

**SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2024
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLASSROOM 1**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Vice Chair Erpenbach.

Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Mundahl: absent, Pankonin: present, Sumption: present, McQuisten: absent

Others present: Theron Liggons, Josh Brumwell, Nikki Kueter, Jeff Garden, Andy Siebenborn, DJ Skiles, Jeff Luther, Tim Schleis, Mark Postma (virtual), Nayeema Ahmed, Amy Richardson, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

- 24-07 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Sumption, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024, meeting as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of agenda

- 24-08 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Pankonin to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished business

Julie noted there is no update yet to the ambulance contract review and design timeline. We will have an update at the next meeting.

New business

The Medical Board recommends funding a system improvement grant application for six Paramedics to attend a Difficult Airway course.

- 24-09 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Pankonin, to approve the grant request for the airway course. All in favor, motion carried.

Since the ambulance contract was written and signed, the state has changed the minimum staffing requirements for an ambulance to allow the use of a driver. The Medical Board discussed ambulance staffing and made recommendations to REMSA.

- 24-10 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Sumption, to approve this recommendation of the REMSA Medical Board:

That minimal staffing requirements for scheduled (not 911) BLS and ALS interfacility ambulance transports within the city:

BLS:

REMSA-certified driver*

Caregiver who accompanies the patient in the back of the ambulance must be a REMSA- certified EMT, AEMT, Paramedic or Critical Care Paramedic

ALS:

REMSA-certified driver*

Caregiver who accompanies the patient in the back of the ambulance must be a REMSA- certified Paramedic or Critical Care Paramedic

* Consistent with state law and regulation, may be a driver, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic or Critical Care Paramedic. Drivers must have completed a state approved course to demonstrate competencies in CPR, AED, HIPAA, infection control, patient movement, equipment and communication systems, and emergency vehicle operations.

Reports

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Link – Julie Sauer, RN, Link Manager, joined virtually to give an update. She discussed the capabilities of the Link for sobering clients and shared the story of a withdrawal management/treatment success.

Scholarships – Scholarship recipients continue in their education. The program has been very successful in adding Paramedics to the EMS system, with several who will enter the system over the spring/summer.

Provider Reports

Metro – The new center is wonderful. Nena (Metro's therapy dog) is living at the center full time now.

SFPD – Call volume is steady Workforce is healthy. Recruits are in training.

SFFR – Response volume is up 6.6% over last year. Class of 17 recruits still in training. SFFR received re-accreditation. Congratulations!

PatientCare EMS – Josh Brumwell presented the February monthly report covering technology status, hospital interactions, government involvement, hiring/training, head count, ePCR completion, accreditation and community events. Call volumes remain high with near record volumes in February. Brumwell noted progress with the RFP process in Pinellas County

Contract Compliance Report

Josh Brumwell reported February response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report. Response times were within requirements in February.

Executive Secretary

CO monitoring equipment funded by the system improvement grant is on hold due to a manufacturer delay.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed progress with protocol updates and interfacility transport acuity.

Public input

Matt Rector offered comment on critical care transport capability.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Erpenbach adjourned the meeting at 13:05 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair