

**SIOUX FALLS REMSA MINUTES
JUNE 22, 2022**

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

Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Pankonin: present, Pfeifle: present, Wahlstrom: present, McQuisten: present

Others present: Scott McMahon, Charles Chima, Jeff Garden, Maddie Miller, Alicia Collura, Mark Postma, Matt McAreavey, Mitchell Witt, Justin Faber, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

22-08 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Pankonin, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022, meeting as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished business

Applications for the education scholarships are open. A Paramedic class will start in August. The scholarship review group will include Scott McMahon, Jason Leach, Brian Christiaansen, Mitchell Witt, Margaret Sumption and Julie Charbonneau.

New business

PatientCare EMS has requested an 8.6% percent rate increase. The current ambulance contract (RFP, page 41) states, "The annual rate increases will be the greater of three (3) percent or the increase of the CPI for any given year. All changes in the transport fees must be approved by City/REMSA."

The CPI increase for All Urban Consumers for 12 months ending May 2022 (most recent available) is 8.6%. PatientCare EMS is requesting an 8.6% increase, which is appropriate according to the contract. After the requested 8.6% increase, rates will be as follows:

Emergency Base Rate (ALS & BLS)	\$1520.22
ALS Non-Emergency Base Rate	\$1150.07
BLS Non-Emergency Base Rate	\$859.26
Mileage per Loaded Patient Mile	\$26.45
Oxygen	\$59.49
Treat, Non-Transport	\$231.34

The board discussed the rate request, reviewed the CPI, reviewed contract language and compared the requested rates to the current rates.

22-09 Motion by Pfeifle, seconded by McQuisten, to approve the requested increase pursuant to the contract and forward it to the City Council for final approval. All in favor, motion carried.

Erpenbach inquired about the contract process going forward. After discussion, Erpenbach requested that this be an item on future agendas.

A draft Annual Ambulance Performance Report was distributed and discussed.

22-10 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Erpenbach, to approve the Ambulance Performance Report and submit it to the Mayor and Council. All in favor, motion carried.

The Medical Board suggests that system improvement grants be awarded throughout the year rather in a block at the end of the year. They approved a request for funds to Metro to purchase the Medical Transfer Protocol Suite.

22-11 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by McQuisten, to request the Public Health Director authorize distribution of \$13,950 to Metro Communications to purchase the Medical Transfer Protocol Suite. All in favor, motion carried.

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Provider Reports

Metro – There are five in training and 6 vacancies. Justin Faber’s last day at Metro Communications will be June 24, 2022. The REMSA members expressed their appreciation for Justin’s work and best wishes as he moves forward.

SFPD – Call volume is leveling off but property crimes remain high. Hiring and training continue.

SFFR – The new cadets are on the floor now. SFFR plans a new recruit class in January. Call volume is up 10%

PatientCare EMS –Mitchell Witt presented the May monthly report covering PPE, accreditation, technology status, hospital interactions, retention, hiring/training, accreditation and community events. PPE supplies are strong. There has been minimal COVID staffing impact since the last meeting. Mark Postma thanked REMSA for their support of the rate increase.

Contract Compliance Report

Mitchell Witt reported May response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report and noted that response times were within contractual requirements in May.

Link

Maddie Miller noted that the Link completed 4000 triages in their first year, with 1426 unique individuals. She noted that 10 individuals accounted for 30% of triage volume in the first year.

Executive Secretary

The RLS project pilot is on hold pending involvement from Metro Communications Technology Coordinator. The EMS/SFFR ASCEND intern started June 6th. He is working on several projects.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed ongoing drug shortages, the RLS project, protocol development and quality review/monitoring.

Public input

Call for public input, none received.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair McQuisten at 1:20 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair