class. Purchased the armory will be the new EOC / training center etc. Are going to be doing a rescue class. 10-33 is officially in Kansas now and available for debriefing on critical calls etc. Contact Levi if have questions or need help.

Bennington EMS – Erica has resigned as director, Tony Swetson will be taking over as EMS Director

Minneapolis EMS – doing training. EMT class starting March 2nd In process of getting a new ambulance from DK Co. and will get it in service ASAP.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned for lunch at 1205 hrs.

2024 Meeting Dates and Locations

April 9, 2024 – Mitchell Co.

August 13, 2024 – Republic Co.

June 11, 2024 - Salina

October 8, 2024 – Smith Co.

December 10, 2024 – Dickinson Co.