

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

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: James O' Goodwin Health Center •
Tulsa City-County Health Department • 5051 South 129 East Avenue • Tulsa, OK 74134

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Dr. David Teague called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call
Ms. Dockery called roll and quorum was met as follows:

Members present at Roll Call	Members absent at Roll Call
Dr. Alisa Cross	Dr. Julie Curry
Melissa Gullotto	
Brad LanCaster	
Edith Smith	
Dr. David Teague	
Matthew Young	

3. Approval of Minutes for May 3, 2023
Edith Smith made a motion to approve the May 3, 2023, meeting minutes and Matthew Young seconded the motion.
The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Edith Smith		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

4. OSDH activity update
EMS Division

Chris Dew reported: EMS Licensing renewal deadline for agencies and individuals was June 30, 2023. Renewal reminders were mailed out to EMS individuals and emails were sent to agencies who expired June 30, 2023, then followed-up with phone calls from EMS Administrators for agencies who did not respond. Unannounced inspections are being performed. A reminder was made to please copy ESystems@health.ok.gov for all emails being sent to OSDH Emergency Systems Division.

Trauma Division

Grace Pelley reported: the Trauma Registry Data Team is working on several items including communicating with hospitals and EMS Agencies regarding trauma reporting compliance and preparing five-year data summary plans for Trauma Registry and OKEMSIS data bases. Past and current research data is being used for a research paper over "Enhancing Utility of Interfacility Triage Guidelines using Machine Learning: Development of the Geriatric Interfacility Trauma Triage Score". The department was recently granted a NHTSA grant for data. EMResource bed data is still being collected daily by the federal government. Beginning next year, the quality of data

will be reviewed. Ms. Pelley referred to the slides regarding Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund (Trauma Fund) Disbursements from 2013 to 2023 and the Collections from sources for Trauma Fund from 2020 to 2023, and Ms. Pelley was pleased that Motor Vehicle Collections have increased. She then stated there have been some changes regarding the Trauma Transfer Referral Center (TReC), and she will present a detailed report which will include trends, frequencies, and refusals to members at the November OTERAC meeting. The Trauma Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) team reviewed 54 cases this quarter, and will meet October 6, 2023, for a statewide CQI conference. Dr. Teague inquired about the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund graph that shows a continuous decline and stated that he would like an agenda item to find ways to sustain the revolving fund. Ms. Pelley stated she would have an agenda item for the next OTERAC meeting regarding strategic planning to discuss the eighteen funding sources and then will ask the council to make a formal recommendation to OSDH for additional funding sources. Discussion ensued regarding a governor's task force that was in place several years ago, and there were suggestions that may be needed again for Trauma Fund discussions regarding funding sources.

Injury Prevention Service (IPS)

Kenner Wignall reported information regarding drug overdose prevention and some resource availability including Over-the-Counter Naloxone and Fentanyl test kits, which are being disseminated by OKC and Tulsa Fire Departments. Concussion and Brain Injury Initiatives and awareness policies and guidelines are available for school districts and Christian Bonds facilitates awareness presentations to the Regional Trauma Advisory Boards. Mr. Wignall referred to OSDH Injury Prevention Service webpage for additional information and shared some of the upcoming trainings, meetings, and resources that are available.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Service (EPRS)

Elyce Holloway referred attention to her slides regarding the Healthcare Coalition Regional Medical Response System contacts. Healthcare coalition members have access to all plans that have been completed this period and are updated annually, but her team has faced challenges with the Resource Management plan. There is a need to get medical systems more intertwined with the public health plans. Dr. Teague asked if there is anything specific that the council can assist her groups with. She answered that focus within the State Plans will be defining responsibilities at the state and local levels, have better communications with the facilities to get feedback, critical infrastructure, prioritization, and communicating with the right contacts, and that the council may have better insight of what should be in the plans.

5. Stroke System of Care/OSSSAC - No representation

6. Committee/Board Reports

- Education and Training Committee: Justin Hunter reported that the scope of practice for EMR through Paramedic licensed individuals at the national level has been updated. "Educator" was removed from "Instructor Educator Application" for levels I, II, and III. Approximately six years ago, the National Registry moved EMT testing to the state level and an EMR and EMT test will be implemented late 2023 or 2024. AEMT and Paramedic are both at National Registry level testing. Bylaws, definitions, processes regarding state approved continuing education, and changes in accreditation requirements at AEMT level beginning July 2024 will all be topics of discussion and review at the next committee meeting. The Committee may request the council to get involved with getting important agenda items approved in a timely manner prior to meetings. Some programs focused on AEMT may face challenges regarding the AEMT level accreditation changes. Dr. Teague asked if assistance is needed from the council, for an agenda item to be presented at the November 1, 2023, OTERAC meeting.
- Medical Direction and Coordination Committee: Dr. Patrick Cody reported that the committee will be updating the state EMS protocols and will be meeting monthly to complete that task.
- Regional update from RTAB chair/representatives

Region 1 – No representation

Region 2 – No representation

Region 3 – Brad LanCaster reported that Region 3 is working on better communication between EMS and Hospitals, resource utilization, and implementing subgroups on EMResource for virtual Cardiology.

