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The Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC) REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: ODOT Training Center •  
5307 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Street • Oklahoma City, OK 73131

MINUTES

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

Dr. David Teague; Chair, called meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

| Members present at Roll Call | Members absent at Roll Call |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dr. Roxie Albrecht           | James Winham                |
| Melissa Gullotto             |                             |
| Edith Smith                  |                             |
| Dr. David Teague             |                             |
| Dr. Lance Watson             |                             |
| Matthew Young                |                             |

**III. Announcement and introductions**

Grace Pelley introduced Melissa Gullotto, Critical Care Nurse with INTEGRIS Health and newest member of OTERAC Advisory Council, new EMS Staff: Tessa Cleary-Smith, EMS Administrator/Systems Developer.

**IV. Dr. Roxie Albrecht moved to approval June 1, 2022, meeting minutes and Edith Smith seconded. The motion carried as follows:**

| Ayes               | Nays | Abstain |
|--------------------|------|---------|
| Dr. Roxie Albrecht |      |         |
| Edith Smith        |      |         |
| Dr. David Teague   |      |         |
| Dr. Lance Watson   |      |         |
| Matthew Young      |      |         |
| Melissa Gullotto   |      |         |

**V. OSDH activity update**

**A. EMS Division**

Dale Adkerson reported that EMS has completed licensing for EMS individuals and agencies, with 10,500 individuals and 360 agencies that are certified or licensed in Oklahoma. The deadline to apply for renewing EMS License had been extended to September 28, 2022. Any not renewed by that date are considered expired license. The high point of licensees were 11,500 before September 28 deadline. EMS Strategic Planning Workgroup, which includes OTERAC Member Matthew Young, has received draft report from partners and is working to complete their project. Request for Proposals submitted for the Oklahoma Emergency Response System Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund (OERSSIRF) will be reviewed and scored October 6 and 7, 2022. Scores from the review will be released later in the month

**B. ES Data Management and Research**

Xana Howard emphasized the importance of data reporting. Trauma Registry staff is working with facilities and EMS agencies to get in compliance. The group is hoping to run Data Quality Reports in 2023 for hospital trauma data and EMS. Ms. Howard referred direction to the Annual Report for State Fiscal Year 2022 handout, which includes a summary of some of the data numbers reported and training attendance information. Trauma Registry trainings may be held in December or January.

**C. Trauma Fund & EMResource**

Katrina Warden reiterated the importance of data reporting compliance. Hospital and physician cases not reported to Trauma Registry may not be eligible for reimbursement from Trauma Fund. Application period for April 2023 for dates of service from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 will open October 14, 2022.

Ms. Warden also gave deadline dates for April 2023 distribution period:

- November 30, 2022, for Hospitals
- December 15, 2022, for EMS and Physicians

Trauma Fund webinars will be held in October and November for Hospitals, Physician groups, and EMS. Ms. Warden referred to a handout regarding the TF trend lines beginning in 2007 and ending September 30, 2022. There has been a steady decline in the trend line since 2007. The sources of funding for Trauma Fund comes from Tobacco Tax, Counties for speeding tickets, drug convictions, and DUIs, and car tags and license renewals. Grace Pelley mentioned that a breakdown of funding sources could be brought before the Council if needed. It would take time to collect the data for EMS trauma runs, and the data may not be clear. Members of the council agree they would like to receive and review data of Trauma Fund funding sources in 2023 meetings.

**D. Trauma System Development**

Chris Dew reported facilitating RTAB meetings in all eight regions. All hospital and EMS agencies are reminded to meet their data reporting compliance. He will be meeting with all new RTAB chairs in January regarding upcoming topics - lude burns, telehealth, and imaging exchange. EMS development activities continues to be focused on Medical Directors involvement and EMS quality assurance oversight. OTEP training will be held October 26, 2022, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, at OSDH Strata Tower Commons Building. Regions 2 and 4 have already received OTEP training. There is a T3 Working Group from the Medical Direction/Coordination Committee that is meeting October 18, 2022, which will compare the current Oklahoma T3 and the 2022 ACS trauma triage.

**E. Trauma Continuous Quality Improvement**

Heather Griffin drew attention to a handout of the Regional CQI Feedback Letter Activity Summary for the first and second quarters of 2022 and gave a brief overview of the chart and the Response Rate of 47%. Ms. Griffin also gave some information regarding the totals for 2019, 2020, 2021, and the rate for 2022 so far is slightly above average for all four years overall. By the end of 2022 there will be 18 new CQI members. A total of 6,745 cases have been reviewed, of those 191 were taken to committee, and there were 552 letters sent. As of now in all regions there are 74 total members. Dr. Teague had commended CQI for their thorough work and commitment. He also stated the council would assist to enhance the communication efforts if needed regarding responses to the letters sent out. Discussion entailed that providers would like to receive information of CQI trends so they could better their practice and patient care. Jamie Lee shared some of the most common errors CQI sees are destinations, trauma triage and under-triage of various patients, and length of stays for priority one trauma patients. Goal for the two years is to decrease the length of stay for Priority One patients. Dr. Teague requested an annual report that would identify the most common findings of CQI referrals and reporting of CQI letter issuance.

