

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Chair McQuisten.

Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Pankonin: present, Pfeifle: present, Wahlstrom: present, McQuisten: present
Others present: Jeff Garden, Jason Leach, Jeff Luther, Sandy Frenz, Maddie Miller, Damian Gonzales, Jeff Kaufman, Mark Postma, Jason Gearman, Mark Bukovich, Sandy Frenz, Scott McMahon, Justin Faber, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

- 21-25 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Pfeifle, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Erpenbach: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, McQuisten: yes.

Unfinished business

Pfeifle reviewed draft revised procedural rules (bylaws) which will be on the next meeting agenda.

New business

The Medical Board approved an additional update to the PCEMS and SFFR supply and equipment list which was distributed and discussed.

- 21-26 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pfeifle, to adopt the 2021 Fire Rescue and Police Supply and Equipment List as distributed. Vote was as follows: Erpenbach: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, McQuisten: yes.

The Medical Board approved changes to EMD determinates in preparation for 9-8-8. These changes were discussed.

- 21-27 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pfeifle, to adopt changing EMD determinates 25A1 and 25A2 response from law enforcement only to transfer to 211 Helpline only. Vote was as follows: Erpenbach: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, McQuisten: yes.

Meeting schedule for the remainder of the year was discussed. There will be a joint November-December meeting on December 1, 2021.

Provider Reports

Metro – Hiring and training are a continuous process. There has been some progress with Zuercher/First Watch integration. Additional training is scheduled this week in preparation for accreditation call review.

Sioux Falls Police – Hiring and training continue. The next recruit class will be a small group in Pierre.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue – 18 recruits will finish training in November/December. Overall call volume is stable. Hiring is ongoing.

PatientCare EMS – Damian Gonzales presented the monthly report covering PPE, accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. No staff COVID-19 impact. Transports are up 8% over last year.

Contract Compliance Report

Damian Gonzales reported September response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report and noted that response times were within contractual requirements.

County Report

Jason Gearman noted that staffing is getting tighter at the county agencies are helping each other with calls.

Board of Health Report

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Jo Pankonin reported that the BOH met earlier this month and discussed COVID-19.

COVID Update

Sandy Frentz reviewed current COVID-19 numbers and status as well as vaccine updates.

LINK Update

Maddie Miller gave an update on the Link, noting they have completed 1500 triages since opening on June 1st.

Executive Secretary

The first part of the EMS pilot project with SD Health Link has been successful. The claims audit is on file. Damian and Julie are discussing education needs identified in the audit.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed increasing EMS patient acuity.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

21-28 Motion to adjourn by McQuisten, seconded by Pankonin. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair