



**SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE OKLAHOMA TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY COUNCIL (OTERAC)
Nicholson Conference Center
1000 Northeast 13th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104
Wednesday, August 4th, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

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MINUTES (DRAFT)

I. Call to Order- Roll Call

Dr. David Teague, Acting Chair, called meeting to order at 1:01 pm

Roll Call

Roll Call was conducted by Rashonda Hagar, Administrative Assistant

Members present: Dr. Roxie Albrecht, Terri Murdaugh, Edie Smith, Dr. David Teague, James Winham (arrived at 1:15 pm), and Dr Lance Watson.

Quorum was met with seven members present.

II. Announcement and introductions

Grace Pelley announced changes in key agency leadership and Emergency System staff. Under the new agency infrastructure, Emergency Systems falls under Community Health.

New office is located in downtown Oklahoma City, in the previous Sandridge building.

III. Review and approval of October 2, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion: Approval of the October 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Dr. Roxie Albrecht, seconded by Terri Murdaugh. **Motion carries.**

IV. OSDH activity update

A. EMS Division

Dale Adkerson reported work has been focused on supporting COVID response and working with the OTERAC committees and items on this agenda. Focus is moving back to inspections.

B. ES Data Management and Research

Xana Howard informed that her team has been involved in daily hospital collection and reporting of COVID related data, nursing home numbers and personal protective equipment numbers for 14 months now. There is also a research project with Dr David Behm, on comparing patient prioritization by EMS versus in hospitals, and identifying factors that influence these scores. OKEMSIS is being updated from version 3.3.4 to 3.4 to match national NEMSIS standards.

C. Trauma Fund

Katrina Warden reported a ten percent decrease in distribution from the Trauma Fund due to allegedly a decrease in smokers. The reimbursement rate for hospitals and EMS is at \$0.20 on the dollar of Medicare cost. She further explained that through COVID timely data reporting by hospitals is struggle which affects qualifying cases for physicians. Dr Albrecht implores the Council to consider other revenue streams. Dr Teague request for information on the Trauma Fund revenue stream and trends.

D. Trauma System Development

Grace Pelley reported that the regional trauma boards continued meeting through virtual platforms. Gaps have been identified in the Region 5 Envenomation Plan and Region 8 Trauma Plan for Burns. Most regions have identified two strategic goals to reduce length of stay, and reducing the number of Priority 1 patients delivered to wrong initial facility. Discussion involved engaging hospitals CEOs and EMS Directors with targeted action items at each organization.

Dr Watson acknowledges the difficulty in split-decision making in the field and in the ERs, and encourages education on the criteria for prioritization and destination selection. He also shares concern with prolonged transport times, strain on EMS, and free-standing ERs.

E. Trauma Transfer Referral Center (TReC)

Lisa Fitzgerald, acting TReC Director reported increased COVID calls and stress on the hospitals. She invited comments for improvement.

F. Trauma Continuous Quality Improvement

Brandee Keele thanked the Council for their support of the regional CQI escalation plan. Significant increase in responses received with at least, two regions at 100% response rate. There has also increased in physician volunteers in the Committees as a result of the virtual platform. Referrals can be submitted to CQI@health.ok.gov or referral forms are on EMResource. Secure portal is available upon request; or contact staff for verbal submission.

G. Regional update from RTAB chair/representatives

- Region 5 Southeast - Pamela Cunningham reported activities to update Trauma Plan at their last meeting.

H. Injury Prevention Service – no report for this meeting.

I. Emergency Preparedness and Response Service

Elyce Holloway reports almost all of our focus has shifted to COVID. Past response initiatives are being reviewed to identify methods to continue supporting hospitals and EMS moving forward.

J. Stroke System of Care/OSSSAC

Alicia Webster reported that OSSSAC approved EMS algorithm and requested for posting to OSDH website. A survey will be sent to hospitals for stroke and STEMI feedback. Information gained will be used to identify of gaps in care, and regional education opportunities.

V. Committee/Workgroup Report

A. Education and Training Committee – no meeting was held.

B. EMS Protocol Guidance Committee – no meeting was held.

C. Medical Direction and Coordination Committee

Dr Jason McEllyea reported that the Committee continue working to improve the quality of Medical Directors and EMS care all things related to emergency care in and out of the hospital.

D. EMS Regulations Committee

Sean Lauderdale reported meeting virtually last year to finalize proposed rule changes to be presented today. Dale will address that in a separate agenda item.



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E. EMResource Workgroup

Grace Pelley reported that the workgroup has not met. She thanks EPRS for providing funding to support building of interfaces for real time data collection, and emergency room and hospital capability and capacity. Dr Teague supports automation as agenda item for future meeting.

F. Systems Improvement & Development Workgroup – no meeting was held.

VI. **Old business-status update**

Good Samaritan implementation

Dale Adkerson reports work a draft pamphlet for distribution to agencies to implement policies for screening of affected individuals including patient destination and testing guidance is in the works. that will be our publication once it's finished. Council members unanimously expressed their pleasure for this accomplishment.

VII. **New business**

A. **Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to submit comments to the Hospital Advisory Council for their recommendation to the Commissioner of Health proceed with rulemaking for amendments to Oklahoma Administrative Code, Title 310, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Chapter 667, Hospital Standards, Subchapter 59. Classification of Hospital Emergency Services**

John Clark explained that this is pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 2020-03 signed in February 2020 to reduce the regulatory burden while protecting public safety; duplications and removing regulatory restriction words. Within subchapter 59, there were approximately 1600 restriction words. He gave examples from the proposed changes.

No comments were discussed, and members were invited to send any additional comments to Mr Clark.

B. **Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to recommend the Commissioner of Health proceed with rulemaking for amendments to Oklahoma Administrative Code, Title 310, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Chapter 641 Emergency Medical Services**

Dale Adkerson provided a summary and explained that changes were made for clarity, including compressing duplicate section, and improving definitions.

Motion: To approve rules as proposed.

Motioned by Dr. Albrecht. Second by Terri Murdaugh. **Motion carries.**

C. Future meeting dates:

- Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to affirm the next regular meeting date of December 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm; or to identify an alternative option.

Grace Pelley request for the Council to consider moving the next meeting date to December 8 to allow for more attendees to attend the OTERAC meeting.

Motion: To confirm the next regular meeting date for December 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Motioned by Dr. Albrecht, seconded by Terri Murdaugh. **Motion carries.**

- Discussion and review of proposed 2022 regular meeting dates below, to be voted at the next meeting:

February 2, 2022

June 1, 2022

October 5, 2022

All meetings will be scheduled for 1:00 PM.

VIII. **Other comments from the Board:**

- Jim Winham commented on the smooth execution of the meeting.
- Dr Teague encouraged topics on the trauma system for next agenda.
- Dr Albrecht inquired on the process to refill the position vacated by Eddie Sims.



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IX. Comments from the Public – No comments from the Public.

X. Next meetings

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October 6, 2021 (tentatively scheduled)

Education and Training Committee

September 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM

EMS Protocol Guidance Committee

November 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Medical Direction and Coordination Committee

November 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM

XI. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Approved by

David Teague, MD

Interim Chair

Oklahoma Trauma Emergency Response Advisory Council

June 1 2022