

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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

Roll Call

McQuisten: present, Pankonin: present, Wahlstrom: absent, Wheeler: present, Myers: present
Others present: Alicia Collura, Jeff Garden, Jeff Luther, Jill Franken, Matt McAreavey, Aimee Chase, Damian Gonzales, Mark Bukovich, Brian Christiaansen, Amy Marsh, Scott McMahon, Justin Faber, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

21-01 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Pfeifle, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: McQuisten: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: yes, Wahlstrom: absent, Myers: yes.

Mark Bukovich introduced the Fire Chief Matt McAreavey.

Provider Reports

Metro –COVID-19 screening continues. ACE accreditation standards are being met. Working on the new center at the Public Safety Campus. Established a continuous hiring process.

Sioux Falls Police –COVID-19 impact on staff is way down. Started a class of 4, a class of 12 graduates this week. Calls for service remain above historical average

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue –Design and development continues on the new training facility. A new class of 15 recruits started last month. Call volume is up about 2% over this date last year. COVID-19 calls are down and staffing impact has declined.

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. Work continues on the ET3 project. Staffing impact from COVID-19 has been minimal recently. UHU has returned to normal. There has been some turnover, working on recruitment. PCEMS has joined SDHL.

Compliance Report

Damian Gonzales reported December and January response times. Julie Charbonneau noted that response times were reviewed and found to be within contractual requirements.

County Report

Dr. Luther discussed the recent year-end county report. EMS workforce issues are happening across many areas of the country.

Board of Health Report

Jo Pankonin reported the BOH met in January. They reviewed COVID-19 statistics, progress with The LINK and a grant surveyor operational visit at Falls Community Health.

COVID

Alicia Collura reviewed current COVID-19 numbers and status as well as vaccine updates.

LINK

Alicia Collura reported on progress at The Link. The project should be completed in June. They are hiring management and staff.

Executive Secretary

We've started working on the FirstWatch implementation. We are updating system protocols. The Medical Board has been discussing challenges due to the sobering center closing in preparation for The LINK opening. COVID-19 staffing impact decreased to less than 5% in February. Jill Franken announced her retirement date in April. We will keep REMSA updated on hiring progress.

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Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed the high quality of new Paramedics in the system.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

21-02 Motion to adjourn by McQuisten, seconded by Myers. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Gary Myers
Chair