

**SIoux FALLS REGIONAL EMS AUTHORITY MINUTES**  
**APRIL 23, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at Noon by Chair Sumption

Roll call

Wahlstrom: absent, Heineman: absent, Tiefenthaler: present, Hart: present, Sumption: present  
Others present: Judy Buseman, Gary Colwill, Faron Wahl, Jeff Luther, Tim Rave, Mike Stuhr,  
Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

08-09 Motion by Tiefenthaler, seconded by Hart, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2008,  
meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: absent, Heineman: absent,  
Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Sumption: yes.

Annual meeting

08-10 Motion by Tiefenthaler, seconded by Hart, to elect Sumption as Chair and Heineman as Vice  
Chair. Vote was as follows: Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: absent, Heineman: absent,  
Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Sumption: yes.

08-11 Motion by Tiefenthaler, seconded by Hart, to approve the Annual Report as distributed. Vote  
was as follows: Wahlstrom: absent, Heineman: absent, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Sumption:  
yes.

Guideline review is deferred as the Medical Board did not meet in April

Unfinished business

Sumption reported that there has been no further communication from STI on  
call-taker/dispatcher training.

New business

Two physicians have agreed to appointment on the Medical Board. Dr. Luther gave information  
on each and feels they should be appointed.

08-12 Motion by Hart, seconded by Tiefenthaler, to appoint Dr. John Jerstad and Dr. Marc McSherry  
to the vacant positions on the REMSA Medical Board. Vote was as follows: Vote was as  
follows: Wahlstrom: absent, Heineman: absent, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Sumption: yes.

Judy Buseman discussed the open QI Officer position and described the steps she has taken,  
along with Dr. Luther, Margaret Sumption and Julie Charbonneau, to assess and evaluate the  
next steps. She is recommending that we hold on filling that position and look instead at  
streamlining quality improvement activities at Metro Communications. Some of the funds for  
the position can then be turned back to Metro Management Council to be used to internalize  
more of Metro Communication's QI process, with evaluation in one year. The risks and benefits  
were discussed.

08-13 Motion by Hart, seconded by Tiefenthaler, that REMSA supports restructuring of the quality  
oversight process for Metro Communications and the funding for that process, with  
reassessment in one year. Vote was as follows: Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: absent,  
Heineman: absent, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Sumption: yes.

Julie distributed a letter from Mike Stuhr, Rural/Metro Division General Manager that requests  
a rate increase as outlined in the ambulance contract. The contract allows an annual rate  
increase in an amount equal to the USDOL Midwest Medical Care CPI Class D OR 4%,  
whichever is lower. The letter included documentation that the indicated CPI is consistently  
over 4%, so the 4% cap would apply. The documentation was reviewed and discussed.

08-14 Motion by Tiefenthaler, seconded by Hart, that the ambulance contract allows an annual rate  
increase in an amount equal to the USDOL Midwest Medical Care CPI Class D or 4 percent,  
whichever is lower; that Rural/Metro is requesting a 4% rate increase; that REMSA has  
reviewed the supporting documentation and contract; and that REMSA certifies that an

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ambulance rate increase of 4% is in compliance with contractual provisions. Vote was as follows: Wahlstrom: absent, Heineman: absent, Tiefenthaler: yes, Hart: yes, Sumption: yes.

Reports

Rural/Metro report - Tim reported that Rural/Metro has switched to the digital radio system. The Immediate Trial will be live within the next month.

Secretary's report - Julie reported that she has started the CARES study. One hospital has signed the data use agreement; the other two have agreed verbally but still need to complete the paperwork.

Adjournment

08-15 Motion by Tiefenthaler, seconded by Hart, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

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Julie Charbonneau  
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

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Margaret J. Sumption  
Chair