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

Roll Call
Hurley: present, Olson: present; Wahlstrom: absent; Wheeler: present (by phone), Myers: present

Others present: Mark Postma, Jim Sideras, Amy Marsh, John Duprey, Mike Bureau, Jill Franken, Paul Niedringhaus, Justin Faber, Sandy Frentz, Alicia Collura, Amy Marsh, Jeff Luther, Julie Charbonneau, Pat Starr

Round table introductions were done.

Approval of minutes
16-46 Motion by Olson, seconded by Hurley, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2016, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Hurley: yes, Olson: yes, Wahlstrom: absent, Wheeler: yes, Myers: yes.

Unfinished business
Chair Myers outlined the resource allocation pilot program goals and noted success for each goal. Justin Faber described measures of success. Mike Bureau, Paul Niedringhaus, Dr. Luther and Jim Sideras also deemed the project a success. Myers noted that the processes implemented in the pilot program have become permanent. The EMS leadership team will continue to meet and will be looking for the next area of system improvement that we can address. There will be a briefing for the City Council at the January 17th Informational meeting.

New business
Julie Charbonneau reviewed SFFR protocol changes and guideline revisions as approved by the Medical Board.

16-47 Motion by Hurley, seconded by Olson, to adopt SFFR Protocol 300_1. Vote was as follows: Hurley: yes, Olson: yes, Wahlstrom: absent, Wheeler: yes, Myers: yes.

16-48 Motion by Olson, seconded by Hurley, to adopt the following guideline changes as approved by the Medical Board: General Guideline (1.40), Cardiac Arrest Guideline (6.00), Respiratory Distress Guideline (3.60), Overdose/Poisoning Guideline (1.10), Trauma Guideline (3.50), Spinal Motion Restriction Guideline (2.10), IO Procedure (2.00), I-Gel Guideline (1.00); Restraint Policy (2.30), Airway Management (1.40) and EMS System Call Reprioritization and Cancellation Policy (1.40); to withdraw these guidelines: Guideline for Response to Organophosphate/ Carbamate/ Chemical Nerve Agent Exposure (1.00), Trauma Team Activation Policy (2.10), MCI Policy - Guideline for EMS Branch Operations (1.00), Eye Irrigation Using the Morgan Lens (1.00); and to approve the remaining guidelines without revision. Vote was as follows: Hurley: yes, Olson: yes, Wahlstrom: absent, Wheeler: yes, Myers: yes.

City Councilor Starr discussed a potential revision of the REMSA ordinance to require REMSA meetings to be audio or video recorded and posted on-line in the interest of transparency. Chair Myers agreed with the goal of transparency. He asked Council Starr to pass along concerns that files could be downloaded, edited and taken out of context. He also asked for clarification of the penalty for volunteer board members in the event of inadvertent equipment failure. Myers also noted that recording would change the collegial give and take at REMSA meetings.

Provider Reports
Metro Communications – Paul Niedringhaus noted that his staff had adapted well to the new procedures implemented in the pilot program. He commended Justin Faber for the excellent work he did compiling data to measure the pilot program goals.

SFPD – John Duprey noted that the Police Department has received the new AED’s purchased with system improvement initiative funds.
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SFFR – Amy Marsh discussed training for the epi pen implementation and Pit Crew CPR/iGel implementation planned for January 3, 2017.

Paramedics Plus – Mike Bureau gave the Paramedics Plus monthly report, noting that they received their CAAS accreditation, technology status, hiring/training and community events.

Compliance Report
Mike Bureau reviewed response time compliance. Julie Charbonneau reported that October and November response times were reviewed and are found to be within contractual requirements.

Executive Secretary
Julie Charbonneau reviewed preliminary Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) outcomes for 2016, showing a Utstein survival rate of over 54%. Jill Franken made suggestions on how to get this information out to the public. Julie noted that the system improvement initiative funding has been expended and that we were able to fund a greater portion of the partially-funded i-gel purchase as the AED’s for the PD came in at a lower cost than projected.

Medical Director’s Report – Dr. Luther discussed the new guideline changes and how he expects even better outcomes with the new airway and pit crew CPR.

Public input
Bruce Danielson discussed the importance of recording meetings.

Adjournment
16-49 Motion to adjourn by Olson, seconded by Wheeler. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

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Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

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Gary Myers
Chair