

**SIOUX FALLS REMSA MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2026
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLASSROOM 1**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 P.M. by Chair McQuisten

Roll Call

Erpenbach: Absent, Mundahl: Present, Pankonin: Present, Sumption: Present, McQuisten: Present

Others present: Adam Perersen, Amy Chase, Amy Richardson, Ashley Wolfgang, Dave Pfeifle, Jeff Luther, Jason Gearman, Jason Meyer, Josh Brumwell, Mark Bukovich, Matt McAreavey, Mike Gramlick, Nicole Hannon, Scott Redman Joe Kippley, Julie Charbonneau, Lisa Stensland, Jaimie Roggenbauer

Approval of minutes

26-01 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Sumption to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda

26-02 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Erpenbach, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Election of Officers-

26-03 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Erpenbach to approve the nomination of Matt McQuisten for the board chair. Motion carried.

26-04 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Sumption to approve the nomination of Michelle Erpenbach for the board vice chair. Motion carried.

26-05 Motion to approve the Procedural Rules of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority of the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota with all recommendations by the City attorney's office by Sumption, seconded by Pankonin. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

RHTP- The state has been awarded 189 million in grant dollars. The appropriations legislation is moving forward as it has passed the house and will go to the senate, then to the governor. Following that a request for proposal will go out in March or April, so we will see where that goes.

New business

Reports

County report – After the last county commission meeting Jay Masur expressed displeasure but after some communication, he was ok. Sheriff Milstead will not be running for sheriff again.

Board of Health- South Dakota had a high rate of West Nile Virus last summer.

LINK – Julie Haddock, RN, Link Manager, provided a report on stats through December. Numbers for services within the LINK for December include 310 triages, most were there for sobering treatment. 41% arrived by law enforcement and 66% would not have sought treatment if the LINK had not been available. 70% of the patients are unsheltered. The LINK has served a total of 4,368 unique individual patients. 16,751 total triages have been done since opening.

Scholarships – Two EMT's will be graduating in May and 1 in the spring of '27, another on PCEMS Funding. Quality Metrics- Vehicle maintenance, in the past maintenance has been reactive with the previous provider, PCEMS has moved to a more proactive schedule.

Provider Reports

Metro – Call volume is down about a thousand calls. Sick person and falls are the most requested calls. New employees in training should be ready soon. Another class will begin in May and those should get to staffing allowances for 2026.

SFPD – Shift change started on Monday. The new radios are in service. Calls are up 286 over last year. There was a 21% drop in OD cases. A class of recruits will be graduating in May that will give PD 295 of the 300 FTE positions filled.

SFFR – New class starting in 2 weeks. The station 13 land acquisition process has begun. Another class of recruits will begin in August.

PatientCare EMS – Josh Brumwell presented the December monthly report covering hospital interactions, government involvement, hiring/training, head count, ePCR completion, accreditation and community events. PatientCare EMS completed 15 EMS standby events in December. Work continues with the crews to make EPCR corrections in a timely manner to facilitate strong completion percentages. This is being impacted by CAD export delays from Zuercher CAD. The delays are causing crews to wait 10-120 minutes to receive their EPCR after arriving on scene. October's completion percent was 99.08, November's 98.67%. Call volume increased about 300 from November. Calls for transport were 1827 in December.

Contract Compliance Report

Josh Brumwell reported on the December response times. Compliance for December- P1 100%, P2 98.49%, P3 91.33%, P4 95.24% and P5 96.28% with overall 94.46%. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report. Response times were within requirements for December.

Executive Secretary

Julie has been working on reviewing a couple of different articles. One of them being ADHD in EMS providers. There are 2 bills pending in legislation on EMS. One of them allows nurses to provide care on an ambulance, the other moves ambulance operator licensing to local control. The medical board discussed online medical control. Right now, we have agreements with all three hospitals systems that would receive patients. Doctors are covered by hospital liability

Medical Director

Dr. Luther talked about the need to have DNR's in the field. If the patient has one there is no way to know unless they have it with them. There have been many calls with gun shots and stabbings lately, along with well-being checks.

Public input

No public comment.

Adjournment

Chair McQuisten adjourned the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair