

SIOUX FALLS REMSA MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2012

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

Roll Call

Hart: absent, Heineman: absent, Olson: present, Tiefenthaler: present, Wahlstrom: present
Others present: Jill Franken, Daren Ketcham, Sandy Frentz, Tim Rave, Mike Stuhr, Mary Helen Harris, Faron Wahl, Jeff Luther, Jeff Helm, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

12-04 Motion by Olson, seconded by Tiefenthaler, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Hart: absent, Heineman: absent, Olson: yes, Tiefenthaler: yes, Wahlstrom: yes.

Hart arrived at 12:05 P.M.

Unfinished business

Mike Stuhr discussed response times. He is looking at adding 8 hours of coverage and seeking offsetting revenue. He noted that transport percent continues to decline. He discussed the unpaid standby and lift assist calls and stated he may need to discuss those as a revenue source. Jill noted that more data would be needed before discussing changes in those or other contractual areas.

Discussion of network agreements/copays was deferred to a future meeting.

New business

Mike Stuhr presented Rural/Metro's request for a rate increase which was mailed to REMSA on March 28, 2012, and distributed to the REMSA Board members via email on March 30, 2012. Julie reviewed the rates, the applicable contract provisions and the proposed new rates.

12-05 Motion by Hart seconded by Tiefenthaler, 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 3.1 percent as of February 2012; that Rural/Metro is requesting a 3.1 percent rate increase; that REMSA has reviewed the supporting documentation and contract; and that REMSA certifies that an ambulance rate increase of 3.1 percent, effective May 21, 2012, is in compliance with contractual provisions. Vote was as follows: Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Olson: yes, Heineman: absent, Wahlstrom: yes. The new effective rates will be

BLS Non-Emergency	\$529.00
BLS Emergency	\$708.00
ALS Non Emergency	\$708.00
ALS Emergency	\$929.00
ALS2	\$1099.00
Mileage	\$10.55

The Medical Board has discussed an individual who has been indicted and is awaiting trial on assault charges after assaulting paramedics. The individual utilizes EMS frequently for minor or no medical reason. The Medical Director has directed Rural/Metro not to put themselves in jeopardy with this patient. Language that would allow discretion in transport decisions was discussed. No action taken at this time.

Reports

Metro – Daren Ketcham reported that Metro remains well above required EMD compliance. They have started working on re-accreditation. New employees are in training.

SFFR – Jeff Helm reported that they are reviewing revised medical SOP's.

Rural/Metro – Mike Stuhr reported on the closing of his Hasting/Adams County operation. Tim Rave reported that Lifepak 15's are in use. These were purchased with a match from the Helmsley Trust.

Secretary's report – Julie met with Mike Stuhr, the West Region VP and Compliance officer for an audit earlier this month. The Immediate Trial results have been published in JAMA. Copies were distributed.

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Medical Director – Dr. Luther discussed an article on reimbursement issues and asked Julie to distribute to the board members.

Adjournment

12-06 Motion by Olson, seconded by Hart, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Nancy Wahlstrom
Chair