

SIOUX FALLS REMSA MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at Noon by Chair Wahlstrom.

Roll Call

Tiefenthaler: present, Hart: present, Olson: present, Heineman: absent, Wahlstrom: present
Others present: Jill Franken, Alicia Collura, Amy Richardson, Sandy Frentz, Aimee Chase, Jen Disburg, Scott Christensen, Faron Wahl, Mike Stuhr, Richard Miller, Jeff Luther, Mary Helen Harris, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

11-07 Motion by Tiefenthaler, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Olson: yes, Heineman: absent, Wahlstrom: yes.

Annual Meeting

A draft annual report was distributed and discussed.

11-08 Motion by Olson, seconded by Tiefenthaler, to approve the 2010 Annual Report. Vote was as follows: Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Olson: yes, Heineman: absent, Wahlstrom: yes.

Election of officers is deferred until later this year.

New business

A request for a rate increase as allowed by contract was received and distributed to the board. Mike Stuhr discussed the request.

11-09 Motion by Hart, seconded by Olson, that the ambulance contract allows an annual rate increase in an amount equal to the USDOL Midwest Medical Care CPI Class D or 4 percent, whichever is lower; that the Midwest Medical Care CPI is 3.3 percent as of February 2011; that Rural/Metro is requesting a 3.3 percent rate increase; that REMSA has reviewed the supporting documentation and contract; and that REMSA certifies that an ambulance rate increase of 3.3 percent, effective May 21, 2011, is in compliance with contractual provisions. Vote was as follows: Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Olson: Yes, Heineman: absent, Wahlstrom: yes.

The Medical Board has completed the annual review of the guidelines and policies, with several changes. They approved nineteen revised guidelines and approved the remainder without change.

11-10 Motion by Olson, seconded by Tiefenthaler, to adopt the following revised guidelines and policies: Cardiac Arrest revision 5.30, Asystole and PEA revision 1.00 (withdraw Pulseless Electrical Activity 3.10 and Asystole 4.10), Ventricular Fibrillation revision 4.20, Bradycardia/Heartblock revision 4.20, Chest Pain revision 4.40, Tachycardia (With Pulse) revision 1.20, Seizure revision 4.50, Altered Mental Status revision 3.50, Allergic Reaction and Anaphylaxis revision 2.20, Respiratory Distress revision 3.30, Airway Management revision 1.30, Pain Management 2.00, Nausea/Vomiting revision 1.10, EMS System Cancellation Policy revision 1.20, EMS System Certification Policy revision 5.10, EMS System Incident Investigation and Management Policy revision 3.10, Restraint Policy revision 2.10, Drug-Assisted Intubation Policy revision 1.10, Documentation of Intubation Policy revision 2.30, and to adopt the remaining guidelines and policies without revision. Vote was as follows: Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Olson: Yes, Heineman: absent, Wahlstrom: yes.

A plan for public and council education was discussed. There will be several presentations on EMS on Health Happenings on City Channel 16. Dr. Luther has taped the first one. There will be a presentation for the Council at an informational briefing, probably on May 9, 2011. Board members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The board discussed the ownership change at Rural/Metro from being publicly held to being owned by a private equity firm. Mike Stuhr discussed the change from his perspective.

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Julie discussed ambulance response times. They remain in compliance but there has been a downward trend in code 2-3-4 response times. Mike Stuhr explained that Rural/Metro is studying the trends. They have made some schedule adjustments and will also be adding staff.

Metro Management Council has proposed changes to the agreement between MMC and the City for REMSA's professional services. REMSA staff provided revisions. The draft agreement is not done yet.

Hart discussed jaywalking and safety. Strategies to address the problem were explored, including how to include this in LSS's refugee education process.

Reports

RescueNet – the changeover to Rural/Metro hosting is complete and working well.

Metro -- Metro continues to be above the required EMD standards, with all March scores at 99% or higher. Four new recruits have started taking calls. They are at full staffing.

Police – First Aid training has started with the addition of excited delirium to the curriculum. Dr. Luther and the Medical Board provided review and input.

Fire/Rescue – 12 leads have been implemented. There have been a few unreadable EKGs which have been addressed with training and also some printers being changed.

Rural/Metro -- There are no inventory changes. Scott Christensen reviewed Rural/Metro's 2010 customer satisfaction survey results.

Secretary – Annual ambulance inspections are going well.

Executive session

11-11 Motion by Hart, seconded by Olson, to go into executive session for purposes of contract discussion. Vote was as follows: Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Olson: yes, Heineman: absent, Wahlstrom: yes. The board went into executive session at 1:00 P.M. and returned to general session at 1:20 P.M.

Adjournment

11-12 Motion by Hart, seconded by Wahlstrom, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Nancy Wahlstrom
Chair