F. Trauma Transfer Referral Center (TReC)

Jesse Leslie provided handouts for the TReC Interfacility Transfers for regions 7 and 8 from Emergency Room to Emergency Room (ER) between December 2021 and September 2022. Overall, the most common transfer was for neurosurgery and the least was for facial trauma injuries. Mr. Leslie gave a brief overview of how to understand the charts and noted that most of the 2,607 emergency room transfers are from within the state of Oklahoma. Dr. Teague reiterated the importance of Image Sharing that Chris Dew had mentioned earlier.

G. Injury Prevention Service (IPS)

Christian Bonds shared with the group that his team has many areas of focus, but their main focus is on Traumatic Brain Injury program and Childhood Concussion Prevention. A study conducted in 2019 indicated there is only one Oklahoma school in compliance with the Oklahoma Concussion law. Therefore, tools have been sent out to schools to aid in meeting compliance standards. The resources Mr. Bonds mentioned and additional information can be found at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/health-education/injury-prevention-service/concussions.html>.

H. Emergency Preparedness and Response Service (EPRS)

Elyce Holloway reported COVID 19 numbers are declining. Monkey Pox numbers are maintaining in the United States. Polio cases have been detected in New York, which is deeply concerning to EPRS. Vaccination rates in Oklahoma for Polio are not 100%, and Ms. Holloway encourages vaccines for those that do not have them. Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry is tracking a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza spread in a wild flock of ducks in Tillman County which may move to other areas. This has not been transferrable to humans, but the possibility does exist. A very heavy influenza season is possible but is not happening yet. Ms. Holloway shared that with COVID 19 winding down, her team's focus has been to review various plans and make major changes as needed. Some of the plans affected are HPP - Healthcare Delivery System Recovery plan and RMRS is working on radiation surge plans. If you are a member of a healthcare coalition and are not receiving free training opportunity or surge plan information from RMRS, or if you are not a member but are interested, please reach out to Ms. Holloway, as there is much information available. It is critical and required that RMRS provides the training information and surge plans to all Healthcare Coalition members. Ms. Holloway gave reference to a Regional Pediatric Surge Plan. She also referred to handouts available.

I. Stroke System of Care/OSSSAC

Alicia Webster shared information of the last OSSSAC meeting: information from Saint Francis Stroke and Trauma Conference event in September 2022 will be shared out; Ms. Webster stated the proposed rule change and vote requested at the previous OTERAC Meeting regarding language change for appropriate thrombolytic is moving forward; working with partners on reviewing various stroke levels and will compare information to get a national perspective. Ms. Webster shared with the council there will be a virtual meeting option available at all meetings to curtail travel challenges that may occur. OSSSAC Members have reviewed core elements that they believe should be included in regional stroke plans and each region will utilize those as they deem necessary for their systems; Dr. Sidorov presented at a European Conference regarding ICH and transfers. The biggest rural hospital challenge is telestroke. The AHA launched a World Health Initiative in July and 48 hospitals were involved, and Ms. Webster gave some details regarding that and the effects it may have on rural hospitals.

**VI. Committee/Board Reports**

A. Education and Training Committee: No representation

B. Medical Direction and Coordination Committee - Dr Patrick Cody reported that they are working on updating language regarding Medical Director credentialing and responsibilities education trainings. Dr. Cody stated there are not enough Medical Directors.

C. Regional update from RTAB chair/representatives

Region 1 – No representation

Region 2 – No representation

Region 3 – No representation

Region 4 – Matthew Young reported that the OTEP training was held prior to the RTAB meeting, and Region 4 was working on electing officers for 2023.

Regions 5 – Pamela Cunningham began by stating the main focus of Region 5 was working on electing officers for 2023. Working on updating language in the Region plan and getting more involvement in CQI by recruiting two new positions for that.

Region 6 – No representation

Region 7 – Dean Henke for Region 7 that the main focus was voting in officers, board members, and committee members for 2023.

Region 8 – David Howerton reported that Region 8 was continuing with working on language and education regarding Non-Therapeutic Diagnostic testing for priority one and two trauma to streamline that process. Still working on getting language updated in the Region 8 plan to include INTEGRIS Baptist Pediatric Burn Center. Still researching data to find out why Region 8 has the most interfacility transfers in the state. Second Last meeting was in April, CQI Committee membership is up and have had many cases. Mr. Howerton invited interested parties to attend the presentation regarding Whole Blood on January 10, 2023, and region 8 will begin administering whole blood within the pre-hospital process on October 24, 2022. Partners regarding whole blood include Medical Directors, Oklahoma Blood Institute, and OU Medicine.

