

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

MAY 27, 2020

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

Roll Call

McQuisten: present, Pankonin: present, Wahlstrom: present, Wheeler: present, Myers: present

Others present: Jill Franken, Mark Postma, Amy Marsh, Mark Bukovich, Mike Bureau, Brad Goodroad, Jeff Luther, Brian Christiaansen, Scott McMahan, Justin Faber, Jeff Garden, Stephanie Broderson, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

- 20-10 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by Pankonin, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Wheeler: yes, Myers: yes.

New business

A High Consequences Respiratory Pathogens protocol was shared and discussed. This was approved by the Medical Board implemented without the treat at home option, which can be implemented at the request of our hospital systems.

- 20-11 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Wheeler to adopt The High Consequences Respiratory Pathogens Protocol with treat at home option to be activated if requested by hospital systems. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Wheeler: yes, Myers: yes.

BC Christiaansen shared and discussed the SFFR PRS form.

- 20-12 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by McQuisten, to adopt the SFFR PRS form. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Wheeler: yes, Myers: yes.

DC Bukovich discussed the SFFR Field Training Process.

- 20-13 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by McQuisten, to adopt the SFFR Field Training Book. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Wheeler: yes, Myers: yes.

Provider Reports

Metro – Dispatch procedures have been altered for COVID-19. Design work continues on the new facility. Call volume has normalized. Setting up processes to protect the PSAP from cyberattack, including new internal work stations.

Sioux Falls PD – Officers are wearing masks on all calls and have added appropriate PPE due to COVID-19. Calls for service are down but the level of violence is up. 18 recruits are in training,

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue –Chief Goodroad discussed progress on the new training facility. Operational changes due to COVID-19 have been implemented and continually reassessed with changes as needed including using a scout method of response to protect responders and preserve PPE. SFFR is providing ALS from 2 stations.

PatientCare EMS – Mike Bureau noted that the initial five year provider agreement ended this week and we are now the six year extension. He gave the monthly report covering accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. Mike discussed COVID-19 response including the additional ambulances and equipment brought into the system in case they are needed as well as the changes in requests for service that have resulted from COVID-19. Mark Postma gave an overview of the PCEMS COVID-19 response in all their operations.

Compliance Report

Mike Bureau reported February, March and April response times. Julie Charbonneau noted that response times were reviewed and found to be within contractual requirements.

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Board of Health Report

Jo Pankonin discussed the recent Board of Health meetings and COVID-19 recommendations. Chair Myers thanked Jo for the work she has done on that board as REMSA's representative.

Executive Secretary

The new system protocols went into effect in March. We are tracking respiratory calls, Metro-screened and EMS screened COVID-19 calls and hospital data to plan for needed resources. All partners have been working very well together in the planning process. COVID-19 has resulted in some changes in the system, initially lower call volumes but now volume has returned to near normal. DOA's are up, as has been the case in other EMS systems. Drug and alcohol involved calls have also increased.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed COVID-19 and the resulting effects on EMS. He noted that the quality review process continues and that EMS quality remains high.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

20-14 Motion to adjourn by McQuisten, seconded by Myers. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Gary Myers
Chair