

# SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

## MARCH 24, 2021

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

### Roll Call

McQuisten: absent, Pankonin: present, Wahlstrom: absent, Wheeler: present, Myers: present  
Others present: Jason Leach, Jeff Garden, Jeff Luther, Damian Gonzales, Jeff Kaufman, Sandy Frentz, Madeline Miller, Mark Bukovich, Brian Christiaansen, Amy Marsh, Scott McMahon, Justin Faber, Julie Charbonneau

### Approval of minutes

21-03 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Pfeifle, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: absent, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: absent, Myers: yes.

Chair Myers introduced attendees including Madeline Miller from the Link. Nancy Wahlstrom arrived at 1:10.

### New business

A draft protocol for transportation to the Link was distributed/discussed and will be ready for adoption at the next REMSA meeting.

### Provider Reports

Metro –Text to 911 is now available statewide. The message is call if you can and text if you can't. Metro is recruiting for additional staff with classes planned in June and September.

Sioux Falls Police –The SW report to work station is open. This has been a great addition. Recruiting and hiring continue. Calls for service remain high.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue –Work continues on the new training facility. Work on station 1 improvements should finish soon so the second crew will move back to that station from station 12. A cadet class will start in July but with attrition SFFR will still be somewhat short going into 2022.

PatientCare EMS – Damian Gonzales presented the monthly report covering accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. Damian noted that the additional ambulances brought into the system for COVID-19 response will be kept here for now although the leases with SFFR have expired. Work continues on the ET3 project. Recruiting and hiring continue. In-person training/skills validations will resume in April.

### Compliance Report

Damian Gonzales reported February response times. Julie Charbonneau noted that response times were reviewed and found to be within contractual requirements.

### County Report

Dr. Luther noted they are rescheduling a governance meeting.

### COVID

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

### LINK

Madeline Miller, nurse manager from the Link discussed progress. Construction should be done in May with opening in June. They are hiring staff.

### Executive Secretary

Gary Myers' term is ending this year and he is term limited so we are recruiting for a new board member. No news yet on a new Public Health Director. We are working on protocol updates.

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Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed call review and Paramedic testing.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

21-04 Motion to adjourn by Pfeifle, seconded by Wahlstrom. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

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Julie Charbonneau  
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

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Gary Myers  
Chair