

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2024
Salina Regional Health Center**

Those attending included:

Jessica Baker – KDHE/EMSC
Wendy O’Hare – KDHE
Nathanial Florian – EW Co EMS
Karl Leech – Minneapolis EMS
Amy Havel – RP Co EMS
Eric Voss – Concordia Fire / EMS

James Buller – Concordia Fire / EMS
John Hultgren – DK Co EMS
Dave Beam – DK Co EMS
Pam Kemp – Region IV EMS
Shane Pearson – Salina Fire / EMS

Call to Order / Additions to agenda? – Call to order at 1100 by Karl Leech

Approval of Minutes of May 2024 meeting – Approved as submitted, MSA Beam/Florian

Treasurer Report – Approved as submitted, MSA Buller / Florian

Salina Regional Health Center Update – Greg Brockway

- **Greg introduced Special presentations by:**
 - Dr. Davis on Neurology Services and stroke treatment advances were presented with information on assessments and treatments that have improved the outcome for many, many patients. In hospital patient rehab is usually not the best option because in a dedicated rehab facility the patient receives more and more specific and intense therapy.
 - Kacia Regehr RN, Sepsis Coordinator on new Sepsis Program – screening and assessments etc.
 - Presentations by SRHC staff will be forwarded to regional list when received

Old Business:

- Edu Grant Updates – Pam Kemp –
 - KEMSA Grant – MSA - Voss/ Pearson to pay lodging at hotel or conference contract or state rate, per diem, banquet and registration as has been done in past few years. Those present agreed that Pam will approve as they come in, before the registration deadline, since there is not another regional meeting prior to the event.
- Community Paramedicine project Update – John Hultgren – still moving forward but moving slowly with attempts to get insurance coverage still ongoing.

New Business:

- BEMS meeting report – Joe House – Board of EMS meeting info is on the website. Course approval process was reviewed and those documents are all on the website as well. (It was difficult to hear the full report due to noise in the room next door, if I missed something important for the minutes please report as an addition to the minutes) Public hearings will be at the end of August on regulation changes. Investigation reviews were discussed. Joe report that they still have several open staff positions in the agency. Patient tracking options are progressing with advanced technology options over years past when it was more challenging finding easy and compatible options.
- Officer elections in August – Elections will be held in August, need Chair, vice-chair and Secretary/Treasurer per by-laws. But have left Secretary/Treasurer slot open as it is not needed.

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**–Brockway – had to leave meeting early, no additional report.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Hultgren/Pearson – no report
- EMS-C Updates – Wendy O’Hare – Wendy had to leave meeting early – Jessica requests that all service directors be sure to go to www.emspeds.org and complete the survey. It is important. Carter kit distribution and training is ongoing.
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam –Only issue discussed was data entry errors in SS# where people just enter 0 or 1. It was requested that we just remove this committee report from future agendas unless activity by the committee resumes in the future.
- Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Florian – CO Monitors have been distributed. There have been requests for Stop The Bleed training but the kits have been hard to obtain. There may be a stockpile available through the LETC that were provided by the RHS.
- KRAF grant – Amy Havel – missed the last meeting. The list of approved grants will be published after June 15th when services must deny if they are not going to accept. There was carry over from last year. Priorities are ranked by the committee and funding allocated that way.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Nathaniel Florian – met but not much to report.

Round Table Discussion – All (as time allows)

DK Co EMS John Hultgren reported – mechanic backed new truck into a pine tree and put scratches in decals across the back of the truck. Fully staffed.

EW Co EMS Nathan Florian reported – starting an EMT class in August. Doing ok with staffing. Got permission to add a full time person and that will happen in January.

Salina Fire / EMS Shane Pearson had to leave early, no report.

Concordia Fire / EMS Eric – got new a vehicle and it was recently placed into service

Minneapolis EMS Karl – finishing up an EMT class. Still working on getting the used ambulance they bought into service. Approached by Barton Community College as being host site for paramedic class in 2025.

RP Co EMS Amy -

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2024 Meeting Dates and Locations

August 13, 2024 – Republic Co.

December 10, 2024 – Dickinson Co.

October 8, 2024 – Smith Co.