Region 4 – Dr. James Campbell reported that Region 4 is working on burn care, EMS for children, and CQI case breakout sessions for entire committee so non-board members can understand the CQI process. Board member's attendance has been 92% and non-board member's attendance has been lacking and would appreciate any suggestions or input to boost that attendance. Grace Pelley and Chris Dew have developed a chair's committee for RTABs to ensure interesting agenda topics.

Regions 5 – Pamela Cunningham reported that Region 5 had a burn presentation regarding inappropriate transfers of patients. They facilitated discussions with the Oklahoma Psych Hospital Association regarding challenges related to transfers of psych patients and its effects on the emergency departments and the availability of telehealth to help with those ED issues. Breakout sessions were implemented to improve the relationships between EMS and Hospitals and between EMS and EMS, and regarding the struggles with resource availability and staff.

Region 6 – Jason Likens reported that Region 6 has faced challenges regarding membership attendance and meeting quorum, five members have been added to the RPC, and the new OTEP Training will be presented at the next meeting.

Region 7 – Krista Norrid reported that Region 7 facilitated discussions regarding ED crowding and transfers of mental health patients, and evidence based behavioral health. Also, the CQI team reviewed 14 cases, the RPC Committee is robust and working on the Trauma Plan, and they had several presentations: one from EMS Children's over sleep awareness, another regarding superficial injuries that may be missed, and another over revised criteria regarding pediatric age limits.

Region 8 – No representation

7. Presentations: Oklahoma 2023 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP): a statewide coordinated safety plan to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads
J. Marty Farris presented information regarding the Oklahoma 2023 Strategic Highway Safety Plan and referred to the PowerPoint slides. Mr. Farris shared some statistics over five years from 2016-2021 and some safety measures that have been taken to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries. The transportation industry would like Emergency Response to become an increased outreach and stated that communication with OSDH Emergency Systems office will be directed through Grace Pelley.
8. Business
 - A. Discussion topics
 - SHSP Strategies related to EMS safety – Grace Pelley continued in conjunction with Mr. Farris's presentation regarding proposed strategies EMS and Trauma Care can take to increase survivability of crashes. Mr. Farris would like feedback for review and discussion turned in by the middle of September for the SHSP and then his group will submit the final plan by November 2023 deadline. Ms. Pelley stated EMS would facilitate sending surveys to associations for feedback. Suggestions made were to include electric vehicle fire safety education.

- Imaging exchange and teletrauma – Grace Pelley shared that two platforms were being looked at for imaging exchange, but neither have the capabilities needed to proceed. Telehealth is still being worked through.
- EMResource specialist expansion – no discussion

B. Discussion, consideration, and vote to approve appointment of Dr. Amanda Celii to Medical Direction and Coordination Committee:

Grace Pelley clarified that a trauma surgeon is needed to replace Dr. Roxie Albrecht.

Brad LanCaster made a motion to approve Dr. Amanda Celii for Medical Direction and Coordination Committee and Matthew Young seconded the motion.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Edith Smith		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

C. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve proposed update to the Oklahoma Interfacility Trauma Triage Reference Manual including defined nomenclature:

Tessa Cleary-Smith presented the revised manual to the members, and referred to the pre-hospital and interfacility algorithms that were presented to OTERAC members and approved at the May 3, 2023 meeting. She listed several updates that had been identified and requested in the MDCC Meeting today and will be made including up-to-date map on page 7, separate acknowledgements on the last page from original manual authors, and other changes within the content of each of the four Single System Injuries areas. Discussion of additional updates needed include changes to Spinal Injury regarding long spinal board and steroid use on page 17. Dr. Teague stated a change needed regarding if asked to “Discuss use of steroids with spine surgeon or accepting physician”, the answer would be “no”. Additional content concerns were discussed including better options than the use of umbilical tape for facial trauma and burns. Considering the change requests discussed, Ms. Pelley asked the council to review the draft for 30 days, and upon completion send to the manual review committee contributors for corrections.

D. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to recommend for consideration a state trauma system assessment by the American College of Surgeons:

Grace Pelley referred to the PowerPoint presentation and expounded on the 12 Essential Elements (pg. 38) and the role that both Trauma and EMS Divisions have in each area. Discussion included that Oklahoma is the only state that has not had an assessment with the American College of Surgeons.

Edith Smith made a motion to recommend a state trauma system assessment by the American College of Surgeons and Matthew Young seconded the motion.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Edith Smith		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		



E. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve proposed meeting dates, times, and locations for 2024:

- February 7, 2024 in Tulsa at 1:00 p.m.
- May 1, 2024 in Oklahoma City at 1:00 p.m.
- August 7, 2024 in Tulsa at 1:00 p.m.
- November 6, 2024 in Oklahoma City at 1:00 p.m.

Matthew Young made a motion to approve proposed meeting dates, times, and locations for 2024 as listed on the agenda and Melissa Gullatto seconded the motion.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Edith Smith		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

9. Future meeting date for 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Dr. David Teague announced the upcoming meeting date for 2023, and confirmed that the November 1, 2023 meeting will be held in Oklahoma City.

10. Public Comment:

Maryavis Howell requested that the council consider creating a Trauma Registry Committee to review the current Data Dictionary and then annually thereafter.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Young and Brad LanCaster seconded at 3:00 p.m.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Edith Smith		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		