

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

MAY 18, 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, Scott McMahon, Charles Chima, Jason Gearman, Mikal Zere, Mark Postma, Jason Leach, Matt McAreavey, Damian Gonzales, Mitchell Witt, Justin Faber, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

22-07 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Pfeifle, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022, meeting as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

New business

Damian Gonzales reviewed the REMSA grant funded scholarship process. Each agency should appoint someone to serve on the Selection Committee. Let Julie know.

Provider Reports

Metro – Zuercher data is flowing to First Watch. This is a very positive step. Metro currently has six vacancies. They will change the orientation process to train one area at a time and get new hires on the floor sooner, then rotate them through the other training areas. Last week's storm resulted in 693 calls in the first hour and 1004 calls between 5 and 8 PM. 461 calls for service were generated from 5 to 8.

SFPD – Have two ASCEND interns starting next week. Recruits are in training.

SFFR – 13 cadets will finish on June 2nd. There are 7 open Captain positions, testing for those is going on now. Volume up by 11.5%.

PatientCare EMS – Damian Gonzales and Mitchell Witt presented the March and April monthly reports covering PPE, accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. PPE supplies are strong. There has been no COVID staffing impact since the last meeting. Call volume has declined to projected totals after a record-setting January. Mark Postma noted that Damian Gonzales is moving out of state and introduced Mitchell Witt as interim COO.

Contract Compliance Report

Mitchell Witt reported March and April response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the reports and noted that response times were within contractual requirements both months.

County Report

Jason Gearman discussed the storm damage assessments after the May 12th storm.

Board of Health Report

Jo Pankonin reported on the April 14, 2022, BOH meeting, including the Health Department's presentation of the strategic plan.

Link

Maddie Miller sent a report noting June 1st is the Link's first anniversary and sharing monthly statistics.

Executive Secretary

This is EMS Week. We are considering changing the REMSA grant process to allow approving and funding applications as they come in rather than waiting for end of year. The RLS project is surveying provider beliefs on RLS and plans to start a pilot response code soon. Health/SFFR ASCEND intern starts June 6th.

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Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed recent drug shortages and the RLS project.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair McQuisten at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair