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Northeast (2) Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB)
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Location of Meeting: Tri -Technology Center
1601 Nowata Rd. Bartlesville, OK 74006

The Northeast (2) Regional Trauma Advisory Board regular meeting notice was posted on the OSDH website located at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/emergency-systems/trauma-division/rtabs-regional-trauma-advisory-boards-/region-2-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on November 22, 2024.

Minutes

1. Heidi Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Carson Combest was the acting secretary for this meeting and recorded attendance as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Air Evac Lifeteam – Claremore, Judy Dyke	Arch – Medflight 2-Parsons
Ascension St. John Jane Phillips Medical Center, Angie Holt	Arch – Medflight 1 – Joplin
Ascension St. John Nowata Hospital, Wilford Watson III	Claremore Indian Hospital
Bartlesville Ambulance, Dan Dalton	LifeNet, Inc
Blackwell Fire Department/EMS, Cordell Hanebrink	Jay EMS
Cleveland Area Hospital, Kelly Jacques	Mercy Hospital Joplin
Cushing Fire Department, James Blevins	Midwest AeroCare
Fairfax Community Hospital, Kelly Davis	Pawhuska Hospital, Inc
Integrus Grove EMS, Corey Reeves	
Hillcrest Hospital Claremore, Steven Barnes	
INTEGRIS Health Ponca City, Carson Combest	
NTEGRIS Miami EMS , Corey Reeves	
INTEGRIS Miami Hospital, Angella Conard	
Survival Flight EM, LLC Barnsdall, Tre McPherson	
Ponca City Fire Department/EMS, Carson Combest	
Quapaw Tribe EMS, Eric Reeves	
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita, Hannah Morgan	
Tonkawa Fire Dept./EMS, Robert Fehring	
Air Evac Lifeteam – Grove, Kenneth Dalton	
Air Evac Lifeteam 128 – Ponca City	

Air Evac Lifeteam 4-Springdale, Ken Dalton	
Freeman Hospital (Joplin), Elizabeth Wright	
Hillcrest Hospital Cushing, David Seng	
Hillcrest Hospital Pryor, Melanie Minor	
Hominy EMS, Michael McCowen	
Mayes Emergency Services Trust, Kyle Knott	
MediFlight of Oklahoma, Aubrey Richardson	
Hillcrest Hospital Pryor	
Mercy Lifeline	
Mercy Regional EMS, Tanna Hudson	
Nowata EMS, Nancy Brooks	
Newkirk Fire Department/EMS, Adam Longcrier	
Oologah – Talala EMS District, Brandi Pond	
Pafford EMS, Megan Wollam	
Pawhuska EMS, Ed Martom	
Pawnee EMS, Michael McCowen	
Perry Fire Department/EMS, Carson Combest	
RMRS, Kristie Harris	
Shidler Fire Department/EMS, Carson Combest	
Stillwater Medical – Perry, Heidi Gilbert	
Stillwater Medical Blackwell, Bobbi Steler	
Survival Flight EMS, LLC (Fairfax), Tre McPherson	
Tulsa Life Flight Pryer Substation, Aubrey Richardson	
Willow Crest Hospital, Dillon Ross	

- Heidi Gilbert reminded people if they are taking over RTAB representative duties for your agency to please fill out the authorized representative form in full. First time visitors from the State Department of Health were welcomed to the RTAB. Dr. Behm was introduced as today's presenter.
- Wilford Watson moved to approve May 12, 2025, minutes and Steven Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam/Claremore		
Ascension St. John Jane Phillips Medical Center		
Ascension St. John Nowata		
Bartlesville Ambulance		
Blackwell Fire Dept/EMS		
Cleveland Area Hospital		
Cushing Fire Department/EMS		
Fairfax Community Hospital		
Grove EMS		
Hillcrest Hospital Claremore		

INTEGRIS Grove Hospital		
INTEGRIS Health Ponca City		
Integrus Miami Hospital		
Ponca City Fire Department/EMS		
Quapaw Tribe EMS		
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita, Inc.		
Stillwater Medical Center		
Tonkawa Fire Department/EMS		

5. Reports

- Judy Dyke reported CQI has not had meetings this year, but they are getting very close to starting them again. Norma Perez was at OTERAC last week and informed that OSDH is working with all the regions across the state.
- Judy Dyke reported that the RPC did not meet this morning due to not meeting quorum. She reported the (ACS) American College of Surgeons met with 80 plus stakeholders and informed that the Oklahoma Trauma Systems is behind. The ACS met online several days later for the exit presentation. The report from ACS will take approximately 8 weeks to get to the State. The State will respond to the findings and send back to ACS. Oklahoma ranked number 48 of 50 in trauma. OTERAC met last week and are waiting for the recommendations from ACS. There will be lots of work to do once the recommendations come from ACS. Prehospital whole blood was discussed at ACS from stakeholders. They will ask the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) to come to the next OTERAC meeting in November. St. Johns was identified as a level 1 trauma center in Tulsa. They are having problems with children being taken to St. John's vs. St. Francis and this should not be happening. St. John's is for adults. Pulsara was mentioned and the need is great in Oklahoma. Judy will reach out to the Oklahoma representative to have them come to the next meeting.
- Kristie Harris informed the committee they had a 30% budget cut for this period, due to budget they lost one of their staff members. Cyber security is a big focus currently. The preparedness and readiness plan are being worked on due to the changes across the state.

