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

**Roll Call**
McQuisten: present, Pankonin: present, Wahlstrom: present, Wheeler: present, Myers: present
Others present: Alicia Collura, Sandy Frentz, Jeff Garden, Jeff Luther, Brad Goodroad, Aimee Chase, Damian Gonzales, Jeff Kaufman, Mark Bukovich, Brian Christiaansen, Amy Marsh, Scott McMahon, Justin Faber, Mark Postma, Lisa Stensland, Julie Charbonneau

**Approval of minutes**
20-28 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Wahlstrom, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

Chair Myers introduced David Pfeifle, new REMSA member.

**Election of Officers**
20-29 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pfeifle, to elect Gary Myers as Chair. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

20-30 Motion by Myers, seconded by Pankonin, to elect McQuisten as Vice Chair. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

**New business**
The Medical Board recommended all system improvement funds go to the First Watch project. The project was discussed.

20-31 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pfeifle to recommend to Director Franken that all 2020 system improvement funds go to the First Watch project. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

The Medical Board approved new protocols and procedures. A revision of the adult and pediatric trauma protocols adds additional information on trauma arrests. A BLS transfer Policy adds these criteria for BLS interfacility transfers which are allowed by contract but will be a new addition to the system. This will only be utilized on interfacility transfers meeting narrow criteria, never on 911 calls. The Resource Depletion Procedure was updated to reflect SFFR’s mutual aid capability. These were all distributed and discussed.

20-32 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Wahlstrom, to adopt the changes in the adult and pediatric trauma protocols. Motion was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

20-33 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pankonin, to adopt the Basic Life Support Interfacility Transfer Policy. McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

These protocol additions will be added to the current protocol set which will be updated to version 1.2.

20-34 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by McQuisten, to adopt the updated Metro Communications Resource Depletion Procedure. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: yes, Myers: yes.

**Provider Reports**
Metro – COVID screening continues. Scott McMahon discussed new grant funding opportunities. Call numbers and COVID staffing impact have leveled off.

Sioux Falls Police – SFPD is managing COVID staffing impact of 3-4 employees out at any time.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue – Design and development continues on the new training facility. A new class of 15 recruits starts in January. Call volume is up about 1000 calls over this date last year. COVID calls are down but we are still seeing staffing impact.

PatientCare EMS – Damian Gonzales presented the monthly report covering accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. Damian noted that the
additional ambulances brought into the system for COVID-19 response will be kept here for now. PC EMS has joined the Health Information Exchange. Work continues on the ET3 project. Staffing impact from COVID has lessened. COVID calls here are running 6% higher than any of their other operations. PC EMS received HALO devices from the State which they are trialing now. These are individual powered air purifying systems (PAPRs).

**Compliance Report**
Damian Gonzales reported October and November response times. Julie Charbonneau noted that response times were reviewed and found to be within contractual requirements.

**County Report**
Dr. Luther noted that the county awarded ambulance licenses at their last meeting.

**Board of Health Report**
Jo Pankonin reported the BOH met 11-12-2020. They reviewed COVID statistics. They will go back to quarterly meetings.

**LINK**
Alicia Collura reported on progress at The Link including a donation from Smithfield and an updated timeline with opening perhaps in May.

**COVID**
Sandy Frentz reviewed current COVID numbers and status as well as vaccine updates.

**Executive Secretary**
The annual Medicare audit is on file. Julie serves on the SD Health Link Advisory Council. They are exploring EMS integration with the Health Information Exchange.

**Medical Director**
Dr. Luther discussed workforce protection during COVID-19 and recent drug shortages.

**Public input**
Call for public input, none received.

**Adjournment**
20-35 Motion to adjourn by McQuisten, seconded by Myers. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Submitted by                                               Approved by
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Julie Charbonneau                                        Gary Myers
Executive Director/Executive Secretary                  Chair