REMSA MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 22, 2026, 1:00 pm
Siouxland Health and Human Services Building, 2nd floor, Classroom 1
521 N Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Erpenbach, Mundahl, McQuisten, Rave

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sumption

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT

Amy Richardson, Ashley Wolfgang, Dave Pfeifle, Jaimie Roggenbaurer, Jason Gearman, Jason Meyer, Joe Kippley, Mark Bukovich, Mark Postma, Matt McAreavey, Monte Mattews, Nicole Hannon, Lisa Stensland

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chair McQuisten

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Erpenbach, to approve the agenda seconded by Mundahl, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Roll Call: Erpenbach -Y, Mundahl -Y, Rave -Y, Sumption-, McQuisten-Y

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sumption, seconded by Erpenbach to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2026, meeting. Motion carried. Roll Call: Erpenbach -Y, Mundahl -Y, Rave -Y, Sumption-, McQuisten-Y

PUBLIC INPUT

none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Position Update- the position has posted and actually closes Friday so far 12 applications have been submitted. A member of the board would be helpful on the hiring committee. Michelle Erpenbach agreed to fill that role.
b. November/December 2026 Meeting date – Due to the holidays the next REMSA board meeting will be December 17, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

c. Other new business- none

REPORTS

a. **RHTP** update- The state will administer 7.2 million that was awarded to 25 different projects. Monday is the final meeting of the Funding Task force. Items they have been working on include legislation to require reimbursement of treatment in place, regionalizing EMS, Sustainable funding of EMS services, Medicaid reimbursement rates, and private insurance for balanced billing.
b. **Scholarship-** no new updates
c. **Board of Health-** Reviewed the Community Health Assessment and the three top priorities including, Healthy living, Adolescent mental health, and Access to Oral care.
d. **Link –** The LINK has been restructured and a new Board of Directors. An RFP has been sent out and a few entities have responded. Avera's contract ends December 31, and the new entity will take over Jan 1, 2027.
e. **County-** No report
f. **Metro Communications-** 2500 EMD calls are up from last year, about 600. Four new operators starting Monday and a few left last month
g. **Police-** Chief Thum wanted to thank everyone for their support in the Deputy shooting. Everyone was well cared for. Staffing is at 284/304 and a new class or recruits will be starting and available in March. There was a 12% increase in suicides last month, but overdoses are declining.
h. **Fire Rescue**- October 30th, the new cadet class will be graduating, and a new class will start in February, hoping to have 18 in the class.
i. **PCEMS-** There are 7 staff in training right now. Staff is looking good right now. PCEMS has 34 EMS standby events in September. Ryde Central integration waiting for RHT Grant Results. Attended a number of community events including hosting the Mayor, Sanford International Golf Tournament standby. Transport volume for September was 1,895, up 10.5% from last year. Total calls for service YTD were 21,259, an increase of 7.1% from last year.
j. **CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REPORT**
This is updated with the new contract starting in May. 911 emergent priority is 97.73%; 911 non-emergent priority is 92.97% and transfer non-emergent is 94.38%. There was 1 SFFR transport and 3 SFFR Standby support in September.

Amy agrees with the numbers.

k. **Quality Metric Report**
The spreadsheet was shared that tracts all of the quality measures, operational, clinical etc. Still working on tracking all of the fleet management items.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Amy and Monte are still tracking the cardiac arrest reviews and medical protocols. In November they will do a case review with Avera

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair McQuisten adjourned the meeting, there being no further business.

APPROVED BY

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MATT MCQUISTEN
CHAIR