

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021
Go To Meeting Virtual Meeting**

Those joining the meeting included:

Joe House, KS BEMS

Christan Butler, SRHC

Jeremiah Brown, EW Co EMS

John Hultgren, DK Co EMS

James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS

Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS

Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS

Call to Order at 1000 by Jeremiah Brown, Region IV President

Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2020 meeting – MSA Coleman/Brown with change of April 2021 meeting to in person in Miltonvale with a virtual option available for those cannot travel.

Treasurer Report – Routine office expenses and renewal with Sec. of State are the only expenses since the last meeting. Still have Education Grant funding unspent and it needs to get used! Kathy will add a reminder to the website and social media. Pam will include **reminder in the minutes to use those funds for virtual training programs if needed.**

Presentation: Christan Butler, SRHC. Presentation given on regional STEMI care and goals for reperfusion therapy. Hospital staff will understand better if you use the phrase “from scene” when you are transporting a patient directly to their facility. There has been confusion in the past when hospital staff assumed the out of county ambulance was doing an interfacility transfer and it was actually a patient transport directly from the scene. SRHC has done upgrades to allow for compatibility with EMS Equipment. If you have personnel interested in Cath Lab observation, Christan Butler will be the contact for making those arrangements. Her contact information is on the slide-deck from this presentation that will be sent to the regional list today and will also be sent with the meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- Edu Grant application status update / approvals – Pam reported no grant requests have been received. Please consider applying for grant funds to assist with virtual training needs during the pandemic.
- Legislative Update – Joe reported the sunset provisions on the trauma peer review committee are being discussed. If not passed this year it will end July 1. It involves closed session reporting to Secretary of Health and Environment. Infectious disease bill being discussed changing the definition to include other diseases besides AIDS. Two bills introduced yesterday, work comp protection for PTSD and Medicaid reimbursement. Budget hearings are dominating hearings this week.
- COVID-19 Updates – everyone is still busy, but case numbers in most areas are starting to stabilize.
- Meeting locations – since the April meeting was scheduled to be in Republic County and Jeff has moved, the meeting will be held in Miltonvale if we are able to meet in person.

New Business:

- **Resignation** – Jeff Beikman has moved from the area and has resigned his Vice Chair position with Region IV. Replacement is necessary. Pam will get slate of officers for election in April.

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 Joe reports will be retiring version 2 KEMSIS and can send services a one time dump of all the patient reports in the system**
 - EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager
 - Regional Homeland Security Council – McGinnis/ Hultgren
 - **KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam Kathy says will meet within the next few weeks. The priorities for matching grant are defined on the grant applications.**
 - **Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – Rocky reported the annual meeting is being planned.**

Round Table Discussion – All (*as time allows*)

Ellsworth – not much happening right now. Staffing OK no COVID issues

Clay County - still busy also working on new ambulance procurement.

Salina – minimally impacted due to COVID. Truck went to Osage for remount should be delivered late April – May.

Dickinson – new truck on line yesterday purchased with SPARK money. COVID numbers starting to go down.

Minneapolis – nothing new. Trying to get ready for annual inspections

Concordia – no report

Miltonvale EMS - Kathy has 5 in classes.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV Coordinator

2021 Meeting locations (we are being optimistic about in-person meetings!)

- April 13, 2021 – Miltonvale
- June 8, 2021 - Salina
- August 10, 2021 – Clay Center
- October 12, 2021 - Minneapolis
- December 14, 2021 – Ellsworth