

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

JULY 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Chair McQuisten.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Jeff Kaufman, Mitchell Witt, Charles Chima, Jeff Luther, Jeff Garden, Mark Bukovich, Scott McMahan, Brian Christiaansen, Josh Bromwell, Sandy Frenz

Approval of minutes

- 22-12 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Wahlstrom, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022, meeting as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

New business

Medical Board approved policy for transport for unstable cardiac patients who don't have a hospital preference.

- 22-13 Motion by Pfeifle, seconded by Pankonin, to adopt the cardiac destination policy as approved by the REMSA Medical Board. Unstable cardiac patients with no hospital preference will be transported to Sanford if North of 41st St and to Avera Heart Hospital if South of 41st St. All in favor, motion carried.

The Medical Board has approved version 3.0 of the EMS Protocols. The changes were discussed.

- 22-14 Motion by Pfeifle, seconded by McQuisten, to adopt the EMS Protocols, version 3.0, as approved by the REMSA Medical Board. All in favor, motion carried.

A system improvement grant application for Alyssa Lyons to attend the RN to Paramedic Bridge course (amount not to exceed \$7000) was approved by the REMSA Medical Board. They ask REMSA to forward this to Dr. Chima for approval.

- 22-15 Motion by Pfeifle, seconded by McQuisten, to accept the REMSA Medical Board's recommendation to approve using system improvement funds for the RN to Paramedic Bridge Course for Alyssa Lyons (amount not to exceed \$7000) and to request that Dr. Chima approve this expenditure. All in favor, motion carried.

SFFR has requested and the Medical Board has approved changes to the equipment carried in the ALS Light Bag.

- 22-16 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Erpenbach, to make these changes to the ALS Light Bag: Add amiodarone and TXA; remove peds electrodes, fast patches, foil hats; and remove NG tubes. All in favor, motion carried.

The REMSA Medical Board approved adding EMD determinate 26C05 as a Priority 3 call.

- 22-17 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by Erpenbach, to adopt a Priority 3 response for EMS determinate 26C05. All in favor, motion carried.

Provider Reports

Metro – Continuing to work on staffing, seeing success with more applicants. Working on retention. They will need 8 more people by the end of the year.

SFPD – A recruit class of 10 starts next week. The next class is in November. PD is averaging 11,000 calls for service per month, up 700 per month from last year. Property crimes remain high.

SFFR – Call volume is up 10%. Call volumes as well as time spent on calls is increasing. The new cadets are on the floor now. SFFR plans a new recruit class in January.

PatientCare EMS – Mitchell Witt presented the June monthly report covering PPE, accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. PPE supplies are strong. There has been some COVID staffing impact since the last meeting.

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Contract Compliance Report

Mitchell Witt reported June response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report. Response times were within contractual requirements in June.

County Report

Scheduling a county governance meeting.

Link

Sandy Frenz shared a report from Maddie Miller on the Link.

Executive Secretary

Julie is at a conference.

Scholarship report

The scholarship team met prior to the July Medical Board meeting (Jason Leach (PD), Scott McMahon (Metro), Brian Christiaansen (SFFR), Mitchell Witt (PCEMS), Julie Charbonneau, Margaret Sumption (representing Medical Board). They reviewed 4 applications for scholarships to attend School of EMS Paramedic course starting in August. All four were approved.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther met with SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners. Critical care paramedics has been approved by the legislature. Scope of practice will be determined by each critical care training program. Oversight requirements for paramedics have changed. They no longer are required to have direct medical oversight or be affiliated with an ambulance or have to be employed in an emergency room to practice their skills. This allows paramedics to work at places such as the Link or the jail. This change took effect on July 1, 2022.

Public Health Report

Dr. Chima reported that the Health Department continues to work with staffing challenges and are working to fill clinical positions. Monkey pox has been identified in the state and the Health Department is working to get a vaccine. Very limited doses can be accessed through the state. STI rates continue to increase, especially with syphilis. Health is working with the SDDOH to address outbreaks. The Health Department is also working with Water Reclamation to collect samples to test waste water for the virus that causes COVID.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pankonin, seconded by Erpenbach. All in favor. Adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair