

# SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

## JANUARY 26, 2022

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

### Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Pankonin: present, Pfeifle: present, Wahlstrom: absent, McQuisten: present

Others present: Jeff Luther, Abi Polzin, Jeff Garden, Jason Leach, Lisa Stensland, Charles Chima, Alicia Collura, Marty Link, Mark Bukovich, Matt McAreavey, Maddie Miller, Damian Gonzales, Mark Postma, Jeff Kaufman, Scott McMahon, Julie Charbonneau

### Approval of minutes

22-01 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Pankonin, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021, meeting as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

Marty Link, Assistant Administrator, SD Office of Rural Health and State EMS and Trauma Director, was present to discuss EMS appropriations and bills before the legislature.

### Unfinished business

Dr. Chima approved the three EMS system improvement grants as recommended.

### Provider Reports

Metro – Working on the new facility. Some costs have gone up so adjustments are being made. COVID staffing impact has decreased. Have four new dispatchers in training.

SFPD – Hiring and training continue. COVID staffing impact has decreased. Jason thanked the State for their partnership in the AED program.

SFFR – 15 cadets are starting Monday. COVID staffing impact is lessening.

PatientCare EMS – Damian Gonzales presented the monthly report covering PPE, accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. PPE supplies are strong. COVID staffing impact increased to up to five out in a day but has started to decline. We did see an impact on response times. The new MDT's are installed and working.

### Contract Compliance Report

Damian Gonzales reported November and December response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the reports and noted that response times were within contractual requirements.

### Board of Health Report

Jo Pankonin reported on the Board of Health meeting, including data from the community health assessment.

### LINK Update

Maddie Miller noted the Link has completed 2332 triages last year with 1526 being for sobering. They have had COVID staffing impact this month.

### Executive Secretary

The system will be involved in the national EMS QI project to reduce lights and siren use.

### Medical Director

Dr. Luther the increase the frequency of respiratory call. The county had a governance meeting this month.

### Public input

Call for public input, none received.

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Adjournment

22-02 Motion to adjourn by McQuisten, seconded by Pankonin. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

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Julie Charbonneau  
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

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Matt McQuisten  
Chair