

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
1000 hrs.
June 13, 2023
Clay County Emergency Services Academy

Those attending included:

Karl Leech – Minneapolis EMS
David Whitley – RP Co EMS
Amy Mills Havel – RP Co EMS
Nathaniel Florian – EW Co EMS
Dave Beam – DK Co EMS

Keith Wangerin – SM Co EMS
Rocky Cramer – CY Co EMS
Pam Kemp – Region IV EMS
Jimmy Reed, KBEMS

Call to Order / Additions to agenda? RTC Trauma LSSE interoperable communication grant added to new business

Approval of Minutes of April February 2023 meeting – MSA Beam / Florian

Treasurer Report – discussion on landline. Delete MERGE line item. – MSA Cramer/Whitley

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Those present noted that issues discussed at the last meeting with staff questioning EMS transfers seems to be better. Discussion of how best to communicate urgent messages such as diversions or specialty services disruptions to the regional EMS and hospital partners in a timely manner. Kemp reported she is working with the NC Regional Emergency Managers on a notification group in the regional notification system for that purpose. Even the counties that are not participating in that program have other systems in place that their EM can access if needed to push out those messages. We will do a test notification, hopefully before the next meeting. The service director group will be notified a couple of days before the test so they are alerted to watch for it.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant Updates** – Kemp – KEMSA Conference is coming up and the deadline will be before the next meeting. Pam asked for council approval to pay completed registrations as they come into the office before the deadline. It was also requested that the council agree to hold fast to the deadlines and to the procedures for registration and reimbursement outlined in the Grant Workbook as posted on the website in an effort to avoid the confusion and chaos that has occurred in the past with this event. It was MSA Beam/Whitley to pay KEMSA registrations and let Pam approve applications that arrive by the deadline. The list of grants submitted will be presented at the August meeting.
- **Legislative Update** – Jimmy Reed – Regulation changes coming for initial approval and renewal for vehicles. Updates are on the BEMS website. If you have concerns about proposed regulations or statutory language changes SPEAK UP before the final.
- **Regional Homeland Security CO Monitor Project update** – John and Missy were not in attendance. Pam reported that the monitor project is still on the projects list. It will need to be determined soon which counties' monitors will be replaced with the next grant cycle.
- **Binder Lifts update** – Levi Whitley – Levi reported that he has received no additional information from the HCC. Notification will be made when the remaining Binder Lifts are available.

New Business:

- **Rocky Cramer** was thanked for his years of service. This is his last meeting before his retirement. Those present shared cake and good wishes with him
- **BEMS meeting report** – Jimmy Reed– BEMS meeting report, investigation of transport via POV instead of in ambulance, non-certified personnel working on service. Reminder to service directors to verify

certification of all personnel. KEMSIS reminder to move to version 3.5 next user group in Salina date/time TBA. Legislative discussion will be the next day.

- Regional EMS notification group – As discussed under SRHC report
- RTC triage guidelines – Let James Buller know if you have questions or concerns about proposed triage guidelines
- LSSE interop Communication grant – Karl reviewed a grant application he received. He will forward it to Pam for distribution to the service directors.

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 – Karl reported fewer issues since last meeting.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – no report – no representative
- EMS-C Updates – Wendy O’Hare – no report – no word from Wendy
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS** – Beam - Annual meeting in July 10th. Attend if you can!
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – McGinnis / Hultgren – Pam reported that the grant guidance required the RHS Council had to add Election Security project for FY24. Most FY24 projects proposed are sustainment projects.
- **KRAF grant** – Karl asked for a volunteer to represent Region IV on this committee and on the RTC. Amy Havel volunteered to take the KRAF Grant representative position and Nathaniel Florian volunteered to replace Rocky Cramer on the RTC as a Region IV representative.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – Rocky reported that the RTC approved sending money to KEMSA for cadaver lab at conference. Those present thanks Rocky for his service and wished him a long and healthy retirement as this is his last meeting.

Round Table Discussion –

Minneapolis – Karl reported the service is looking at having another EMT and AEMT classes. Looking into 800 radios county moving into system in July. They are also looking at a new ambulance (used) from a different department.

Smith County – Keith reported a new truck coming in this year. Moving over to image trend for data collection and PCR.

Dickinson County – Dave reports all is status quo

Republic County – Levi reports they have one person in paramedic class. Concordia is doing a rope class in July / August and they will be participating. New staff vehicles have been received with some tinkering requiring. Some staff have gone through swift water rescue training.

Ellsworth County – Nathan reports they are fully staffed again. EW has ordered another truck to be delivered in late 2026.

Clay County – Rocky reported he is retiring in July 1. The BOCC is interviewing for the position replacement on June 22. They are still on track to get the remount truck back soon. When that new truck arrives they will have all cot systems updated to most current power load system. The service recently replaced oldest monitor and looking at updating others.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned to lunch at 1230.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2023 Meeting Dates and Locations

August 8, 2023 – Belleville

October 10, 2023 - Minneapolis

December 12, 2023 - Abilene