

**SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 P.M. by Chair Myers.

Roll Call

McQuisten: present, Pankonin: present, Pfeifle: present, Wahlstrom: present, Myers: present
Others present: Matt McAreavey, Alicia Collura, Jeff Garden, Jon Thum, Jason Gearman, Jeff Luther, Damian Gonzales, Mark Bukovich, Sandy Frentz, Jeff Kaufman, Brian Christiaansen, Scott McMahan, Michelle Erpenbach

Chair Myers called for introductions.

Approval of minutes

- 21-09 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pfeifle, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: present, Myers: yes.

New business

A draft annual ambulance performance report was distributed and reviewed.

- 21-10 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Wahlstrom, to approved the ambulance performance report and send to the Mayor and Council. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

PatientCare EMS has requested a five percent rate increase. The current ambulance contract (RFP, page 41) states, "The annual rate increases will be the greater of three (3) percent or the increase of the CPI for any given year. All changes in the transport fees must be approved by City/REMSA."

The CPI increase for All Urban Consumers for 12 months ending May 2021 (most recent available) is 5% and so the 5% adjustment is applicable. The board discussed the rate request, reviewed the CPI, independently verified the CPI from the Bureau of Labor Statistics published data, reviewed contract language and compared the requested rates to the current rates.

- 21-11 Motion by Pfeifle, seconded by Wahlstrom to approve the requested rate increase and forward to the City. After the requested five percent (5%) increase, rates will be as follows:

Emergency Base Rate (ALS & BLS)	\$1399.83
ALS Non-Emergency Base Rate	\$1059.00
BLS Non-Emergency Base Rate	\$791.22
Mileage per Loaded Patient Mile	\$24.36
Oxygen	\$54.78
Treat, Non-Transport	\$213.02

Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

Provider Reports

Metro – Hiring and training are a continuous process. There have been just 2 resignations so far this year. Metro is working with partner agencies on 988 which is to be implemented by July 2022.

Sioux Falls Police – A new recruit class will start in August. Working on the training center plans. Recent MCI drills were successful with some lessons learned. A new Chief will be named soon.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue – Work continues on the new training facility. New cadets graduated in May. Ribbon cutting for station 12 was this month.

PatientCare EMS – Damian Gonzales presented the monthly report covering accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. He discussed the implications of a post move due to construction that has been revised.

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Work continues on the ET3 project and protocol updates. Recruiting and hiring continue. The new shift commander role has been implemented. No staff COVID-19 impact.

Compliance Report

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

COVID

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

Executive Secretary

Julie share a Link update. So far things are going well with some great successes. Julie noted her new office location. No issues with contract compliance ahead of the scheduled rate increase, first reading on July 6, 2021.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed the positive information in the annual report. He noted the ongoing effects of COVID-19, including mental health challenges, which will be a focus moving forward. He noted we are done with protocol review and will take the changes to the Medical Board

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

21-12 Motion to adjourn by McQuisten, seconded by Pankonin. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Gary Myers
Chair