

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2021

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

Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Pankonin: present, Pfeifle: absent, Wahlstrom: present, McQuisten: present
Others present: Jeff Luther, Sandy Frentz, Maddie Miller, Damian Gonzales, Jeff Kaufman, Scott McMahon, Julie Charbonneau

Sandy Frentz noted this will be her last meeting as she is retiring in January. Everyone wished her well.

Approval of minutes

- 21-29 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by McQuisten, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021, meeting as distributed. Vote was as follows: Erpenbach: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: absent, Wahlstrom: yes, McQuisten: yes.

Unfinished business

Draft procedural rules (bylaws) were distributed and were discussed last month.

- 21-30 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Erpenbach, to approve the procedural rules as revised. Vote was as follows: Erpenbach: yes, Pankonin: yes, Pfeifle: absent, Wahlstrom: yes, McQuisten: yes.

New business

The Medical Board recommendations for the 2021 system improvement grant funds were discussed.

- 21-31 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Wahlstrom, to support the Medical Board's recommendations for the 2021 system improvement grant funds and to ask Dr Chima to allocate the funds as recommended: Metro Communications tablets: \$11,288; Sanford AirMed LifeBridge course for SFFR and PCEMS Paramedics: \$3000; remaining funds to the EMS school for EMT/Paramedic Scholarships. All in favor, motion carried.

Damian Gonzales discussed a new subcontract for customer satisfaction surveys.

- 21-32 Motion by Wahlstrom, seconded by McQuisten, to approve the customer satisfaction survey subcontract change. All in favor, motion carried.

Amber Reints from Avera Behavioral Health presented information on the 4th Wing Expansion project,

Cr. Casey Green has resigned from the Medical Board. Dr. Nathan Elg is willing to complete that term.

- 21-33 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Erpenbach, to appoint Dr. Nathan Elg to the REMSA Medical Board for the remainder of the term ending in 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Provider Reports

Metro – Looking forward to the new facility.

PatientCare EMS – Damian Gonzales presented the monthly report covering PPE, accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. Minimal staff COVID-19 impact.

McQuisten left the meeting, Erpenbach assumed the chair.

Contract Compliance Report

Damian Gonzales reported October response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report and noted that response times were within contractual requirements.

Board of Health Report

Jo Pankonin reported that the BOH did not meet this month.

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COVID Update

Sandy Frenz reviewed current COVID-19 numbers and status as well as vaccine updates.

LINK Update

Maddie Miller noted the Link has completed 1920 triages since opening on June 1st.

Executive Secretary

REMSA will not meet on December 22, 2021. The next meeting will be January 26, 2022.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther noted there will be a county EMS meeting later today.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

21-34 Motion to adjourn by McQuisten, seconded by Pankonin. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair