

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2021
Minneapolis EMS facility**

Those Attending:

Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Nathaniel Florian, EW County EMS
Susan Hoge, Minneapolis EMS
David (Levi) Whitley, RP County EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Theresa Charbonneau, Minneapolis and Bennington EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS
Greg Brockway, Salina Regional Hospital
Brandon Cochran, LC County EMS

Those on ZOOM:

Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Scott Fisher, Clifton EMS

Katie Sparks, LifeSave
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1000 at the Minneapolis EMS facility by Karl Leech, Region IV President.

Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2021 meeting – MSA approve as written BrandonCochran / Levi Whitley

Treasurer Report – MSA as presented Levi Whitley /Brandon Cochran

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway will be acting as the liaison between EMS and SRHC. Call Greg with issues before they become problems please. Much discussion about the inter-facility hospital issues that continue to occur. It was suggested that SRHC take the lead and work with local medical facilities to try to solve the issue of patients being transferred into greater facilities that probably do not really need to go there; miscommunications between facilities; by-pass protocols/procedures and all the other issues involved. Greg asks for those with concerns, ideas etc. to contact him. His e-mail is gbrockwa@srhc.com (Note the spelling is correct as listed here for his e-mail.) His work phone is 785-452-7000, Greg asks for all services to send him how their ER is staffed, what capabilities the mid-levels have and any other information that might be helpful in helping to resolve issues.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant**
 - application status update / approvals Brandon Cochran /Teresa Charbonneau MSA
 - GRIN Class – co sponsored with NCK RTC and NCKS 10-33 Foundation. Levi asked for \$1500 to help match RTC grant. There will be at least 8 from Region IV attending and they will not have to pay the registration fee. MSA Brendon Cochran /Shane Pearson.
- **Legislative Update-** Shane reported there was a legislative call Monday and most of what was discussed at the last meeting is moving forward. AEMT med lists etc. are

moving forward. In answer to a question about testing issues Shane confirmed that pass rates have dropped. Shane reported that recertification audits are going well.

- **Vice President position appointment** – After brief discussion it was decided to add this to the December agenda for discussion.

New Business:

No additional new business was presented.

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 – Hultgren/Pearson
- EMS-C Updates – Brittney Nichols
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam
- EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren
- KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer

Round Table Discussion –

Minneapolis – no changes. Have two new CPS technicians and two new CPR instructors

Republic County – got approved for KP&F retirement for EMS personnel. Have an AEMT class starting in January.

Bennington – trying to get more CPR instructors. Other services have voice the same need for community instructors.

Ellsworth County EMS – now fully staffed. Got a new grant for an ambulance, another for a new mannequin and the new classroom will be finished for the December Region IV meeting.

Salina Fire/EMS – two in paramedic class will be finished at end of year. Have several others getting ready to start class in January. Scheduled for another remount in the spring.

Clifton EMS - looking for airway head. Have two going to Washington County through the EIG Grant for class.

Miltonvale EMS – offered an EMT class and ended up with only one of them actually working. Have

Life Save – have been very busy moving patients. Flights have been longer due to circumstance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS Coordinator

2021 Meeting locations

- December 14, 2021 – Ellsworth

2022 Meeting locations – please e-mail Pam if your service would like to host one of the following meetings in 2022:

February 8, 2022

April 12, 2022

June 14, 2022

August 9, 2022

October 11, 2022

December 13, 2022