

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020
Salina Regional Health Center**

Those attending included:

Patrick Eastes, SM Co EMS
Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS
Shannon Meier, JW Co EMS
James Buller, Concordia EMS
Jeremiah Brown, EW Co EMS
Derek Drake, Clyde EMS
Jeff Beikman, RP Co EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

Dave Beam, DK Co EMS
Craig Isom, LifeStar of Kansas
John Hultgren, DK Co EMS
Eric Hamel, MC Co EMS
Missy McGinnis, MC Co EMS
S. Herrington, MD, SA, Bennington EMS
Katie Sparks, Life Save
Jeff Shamburg, Bennington/OT Co RFD4
SRHC ER Staff not signed in

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Jeremiah Brown, Region IV Chair in the conference room at SRHC.

Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2019 meeting – MSA Approve Buller/Cramer

Treasurer Report – financial report distributed by Pam Kemp. MSA approve Buller / Hultgren. Shane Pearson asked if funds are available for educational courses. Advanced Stroke Life Support classes are of interest. Shane will bring pricing to the next meeting.

Agenda Change – Add discussion of issues that have been occurring in the SRHC ER between ER staff and EMS personnel bringing in patients was moved to the top of the agenda so SRHC staff could return to work. It was announced that on behalf of the department and health center in saying that staff has the utmost respect and appreciation for area EMS services and any incidents of less than professional exchanges with staff are not intentional but can occur in the chaos of the ER. It was asked for EMS to report those incidents including the nurse's names to the ER supervisor immediately and she will take action. Discussion of issues around reports from sending facilities and also EMS are sometimes not clear or are not communicated to all involved in the patient's care. Timely moving transfer patients onto the floor is also an occasional problem and EMS staff indicated it would be helpful if they did not have to wait extended periods of time to get the patient into their room and admitted. SRHC staff reported a change in policy and from now on all psychiatric transfers will stop in ER first and not taken directly to the floor.

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant application status update / approvals** were presented with personnel requesting funding for the Neighborhood EMS Symposium in Goodland, KEMTA in Dodge City, KEMSA Core Conference and Image Trend Connect 2020. MSA John Hultgren / Rocky Cramer to accept list of grant requests.
- **Legislative Update** – Joe was not able to attend but will send an update and it will be forwarded to the service list.

New Business:

- **Updates from KS BEMS Meetings** – John asked Joe to present a presentation that he had done at the last BEMS meeting regarding statistics from KS EMS. Joe was unable to attend this meeting. Recertification

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fees will rise in 2021. An e-mail went out from Kurt describing changes in the continuing education process, sub-categories will no longer be in effect. Shane briefly reviewed some of the highlights of the meeting. John reviewed a possible problem with Image Trend where hospitals can pull over run reports that are not yet complete. KEMSA Educator Workshop EMS exam workshop will be held for instructors and lab assistants will be in Miltonvale on April 6, 2020. Talk to Kathy Coleman if you have questions.

Committee Reports

- Salina Regional Health Center Updates (as needed) – Giroux – see above report.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Shane Pearson – numerous training notices have been pushed out by the Coalition.
- EMS-C Updates – do have a new contact, but no report as of yet.
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Beam – make sure you are documenting all procedures whether successful or not, duration of complaint and chief complaint/anatomic location are common omissions on submitted reports.
 - EDTF – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – no report
 - Regional Homeland Security Council – Buller / Hultgren – James is not able to be on the committee so will need to be replaced. MSA Brown/Buller replace James with Missy from Mitchell Co. The will be sent to the RHS Council Chairman. John reported on the last meeting and asked if the group wanted to sustain the CO detectors. Information will be gathered to determine what is the best device to switch to.
 - KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam – March will be meeting to review applications. Some AED's are no longer available.
 - Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – James reported that the annual trauma symposium is April 15, 2020. Rocky indicated there are several areas of concern that have been identified and the regional council is looking for input to possible solutions or trainings that can address those.
 - MERGe Update – none

Round Table Discussion –

Smith County EMS – hospital hired 4 new mid-levels to staff ER and it has been challenging to establish rapport.

Clay County EMS – new truck in the works to be delivered late May. Recently purchased a ventilator for transfer use. Open position will be coming up in March and another in June.

Jewell County EMS – back to full staff after some staff health issues.

Concordia Fire / EMS – possibly building a new hospital and working toward level 4 Trauma. Have a truck in for remount which will bring them back up to 4 trucks.

Mitchell County EMS – full staffed right now.

Clyde EMS – new director as of early January. Focus is on keeping the volunteer service going. Added 4 new technicians within the past few months.

Republic County EMS – new truck ordered expect it mid to late summer. Staffing pretty stable right now.

Ellsworth County EMS – fully staffed at the moment with one in paramedic school. Bidding for truck replacement.

Dickinson County EMS – new truck back first part of December a few minor issues but no major issues. Next remount will be done first of May. Fully staffed.

Life Save– Salina base is staffed

Life Star – Junction City base is staffed.

Bennington EMS – merging with fire department and working through all those issues.

Minneapolis EMS – nothing new

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Salina Fire/EMS – have had retirements so doing recruiting. Going to pick up remount tomorrow.

Adjourned to lunch at 1230 and meeting adjourned.

LOCATIONS FOR 2020 MEETINGS

- April 14 - Concordia
- June 9 - Belleville
- August 11 - Clay Center
- October 13 - Minneapolis
- December 8 - Abilene