**VII. Business**

- A. Chapter 642 Oklahoma Emergency Response System Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund. Discussion and Possible Action on Chapter OAC 310:642.
  - a. Discussion and questions.
  - b. Consideration, possible action, and vote on rule Chapter.
    - i. Possible action may include, but is not limited to, taking no action, continuing the matter, amending the Chapter, or revoking the Chapter.
    - ii. Any possible action will be taken in the Council's capacity to make recommendations to the Commissioner of OSDH.
- B. Chapter 643 Oklahoma Emergency Response System Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund Distribution. Discussion and Possible Action on proposed new Chapter OAC 310:643.
  - a. Discussion and questions.
  - b. Consideration, possible action, and vote on rule Chapter.
    - i. Possible action may include, but is not limited to, taking no action, continuing the matter, amending the Chapter, or revoking the Chapter.
    - ii. Any possible action will be taken in the Council's capacity to make recommendations to the Commissioner of OSDH.



Dr. Roxie Albrecht moved to revoke Chapter 642 Oklahoma Emergency System Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund – OAC 310:642, combined in the motion: To add OAC 310:643 per agenda item VII. B. Matthew Young seconded. The motion carried as follows:

| Ayes               | Nays | Abstain |
|--------------------|------|---------|
| Dr. Roxie Albrecht |      |         |
| Edith Smith        |      |         |
| Dr. David Teague   |      |         |
| Dr. Lance Watson   |      |         |
| Matthew Young      |      |         |
| Melissa Gullotto   |      |         |

C. Chapter 645 Emergency Service District Supplemental Regulations. Discussion and Possible Action on Chapter OAC 310:645.

- a. Discussion and questions.
- b. Consideration, possible action, and vote on rule Chapter.
  - i. Possible action may include, but is not limited to, taking no action, continuing the matter, amending the Chapter, or revoking the Chapter.
  - ii. Any possible action will be taken in the Council's capacity to make recommendations to the Commissioner of OSDH.

Dr. Lance Watson moved to revoke Chapter 645 Emergency Service District Supplemental Regulations from OAC 310:645 and Dr. Roxie Albrecht seconded. The motion carried as follows:

| Ayes               | Nays | Abstain |
|--------------------|------|---------|
| Dr. Roxie Albrecht |      |         |
| Edith Smith        |      |         |
| Dr. David Teague   |      |         |
| Dr. Lance Watson   |      |         |
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D. Discussion, consideration, and possible action, and vote to recommend consideration of the Oklahoma trauma system assessment by the American College of Surgeon, or other entities pending availability of funding.  
No Motion was made - item tabled to February 1, 2023, OTERAC Meeting for further discussion.

E. Discussion, consideration, and possible action, and vote to approve 2023 meeting dates, times, and location:

Dr. Lance Watson moved to accept the 2023 OTERAC Meeting dates as follows including date, times, and locations. Matthew Young seconded.

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| <b>February 1, 2023 – 1:00 PM</b><br>James O Goodwin Health Center,<br>Tulsa City-County Health Department<br>5051 South 129 <sup>th</sup> East Avenue<br>Tulsa, Oklahoma 74134 |
| <b>May 3, 2023 – 1:00 PM</b><br>ODOT Training Center<br>5307 NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> Street<br>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73131                                                       |
| <b>August 2, 2023 – 1:00 PM</b><br>James O Goodwin Health Center,<br>Tulsa City-County Health Department                                                                        |



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**May 3, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

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Motion carried as follows:

| Ayes               | Nays | Abstain |
|--------------------|------|---------|
| Dr. Roxie Albrecht |      |         |
| Edith Smith        |      |         |
| Dr. David Teague   |      |         |
| Dr. Lance Watson   |      |         |
| Matthew Young      |      |         |
| Melissa Gullotto   |      |         |

**VIII. Comments from the Public:** *None*

**IX. NOT ON AGENDA - Comments from the Council Members:** *Discussion regarding the open position for Council Member James Winham. Interested persons would be appointed by the governor. Suggestion was made to contact the appointing authority regarding the status. The Legislative Liaison has been contacted per Grace Pelley, and Dr. Teague stated if the council needs to get involved in contact they will.*

**X. Next meetings**

2023 OTERAC Next Meeting Date

**February 1, 2023**

James O Goodwin Health Center, Tulsa City-County Health Department, 5051 South 129<sup>th</sup> East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74134

All Meetings will be scheduled for 1:00 PM. Outlook appointments will be sent out for next meetings.

**XI. Adjournment at 2:38 pm**