- Lauren Clark informed the committee that the Stroke Symposium is being held at OU one week from this Saturday and is free to attend. St. Francis has a stroke and trauma presentation on September 17th. Judy Dyke suggested getting together to review the Stroke plan for update. She asked Sarah to come to the next RPC to help write that plan.
- Sarah Connally informed the Region she did not have any updates. Online Autism presentation is still on hold due to budget cuts.
- Dr. David Behm gave the presentation "Accuracy of Prehospital Trauma Priority Scores". Dr. Behm did a research project over region 3's trauma priority score from January 1, 2017, through December 21, 2019. He reviewed EMS patient care reports to the emergency department reports. He compared Trauma Priority Score (TPS) and variables of age, gender, night vs day, EMS agency, licensure of medic, and mechanism of injury. When 2 or more comorbidities were present it affected the care/prognosis in the study. He reviewed 3,563 patient care reports, out of those 812

of the EMS patient care report did not have a trauma priority score, leaving only 2,751 charts that could be reviewed. The results of the study showed priority 2 was accurately recognized 37% of the

time. The most common failure to account for was transient loss of concussion/altered mental status (48%), multiple comorbidities (40%), and orthopedic injuries. Priority 1 was accurately recognized 38% of the time. The most common failure to account for was sustained tachycardia (71%), central penetrating injury, and Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) 13 or less. The summary of the research showed overall 59.5% of the patients were under triaged and 5.5% of the patients were over triaged. More than half (62%) were priority 1 patient that were inaccurately scored and under triaged.

9. Discussion, consideration, possible action and possible vote to:

- Heidi Gilbert explained that holding off on the region 2 trauma plan until after the State receives the results of the ACS review which will take at least another 8 weeks and possibly longer.
- Heidi suggested they may want to review the Bylaws.
- Heidi reviewed the 2026 Board members. There are currently 21 on the list but Bylaws state there can only be 20. The list is based on 100% attendance and call volume for the EMS. Ascension St. John Nowata volunteered to step down from a board member since he is leaving the company soon. Stillwater Medical Perry would like to be removed since Heidi is their representative for the past many years. Hillcrest Hospital of Claremore suggested removing Hillcrest Pryor since they do not really need three representatives. For the EMS side of the board, Mercy Regional asked for OSDH to review number of runs for 2024.

Ascension St. John Jane Phillips	Air Evac Lifeteam – Claremore
Stillwater Medical Center	Bartlesville Ambulance
Cleveland Area Hosp.	Grove EMS
Fairfax Community Hosp.	LifeNet, Inc.
Hillcrest Hospital - Claremore	Mayes EMS (MESTA)
Hillcrest Hospital - Cushing	Mercy Regional EMS – (add dependent on call number)
Hillcrest Hospital Pryor -want to remove	Ponca City Fire Department/EMS
Integrus Grove General	Integrus Miami EMS
Integrus Miami Hospital	Cushing Fire Department
Ascension St. John Nowata- wants to be removed	
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita	
Stillwater Medical Blackwell	
Stillwater Medical Perry - remove	

- Kenneth Freeman left the Region. Kyle Knott with MESTA and Tre McPherson with Survival Flight EMS would like to be added to RPC. CQI is missing Judy Dyke's name.

RPC	CQI
Judy Dyke	Heidi Gilbert
Steve Barnes	Jason McElyea
Ed Martin	Ed Martin
Tre McPherson – Add	Heather Turner
Kenneth Freeman – Remove	Judy Dyke – Add
Kyle Knott - Add	

- The committee would like to have the first two meetings of the year at Tri – Technology Center, in Bartlesville. Mayes County volunteered to host the 3rd quarter meeting at Mayes County Event Center. Pawhuska volunteered to host the 4th quarter meeting at their Community Center.
 - February 10, 2026 – 1:00 pm–Tri-Technology Center – 1601 Nowata Rd. Bartlesville, OK
 - May 12, 2026 – 1:00 pm – Tri-Technology Center - 1601 Nowata Rd. Bartlesville, OK
 - August 11, 2026 – 1:00 pm – Mayes County Event Center -2200 NE 1st St., Pryor, OK
 - November 11, 2026 – 1:00 pm –Pawhuska Community Center – 520 Lynn Avenue, Pawhuska, OK
 - Discussion about the 2026 RTAB board member positions were discussed, and nominations were as follows:
 - Chair - Judy Dyke nominated by Heidi Gilbert
 - Vice Chair - Carson Combust volunteered
 - Secretary - Kyle Knott was nominated by Judy Dyke
10. No new business
11. The RMPG representative has dates and times that will be sent out regarding the next training.
12. November12, 2025 – 1:00 pm – will be held at Pawhuska Community Center located at 520 Lynne Ave. Pawhuska, OK 74056
13. Wilford Watson made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Judy Dyke at 2:26 p.m. The motion carried as follows:

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Stillwater Medical Center		



Tonkawa Fire Department/EMS		
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