

**SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES**  
**JUNE 26, 2024**  
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLASSROOM 1**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Vice Chair Erpenbach

Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Mundahl: present, Pankonin: present, Sumption: present, McQuisten: present (remote)

Others present: Josh Brumwell, Mark Postma, David Pfeifle, Jeff Luther, Jeff Garden, Julie Haddock, Mark Bukovich, Matt McAreavey, Tim Schleis, Amy Richardson, Joe Kippley, Nayeema Ahmed, Julie Charbonneau

Approval of minutes

- 24-18 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Erpenbach, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of agenda

- 24-19 Motion by Pankonin, seconded by Sumption, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished business

EMS assessment – data uploads are complete; stakeholder interviews will be scheduled next.

New business

The Annual Contract Performance Report was distributed and discussed.

- 24-20 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Mundahl, to approve the report with minor typographical corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

The Medical Board recommends approval of a system improvement grant to purchase additional Handtevy tapes for \$2500.

- 24-21 Motion by Mundahl, seconded by Sumption, to recommend the Public Health Director fund the grant request for \$2500 for additional Handtevy tapes. All in favor, motion carried.

2023 CARES data was reviewed, no action taken.

PCEMS has entered into a agreement with Avera regarding interfacility transports. One part of the contract would allow PCEMS to provide a driver and ambulance while Avera provides patient care personnel. This would be a subcontract under the Surface Ambulance Agreement.

- 24-22 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Sumption, to approve a subcontract allowing Avera personnel to provide patient care on certain interfacility transfers, All in favor with McQuisten abstaining. Motion carried.

Board member Sumption discussed the increasing call volume and volume of QA work -- especially in light of Theron potentially moving to a very part-time role. She asked that the city explore ways to address this issue. The board members requested an update at the next meeting.

Ongoing issues with state licensure delay due to problems with fingerprinting were discussed.

Reports

Link – Julie Haddock, RN, Link Manager, gave an update including metrics. She shared the story of a withdrawal management success.

Scholarships – Scholarship recipients continue in their education. The program has been very successful in adding Paramedics to the EMS system. No new applications at this time.

Provider Reports

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Metro – The recent flooding didn't present any issues for Metro. Hiring in process.

SFPD – Call volume is steady. Workforce is healthy. A new recruit class will start in July.

SFFR – Response volume is stable. Hiring for a recruit class next year. SFFR did many successful water rescues here and as deployed to Union County.

PatientCare EMS – Josh Brumwell presented the May monthly report covering technology status, hospital interactions, government involvement, hiring/training, head count, ePCR completion, accreditation and community events.

Contract Compliance Report

Josh Brumwell reported May response times. Julie Charbonneau confirmed the report. Response times were within requirements in May.

Executive Secretary

CO monitoring equipment has been implemented at PCEMS. We are monitoring 24 hour PCR completion.

Medical Director

Dr. Luther discussed yesterday's multi-agency trauma case review.

Public input

No public comment.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Erpenbach adjourned the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

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Julie Charbonneau  
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

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Matt McQuisten  
Chair