

Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC)
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Tulsa County Medical Society
5315 South Lewis Avenue • Tulsa, OK 73105

The Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council meeting notice was posted on the OSDH website located at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/emergency-systems/oterac.html> as well as the Secretary of State’s website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on 12/04/2023.

Agenda

1. Call to Order..... Dr. David Teague, Chair
Dr. Teague called the meeting to order at 1:03pm
2. Roll Call..... Edith Smith, Secretary
Edith Smith arrived after roll call at 1:17pm, so Samantha Brown with OSDH took attendance and quorum was met.

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Dr. Alisa Cross	Melissa Gullatto
Dr. Julie Curry	
Brad LanCaster	
Edith Smith (arrived at 1:17pm)	
Dr. David Teague	
Matthew Young	

3. Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2024..... Dr. David Teague, Chair
The Council reviewed the minutes from August 7, 2024 (this agenda erroneously had May 1, 2024). Matthew Young moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. Curry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry (2 nd)		
Brad LanCaster		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young (1 st)		

4. Reports

- EMS..... Lori Strider, EMS Coordinator
 - Licensure

Lori Strider gave the EMS report and let the Council know that all license applications are in the process of being updates as well as the website. Matt Young asked Ms. Strider if OSDH was processing 2025 renewals for those who have already updated their National Registry. She said that they have not received a lot so far, but they are processing what they are receiving.

- Trauma..... Grace Pelley, Trauma Coordinator
 - Trauma Fund: disbursement and collection trends, event queries
 - EMResource: injury queries and informational events
 - System Regional Continuous Quality Improvement: case reviews, trends
 - Trauma Transfer and Referral Center

Grace Pelley gave the trauma report, she spoke about Trauma Fund disbursement, and also spoke about TReC, and showed that the call numbers are slightly down from the previous year. She spoke about CQI, and let the Council know that OSDH currently has no CQI nurses. Matt Young suggested that the state could consider a part time nurse or paramedic. The Council reviewed the TReC numbers and discussed long acceptance times and think that the TReC process needs to be streamlined. Dr. Teague asked about historical and current use of TReC and asked if TReC improvement is under the Council’s purview. Ms. Pelley explained that if the Council would like to address specific topics, they can be added to the agenda for future meetings.

- Injury Prevention Service: Programs and resources related to TBI prevention, falls prevention, sports concussion.....Kenner Wignall, Project Coordinator

Kenner Wignall gave the Injury Prevention report. He reported that education materials have been updated, including marijuana safe storage, pediatric heatstroke, and proper seatbelt usage. They are still distributing fentanyl test strips. He talked about the Car Fit program which helps seniors to understand all features of their vehicles, and Coaching Boys into Men, an evidence-based program that empowers coaches to educate athletes on harm reduction. Dr. Teague made the suggestion that Car Fit may be a good outreach opportunity for trauma centers due to the aging population. Dr. Curry asked about the marijuana safe storage education and how it may be helpful to share that with hospitals and EMS agencies.

- Emergency Preparedness and Response Service: Healthcare coalition, healthcare plans..... Scott White, Emergency Response Manager

Grace Pelley gave the report on behalf of EPRS. EPRS had staff at Emergency Response Center to support statewide election monitoring, IV solution shortage is expected to fully recover after the first of the year. A team of 10 was sent to North Carolina for hurricane response for two weeks.

5. Committee/Regional Trauma Advisory Board Reports

- Education and Training Committee: EMS training, instructional guidelines, scope of practice, National Registry testing..... Dr. Justin Hunter, Committee Chair
No report.

- Medical Direction and Coordination Committee: State EMS Protocol..... Dr. Patrick Cody, Committee Chair
Dr. Cody gave the Medical Direction and Coordination Committee report. They continue to work on updating the State EMS Protocols. They are close to done with the first draft and look forward to reviewing that in the near future. Matt Young thanked the committee for their work.

- Regional Trauma Advisory Boards: trauma trends, CQI reviews, standards of patient care
 - Region 1 NW - Angie Clinton
No report
 - Region 2 NE - Heidi Gilbert
No report
 - Region 3 SW - Brad LanCaster
Region 3 is working on Transfer Algorithm and destination protocol, housekeeping, and voted on dates and officers 4th quarter
 - Region 4 EC - Dr. James Campbell
No report
 - Region 5 SE - Pamela Cunningham
No report
 - Region 6 Central - Jason Likens
Sean Lauderdale made the report. RPC met for the first time in several years due to new membership, RTAB had a presentation on SALT triage and then voted to incorporate into their trauma plan. He also stated that the RTAB is having ongoing discussion about incorporating standalone ER's into the trauma plan.
 - Region 7 Tulsa - Krista Norrid-Keuchel
Region 7 had Dr. Shellenberger' s presentation on Pre-hospital Needle Thoracostomy, discussed adding standalone ER's and incorporated BIG (Brain Injury Guidelines), and SALT into the trauma plan, as well as voting on dates, locations, officers and board members
 - Region 8 OKC - David Howerton
No report

6. Stroke System of Care/OSSSAC Report: regional stroke plans, national initiatives.....

..... Dr. John Barghols/Dr. Evgeny Sidorov, OSSSAC Co-Chairs
Melody Bridges gave the report. All regions are participating in stroke regional planning. OSSSAC has an in-person meeting December 4, 2024 to review drafts and to standardize language and definitions in the plans. There will also be a speaker that will speak about stroke system of care and implementation, as well as discussion on stroke metrics and stroke CQI. OSSSAC has a meeting immediately after. Regional Stroke Coordinators have been collecting stroke level data from RTABs and will present findings in the second quarter of 2025.

7. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to recommend to OSDH the proposed State EMS Guidelines for Emergency Medical Responder and Emergency Medical Technician to include a new Basic Life Support Psychomotor exam template.....Dr. Justin Hunter, Committee Chair
This item was carried over to a future meeting since Dr. Hunter was not in attendance.

8. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to recommend to OSDH for an assessment of the statewide Oklahoma trauma system as a matured trauma systemDr. David Teague, Chair
Dr. Teague spoke about the previous assessment of the Oklahoma Trauma System in 2006, as well as the Oklahoma Trauma Strategic Plan. The Council discussed the possibility of recommending OSDH get an assessment of the current trauma system. The Council previously recommended an assessment to OSDH. Dr. Cross cited information from the 2009 National Highway Traffic Safety report, which recommended a statewide trauma system evaluation. Dr. Teague asked if there were comments from OSDH leadership, and Dr. Wyatt Hockmeyer indicated that OSDH looked forward to any recommendation from the Council. Edith Smith made a motion to recommend a statewide trauma system assessment to Oklahoma State Department of Health leadership. Brad LanCaster seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Brad LanCaster (2 nd)		
Edith Smith (1 st)		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action related to

- OAC 310:667-59-3 Descriptions of Trauma and Emergency Operative Services
- OAC 310:667-59-20 Descriptions of Emergency Stroke Services

.....Dr. David Teague, Chair
These topics were the subject of the cancelled special meeting of OTERAC in September of 2024. Dr. Teague spoke about the language in the above chapters regarding trauma level attestations instead of trauma level surveys by the state. He felt strongly that Level I and II trauma and stroke centers need to be verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), instead of attesting to their level without outside verification. Council Member Matt Young commented that trauma center self attestation has been unsuccessful, especially with Level III facilities in more rural areas. Brad LanCaster, Dr. Cross and Dr. Curry agreed with both points. Dr. Teague would like to see updated language that reflects OSDH’s current capability to survey trauma facilities, and would like all Level I and II facilities to be certified by ACS. The Council also discussed the Descriptions of Emergency Stroke Services, and commented that the Council had previously recommended putting language into the chapter regarding the use of thrombolitics.

10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action related to upgrades to the current Oklahoma Trauma Registry to include the AIS scoring, and required data fields for Oklahoma hospitals.....Krista Keuchel-Norrid, Trauma Program Manager
Krista Norrid, Trauma Program Manager at St. John Medical Center spoke about the Trauma Registry data dictionary update from 2008 to 2015. Trauma Managers and registrars are concerned that they will be unable to complete work after the update as the data fields and scoring will change. Dr. Teague asked for OSDH to speak about the upgrades, and Wyatt Hockmeyer, EMS & Trauma Manager said that he anticipates everything to upgrade smoothly, and OSDH has been working with the vendor to upgrade without disruption to the trauma registry on January 1. Council member Dr. Cross asked if the vendor has experience with this kind of upgrade, and Grace Pelley explained that the vendor, ESO, has done upgrades before, and OSDH and ESO have had weekly meetings regarding the upcoming updates. She anticipates a smooth transition. Council member Edith Smith expressed concern that she and her team will not be able to do accurate work and had some specific software concerns Grace Pelley asked to speak to her after the meeting about facility specific questions. Dr. Teague thanked the trauma program managers and registrars for bringing their comments and concerns to the Council.

11. Public Comment

- Dr. Bill Worden, medical director for Heartland Medical Direction and CQI committee member for regions 1 and 3 made a public comment regarding the cancellation of CQI meetings by OSDH. He is concerned about why the meetings were cancelled and why OSDH has not given CQI committee members a reason for the meeting cancellation. Dr. Teague spoke about the benefits of the CQI committees. Council Member Matt Young referred back to Grace Pelley’s earlier report stating that there are no CQI nurses currently employed at OSDH. Dr. Teague asked if Council members wanted to make a motion to recommend that OSDH find a way to get appropriate personnel and explore all resources to ensure CQI meetings continue. A motion and unanimous vote were made, but as this was not an agenda or a new business item, the vote cannot stand and will be put as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Lindsey Rassmussen, Trauma Program Manager at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, thanked the Council for speaking about ACS verification vs. state verification. She asked that any language changes for legislation keep in mind facilities that are going through the ACS process, as it is a long process.

- Maryavis Howell, Trauma Program Manager at Saint Francis Hospital spoke about the Trauma Registry support and asked for the Councils support to encourage OSDH to work closely with Trauma Program Managers and Trauma Directors as technology evolves to look at new vendors and software. Council Member Edith Smith agreed with the comments and believes that working in tandem with each other and OSDH on technological advances will improve the system. Dr. Teague commented that he would like this discussion to be on the next meeting’s agenda.

12. Next meeting - November 6, 2024, in Tulsa at 1:00 p.m.
The next meeting is actually on February 5, 2025 in Oklahoma City.

13. Adjournment

Matthew Young made a motion to adjourn, and Brad LanCaster seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Brad LanCaster (2 nd)		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young (1 st)		