

SIOUX FALLS REMSA MINUTES
April 23, 2025
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLASSROOM 1

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 P.M. by Chair McQuisten

Roll Call

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

Others present: Dave Pfeifle, Josh Brumwell, Ashley Wolfgang, Jeff Luther, Mark Bukovich, Jeff Garden, Mark Postma, Jason Leach, Mike Gramlick, Nicole Kueter, Amy Richardson, Joe Kippley, Julie Charbonneau, Julie Haddock, Lisa Stensland,

Approval of minutes

25-16 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Sumption, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda

25-17 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pankonin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Unfinished business- none

New business

This protocol gives 1st party suicide calls questions the call taker can ask during the call. The medical board has approved and asks that the REMSA board adopts as well.

25-18 Motion to approve the EMD Protocol 41, by Erpenbach, seconded by Sumption. Motion Carried.

2024 CARES Report:

The CARES Summary Report looks at demographic and survival characteristics of OHCA- a witnessed cardiac event that was non-traumatic in nature. In the Sioux Falls area there were 171 potential incidents in 2024. South Dakota is in the process of implementing the protocol but has not completed yet. Female rates are lower as women have a longer life expectancy and tend to die alone more often. Those cases would not be reported on because there is not a witness to the event.

Sioux Falls has very good survival rate (14.6 over 10.5 nationally) because we have a high rate of bystander interaction with the help of Metro and the availability of AED's for public use.

Reports

County report –none.

Board of Health- has not met.

Link – Julie Haddock, RN, Link Manager, provided a report on stats through April numbers for services within the LINK. April had 352 triages, most were there for sobering treatment.

Scholarships – Nothing new for numbers. Potentially 3 for the fall.

Provider Reports

Metro – Looking forward to filling a supervisor position that was posted.

SFPD – Call volume is steady. The class of 26 recruits has started.

SFFR – Fire calls close to 2024. They will begin looking at hiring for 2026.

PatientCare EMS – Josh Brumwell presented the April monthly report covering hospital interactions, government involvement, hiring/training, head count, ePCR completion, accreditation and community events. Staffing looks good and they have some paramedics finishing their schooling.

PatientCare EMS completed 16 EMS standby events in April. Call volume is about the same from 2024, with 1514 calls for transport and 2076 calls for service. Compliance for April- P1 100%, P2 99.49%, P3 97.26%, P4 100% and P5 99.18% with overall 98.23%

Contract Compliance Report

Josh Brumwell reported on the April response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report. Response times were within requirements for the month.

Executive Secretary

Julie updated on the NEMSQA study, working hard on the following measures: Pain scores and getting treatment and making sure documentation is done, also oxygen saturation below 90 getting oxygen. The most important thing is getting everything documented.

EMS week was this month.

HealthLink- Julie is on the advisory committee. HealthLink combines medical records from medical facilities so that all can see a patient's history. The grant funding has dried up so for now it is at a standstill.

The annual report should be ready next month.

Medical Director

The CDC reported on opioid deaths have gone down in many areas around the country except SD. The cause of death needs to be determined as many of the Cardiac arrest situations are due to respiratory distress not cardiac disease. Another factor is the high use of meth on the reservations.

Public Health Director

June 24th the contract for EMS services will go to the informational with city council. The contract includes more robust quality measures.

Public input

No public comment.

Adjournment

Chair McQuisten adjourned the meeting at 12:59 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair