

Region 4 EMS Council
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2020

Those Attending the Go To Meeting Included:

Jeremiah Brown, EW Co EMS
Joe House, KS BEMS
Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS
Jeff Beikmann, RP Co EMS
Rocky Cramer, CY Co EMS
Katie Sparks, LifeSave Transport

Brittney Nichols, EMSC
Shannon Meier, JW Co EMS
Shane Pearson, Salina Fire/EMS
Karl Leech, Minneapolis EMS
Pam Kemp, Region IV EMS

Due to the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic, Region IV met through the Go To Meeting virtual format instead of in person.

Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2020 meeting – MSA Coleman/Leech

Treasurer Report – Expenses since last meeting include monthly office expenses and annual internet access payment. MSA Meier/Leech

Grant opportunities and websites for resources were shared:

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/284/COVID-19-Vaccine>

View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV

<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.grants.gov%2Fweb%2Fgrants%2Fview-opportunity.html%3Foppld%3D330039&data=04%7C01%7CBrittney.Nichols%40ks.gov%7Ccb6dae0cd6d14c302b5708d89799aa36%7Cdaae8101c92d480cbc43c6761cccc5a%7C0%7C0%7C637426033519567786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjBjBTi6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=34XIXfIMuU%2FfZvpcbFUispMZfrr0svTuk62LrgxiQpo%3D&reserved=0>

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=330039>

KRAF Grant:

https://www.ksbems.org/ems/?page_id=191

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Old Business:

- Edu Grant application status update / approvals – no grant requests have been received by the region since the last meeting.
- Legislative Update – Joe House gave the update and discussed the notification that he sent out Dec 7, 2020.
- COVID-19 Updates – Issues discussed included the COVID-19 testing, issues around hospital inter-facility transfers due to the pandemic with some hospitals unable to accept patients.
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New Business:

- 2021 Meeting locations (we are being optimistic!)
 - February 9, 2021 probably will do virtual, Pam will find location if not
 - April 13, 2021 – Belleville
 - June 8, 2021 - Salina
 - August 10, 2021 – Clay Center
 - October 12, 2021 - Minneapolis
 - December 14, 2021 – Ellsworth

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 – no report from SRHC, but Shane reported to bring COVID-19 patients through ER as usual now.
- Regional Healthcare Coalition – Pearson reported a meeting had been held and it is still unclear what role EMS plays in this coalition
- EMS-C Updates – Brittney reported an update was sent to EMS directors about equipment
- Data Collection / KEMSIS– Joe House reported they will be doing training for services
- EDTF – Joe reported they have not met
- Regional Homeland Security Council – working on 2020 project workbooks for submission
- KRAF grant – Coleman / Beam – Kathy reported notices should have been received and the grant is open
- Regional Trauma Council – Buller / Cramer – Rocky reported no meeting
- MERGe Update – no update

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

Miltonvale EMS – Doing Public Education. Lions club doing electrostatic disinfecting supported by local sponsors.

LifeSave – Katie reported that Air Methods purchased LifeSave there is much detail to work out but the basics will remain the same.

Salina Fire/EMS – Shane reported they have been mildly affected by COVID-19 are disinfecting with ionization unit and just finished recruit class.

Minneapolis EMS – have had a few staff off due to COVID-19, are using local SPARK funding for PAPR and air filtration units etc.

Jewell Co EMS – Shannon reported only 1 staff member testing positive for COVID-19. They are using electrostatic disinfections. Have a new ambulance and will be adding on to the station in the spring.

Clay Co EMS – Rocky reported that 3 staff had been out at some point due to positive COVID-19 and others with quarantine. Bought CAPR with SPARK funding

Republic Co EMS – Jeff reported one out with COVID-19 and a total of 5 from non-work related exposures. Their community has flown several patients via fixed wing to other hospitals.

Ellsworth Co EMS – Jeremiah reports they are also doing fixed wing transfers and have purchased ionization unit. Some staff have been affected but not an excessive number.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned. MSA Coleman/Beikman

Respectfully Submitted,

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Region IV EMS