

Region 4 EMS Council, Inc.

**Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019
Minneapolis EMS facility**

Those attending included:

Jeremiah Brown, EW County EMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Patrick Eastes, SM County EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS
Derek Walter, LC County EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS

John Hultgren, DK County EMS
Jeff Beikmann, RP County EMS
James Buller, Concordia Fire/EMS
Katie Sparks, LifeSave
Rocky Cramer, CY County EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Meeting called to order at 1000 by Region IV President Jeremiah Brown at the Minneapolis EMS Building.

Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2019 meeting – Coleman/Smith MSA minutes as printed.

Treasurer Report – Cramer/Buller MSA report as presented

Old Business:

- **Edu Grant application status update / approvals** – no new requests have been received since last meeting. There are some educational opportunities coming up soon if anyone has people interested in grants, send the applications to the region e-mail.
- **Legislative Update** – Not much going on right now with legislative issues.
- **Website / Social Media update and project approval** – Kathy Coleman - Kathy has posted BEMS meetings live feeds on the Region FB page and has pushed out invites to all contacts she is aware of. The new website will be pushed out as soon as approved at this meeting. MSA Buller / Hultgren approve the quote provided by Napier Communications for the FB set up and website changes as outlined in the quote issued 6-1-19.
- **Updates from last meeting: Mini Lark inventory** – James reviewed the Mini-Lark disaster trailer inventory. Mini Larks are in SM, EW and CD Counties. Hultgren suggests that the committee develop a master inventory list of BLS items for the trailers and the region keep those trailers stocked to that level. The jurisdiction that has the trailer is free to add to the inventory, but the region won't do replacements on those added items. All present agreed by consensus. MSA Hultgren/Cramer to allow James Buller the authority to order supplies to update the mini-larks and get the invoice to Pam for payment.

New Business:

- **Updates from KS BEMS Meetings** – James Reed reported on BEMS events. The Data Reporting Regulation was discussed. If you have comments on that issue, contact Joe House. James Reed provided at this meeting regarding the BEMS meeting updates. The Medical Director Fact Sheet will be on the BEMS website soon.
- **2020 Meeting locations** – Locations were approved as outlined on the agenda and on the website.

Committee Reports

- **Salina Regional Health Center Updates** (as needed) – Giroux – Shane reported that Zoll has the ability to transmit to SRMC but please call and let them know it was sent.
- **Regional Healthcare Coalition** – Hultgren – John said they will meet Friday in Salina
- **EMS-C Updates** – Tracy Cleary no longer with EMS-C – no report
- **Data Collection / KEMSIS** – Beam – James and Shane report that only 2 services in the state are not reporting on the KEMSIS system. Shane suggested those with questions use “Help University” it is a useful tool. There is information on the Image Trend website for Image Trend Connect, their annual conference

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that has great training opportunities. Brief discussion of using regional grant funds for that, but no action taken.

- **EDTF** – Champlain / Wicks / Yager – no report haven't met.
- **Regional Homeland Security Council** – Coleman / Hultgren – The CO monitors are in and Kathy is distributing, be sure to get yours from her and complete the required paperwork. With the left over funds she was able to get the bump test gas kit and she will have that available.
- **KRAF grant** – Coleman / Beam – reported in BEMS report. Will meet soon.
- **Regional Trauma Council** – Buller / Cramer – Funding has decreased so it is harder to get projects identified. John reported there will be some legislative effort to restore funding. Statewide symposium is tomorrow. The RTC has 250 Stop the Bleed kits that will be issued to counties.
- **MERGe Update** – no representation from Region IV currently on MERGe, unsure what the statewide status is.

Round Table Discussion –

Clay County – Budget issues are being discussed, have updated their FB and have a staff member charged with keeping it updated. Have some new employees, but still have an open paramedic position. Will be getting new truck in May.

LifeSave – Salina base is up and going as of Sept. 1 and doing classes for area services.

Lincoln County – getting reorganized.

Concordia – still have ambulance out from the crash quite some time ago. Will be doing a new EMT class starting in November.

Salina – crew class starting in November. Remount at Osage expect December delivery

Smith County – Have a staff opening. Received a remount recently.

Republic County – Still short staffed. In process of finalizing new ambulance purchase.

Dickinson County – still waiting on the remount truck after many delays. Will have one staff member retire before end of year so will have an opening when that happens.

Minneapolis – staff wise doing better with a few new volunteers. Enjoying the new facility. Also have more staff that certified as AEMT.

Miltonvale – CCMC is working on attaining Level 4 trauma center. Will be offering cash incentives for personnel that recruit students that actually complete the class and become certified.

Ellsworth – doing pretty good on staffing. Have staff in paramedic and AEMT classes.

Break for lunch

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS Coordinator

LOCATIONS FOR 2019 MEETINGS

December 10, 2019 - Ellsworth

LOCATIONS FOR 2020 MEETINGS

February 11, 2020 - Miltonvale

April 14, 2020 - Concordia

June 9, 2020 - Belleville

August 11, 2020 – Clay Center

October 13, 2020 - Minneapolis

December 8, 2020 – Abilene