

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

Region 4 EMS Council Meeting Minutes *February 12, 2019* Clay County Emergency Services Academy

Those attending included:

Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS
Scott Fisher, Clifton EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Alex Leff, DK Co EMS

Jeremiah Brown, EW Co EMS
Diedre Stout, CY Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Chris Leech, DK Co EMS

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Dave Beam, Region IV President.

Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2018 meeting – MSA John/Jeremiah

Treasurer Report: MSA Rocky/Karl

Old Business:

- **Legislative Update** – No BEMS representative present. John reviewed the KEMSA legislative update. Medicaid expansion is back on the table due to new governor's priority, but legislators are not fully supportive. It would be a big help for hospitals and critical access hospitals, for EMS it will help uninsured get on Medicaid and thus could increase payments to EMS agencies but that would be offset by the private payments some of those people in rural areas make. SB15 with HB2031 to add service related injuries like smoke exposure and some cancer risks to list of lifetime work related injury on KP&F. Some prone to those injuries are on KPERS but those crafting the legislation were afraid that was too much and left KPERS out. Will not cover all first responders, only those on KP&F. SB 45 enhances penalties for inflicting bodily harm to those performing duties and that bill left out EMS personnel. KEMSA pushing to have EMS personnel specified in the bill. SB99 is BEMS clean-up bill eliminates older language such as EMT-I and replaces term attendant with EMS Provider throughout the bill. Board also discussed possibly including a new request for an increase in KRAF grant funding.
- **Edu Grant application status / approvals** - Add Karl Leech's request for personnel to attend to EMS Management Workshop Beam/ Cramer MSA
- **CPS classes – Pediatric Safe Transport Classes.** CPS Technicians are encouraged to attend and become instructors.
- **Professional ethics and leadership course** – John talked to Terry David today and maybe doing it in May or June is possible. John will have Terry get the NAEMT notification made and will bring more detail to the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Updates from KS BEMS Meetings** – KEMSA did a Facebook Live feed. BEMS will be adding a line to the inspection process asking if you are submitting patient data electronically. BEMS is looking to add non-transport agencies as an ambulance service type and permitting them which will likely involve regulating and inspecting them. KEMSA will be facilitating a stake holders meeting. Also want services to declare their capabilities. Education Incentive Grant – change in the policy. Paramedics are exempt. Not for profit agencies have priority until the end of the grant cycle to apply. EMR/AEMT medication list discussions continue with the Medical Advisory Committee. Concerns include insuring that quality training is involved. Board did vote to back off the subcategories of continuing education and added hours of pediatric education. Will

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take effect with those recertifying end of 2020. They will recognize CE hours from other state's regulatory agency process.

- **Regional trauma meeting** – possibly scheduled in May but no announcement has been received yet.
- **Upcoming exercises** – public health jeopardy exercises are scheduled. Flyer distributed with dates and registration information.
- **NC Critical Incident Stress Management Team** – brochure distributed per the request of Washington County EMS.

Committee Reports

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** (as needed) – Giroux – no representative
- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** – Hultgren – haven't met in past couple of months.
- **EMS-C Updates** – Cleary – not present
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS**– Beam – Chad Pore has resigned Butler Co and moved to a different position so he is no longer involved with Image Trend. Direct questions to Joe House.
- **EDTF** – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – No report
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – Coleman / Hultgren – Update on projects
- **KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam** – Kathy Coleman sent the following report: "There were 4 services in Region 4 that applied for the KRAF Grant. Tentative date for the KRAF review process is scheduled for March 5th in Salina."
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – have a meeting tomorrow in Clay Center and the regional symposium is May 6 at SRHC. Agenda is set and registration is on KS Train.
- **MERGe Update** – Hultgren / Beam – Still undergoing transition. Brandon Beck is new commander.
- **Website** – Kemp – send updates
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Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

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DK CO EMS – have several people going to various trainings. Getting a new truck soon. Staff working through the professional development process. Have been busy and 2018 was another record year with this year showing more than last year.

EW CO EMS – went through inspection. Received a grant for a power lift cot.

Clifton EMS – Clyde will be doing an EMS class. Added power load system to the trucks.

Minneapolis EMS – Still waiting to move into the new facility. Trying to get folks into an AEMT class soon. Between them and Bennington there are several interested in the class.

CY CO EMS – Rocky Cramer is the new director effective February 15, 2019. Have an EMT class ending with 6 that will test the end of March in Hanover. Have 2 open paramedic positions. Received some pay increases so hopefully will help with the recruitment and retention issue. Everyone is invited to reception this Saturday at 5:30 PM at the Elks in Clay Center for Marvin's retirement.

LOCATIONS FOR 2019 MEETINGS

- April 9, 2019 – Smith Center
- June 11, 2019 - Concordia
- August 13, 2019 – Belleville
- October 8, 2019 - Minneapolis
- December 10, 2019 - Ellsworth