

SIoux FALLS REMSA MINUTES
MAY 22, 2024
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLASSROOM 1

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

Roll Call

Erpenbach: present, Mundahl: absent, Pankonin: present, Sumption: present, McQuisten: present

Others present: Theron Liggons, Josh Brumwell, Mark Postma, David Pfeifle, Jeff Luther, Jeff Garden, Andy Siebenborn, Jason Leach, Julie Haddock, Michelle Treasure, Mike Gramlick, Aimee Chase, Mark Bukovich, Matt McAreavy, Tim Schleis, Nayeema Ahmed, Julie Charbonneau, Jason Gearman

Approval of minutes

24-13 Motion by McQuisten, seconded by Sumption, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024, meeting as distributed. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of agenda

24-14 Motion by Erpenbach, seconded by Pankonin, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished business

Contract timeline -- the consultant will provide a timeline once all the requested data is submitted.

New business

PatientCare EMS has requested a 3.4% 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 April 2024 (most recent available) is 3.4%. PatientCare EMS is requesting a 3.4% increase, which is appropriate according to the contract. After the requested 3.4% increase, rates will be as follows:

Emergency Base Rate (ALS & BLS)	\$1648.93
ALS Non-Emergency Base Rate	\$1247.44
BLS Non-Emergency Base Rate	\$932.01
Mileage per Loaded Patient Mile	\$28.69
Oxygen	\$64.53
Treat, Non-Transport	\$250.93

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

24-15 Motion by McQuisten seconded by Pankonin, to approve the requested increase pursuant to the contract and forward it to the City Council for final approval. All in favor, motion carried.

There is a vacancy on the REMSA Medical Board as Dr. Abi Polzin has resigned. Dr. Ryan Sivertson, an emergency physician from Sanford is willing to serve on the Medical Board.

24-16 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Erpenbach, to appoint Dr. Ryan Sivertson to a five year term on the REMSA Medical Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Nick Dowling's term on the REMSA Medical Board is ending. He is willing to be appointed to another term.

24-17 Motion by Sumption, seconded by Pankonin, to appoint Dr. Nick Dowling to a five year term on the REMSA Medical Board. All in favor, motion carried.

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Reports

County – Jason Gearman discussed a large scale exercise planned for July in Harford.

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

Scholarships – Scholarship recipients continue in their education. The program has been very successful in adding Paramedics to the EMS system, with several who have or will enter the system over the spring/summer.

Provider Reports

Metro – Mike Gramlick answered questions on redundancy at Metro to avoid outages. Metro answers approximately 400,000 calls per year. The next hiring process will be the first with Metro as a City entity.

SFPD – Call volume is steady. Workforce is healthy. A new recruit class will start in July. Four interns will start next week. Working to streamline how we receive AED data and how to best make it available to receiving hospitals. Internships have been successful in recruiting new employees. 34 citizens graduated from the Citizens' Academy this week. It is a great program.

SFFR – Response volume is stable. Recruit class graduated this month. The next class will be next year.

PatientCare EMS – Josh Brumwell presented the April monthly report covering technology status, hospital interactions, government involvement, hiring/training, head count, ePCR completion, accreditation and community events. Call volumes were similar to last month, showing a consistent 5-9% increase over last year.

Contract Compliance Report

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

Executive Secretary

CO monitoring equipment funded by the system improvement grant is still on hold due to a manufacturer delay. We are monitoring 24 hour PCR completion. 2023 CARES data presented. Theron will be leaving his City position this summer to attend Medical School. Congratulations!

Medical Director

Dr. Luther has tested several new Paramedics who are beginning their service at PCEMS. He noted a recent study that showed that only half of US residents know CPR or how to stop bleeding. This is why the instructions given by Metro Communications are so valuable and contribute directly to lives saved.

Public input

No public comment.

Adjournment

Chair McQuisten adjourned the meeting at 1:15 P.M.

Submitted by

Approved by

Julie Charbonneau
Executive Director/Executive Secretary

Matt McQuisten
Chair