

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

JUNE 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12 P.M. by Chair McQuisten.

Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Mundahl: present, Pankonin: present, Wahlstrom: present, McQuisten: present

Others present: Theron Liggons, Josh Brumwell, Nikki Kueter, Justin Faber, Nayeema Ahmed, Katherine Cedeño Torres, Saliya Ali, Mark Bukovich, Andy Siebenborn, Mark Bukovich, Jeff Luther, Julie Charbonneau, Alicia Collura, Lisa Stensland

All present introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes

- 23-19 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by McQuisten, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023, meeting as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of agenda

- 23-20 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Erpenbach to approve the agenda as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

New business

The draft annual ambulance contract performance report was distributed and discussed. Erpenbach made two corrections.

- 23-21 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Wahlstrom, to approve the annual report as corrected. All in favor, motion carried.

The Medical Board approved a revision to the Supply and Equipment list, adding additional Narcan.

- 23-22 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Wahlstrom, adopt the revised supply and equipment list. All in favor, motion carried.

The Medical Board approved a revised Certification Policy, clarifying background checks.

- 23-23 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Erpenbach, to adopt the revised Certification Policy. All in favor, motion carried.

The July REMSA meeting has tentatively been canceled.

The scholarship team will meet in July. Additional funds may be needed at the School of EMS.

- 23-14 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by McQuisten, to approve the requested increase pursuant to the contract and forward it to the City Council for final approval. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports

County -- in the process of redistricting. Spoke to the Director of DCI about the fingerprint situation. The delay is at the Federal level awaiting ORI numbers.

Board of Health – no meeting.

LINK -- Katherine noted the Link had their two-year anniversary with 7495 triages in total. They have hired 6 new staff. Volume numbers are similar to last year. Katherine related a success story of an individual who had been homeless for 16 years, since the age of 16, who was found unconscious and brought to the Link. After being closed off the first few days, they opened up and elected to go to treatment. The Link helped them establish an ID.

Scholarships – Scholarship recipients continue in their education.

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Provider Reports

Metro – Metro staff are busy recovering from yesterday's Central Square downtime.

SFPD – The next recruit class will begin at the end of July. Central Square downtime went smoothly for PD and now they are catching up. Leo, the therapy dog, is popular. Calls for service will be about 11,500 for June. Camp Postcard was very successful.

SFFR – The newest cadets are now staffing trucks so they are only 1 short of full staffing.

PatientCare EMS – Josh Brumwell presented the May monthly reports covering technology status, hospital interactions, hiring/training, head count, accreditation and community events. Central Square downtime went smoothly for PCEMS. There was new record call volume set in May.

Contract Compliance Report

Josh Brumwell reported May response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report. Response times were within contractual requirements in May, other than P3 compliance which was 89.25%.

Executive Secretary

Dr. Chima has resigned. Amy Richardson is the interim Public Health Director. She will be assisted by Angie Uthe. Alicia Collura is retiring in July. Julie thanked her for her support of REMSA. The state work group to look at new EMS legislation met in Pierre and will have one more meeting this summer. Last month REMSA approved a grant for CO monitoring equipment. Cost came in at \$2100 each. Expected cost was \$1000 each. The board raised no concerns.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed the effect of air quality on respiratory call volume. He discussed a study that showed improvement in work force. Dr. Luther discussed new drugs being added to fentanyl raising the danger of overdose.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

Chair McQuisten adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair