

Northeast (2) Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB)  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Pawhuska Community Center  
520 Lynn Avenue • Pawhuska, OK 74056

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, 2023.

**Minutes**

1. Heidi Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Air Evac Claremore, Judy Dyke	Arch – Medflight 1
Ascension St. John Jane Phillips, Angie Holt	Arch – Medflight 2
Ascension St. John Nowata, Wilford H. Watson III	Claremore Indian Hospital
Bartlesville Ambulance, Wayne Swift	Jay EMS
Blackwell Fire Department EMS, Cordell Hanebrink	Midwest AeroCare
Cleveland Area Hospital, Ann Godfrey (proxy)	Newkirk Fire Department / EMS
Cushing FD/EMS, James Blevins	
Fairfax Community Hospital, Kelly Davis	
Grove EMS, Corey Reeves	
Hillcrest Hospital Claremore, Steven Barnes	
INTEGRIS Grove Hospital, Janene Ward	
INTEGRIS Health Ponca City, Carson Combest (proxy)	
INTEGRIS Miami EMS, Patricia Rhodes	
INTEGRIS Miami Hospital, Angella Conard	
LifeNet, Inc., Kelly McCauley	
Ponca City FD/EMS Carson Combest	
Quapaw Tribe EMS, Eric Reeves	
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita, Inc., Dana Scott	
Stillwater Medical Center, Heidi Gilbert	
Tonkawa FD/ EMS, Robert Fehring	
Air Evac Lifeteam – Grove	
Air Evac Lifeteam – Ponca City	
Air Evac Lifeteam – SPpringdale	

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Hillcrest Hospital Cushing	
Hillcrest Hospital Pryor	
Hominy EMS	
Mayes Emergency Service Trust	
Mediflight of Oklahoma	
MERC/RMRS	
Mercy Hospital – Joplin	
Mercy Life Line	
Mercy Regional EMS	
Nowata EMS	
Oologah – Talala EMS District	
Pafford EMS	
Pawhuska EMS	
Pawnee EMS	
Perry Fire Department / EMS	
Shilder Fire Department / EMS	
Stillwater Medical – Perry	
Stillwater Medical – Blackwell	
Survival Flight – Barnsdall	
Survival Flight – Fairfax	
Tulsa Life Flight – Pryor Substation	
Willow Crest Hospital	

3. No introductions and announcements.
4. Willford Watson moved to approve the May 14, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes and seconded by Heidi Gilbert. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Claremore, Judy Dyke		
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5. Reports

- Lori Strider shared staffing updates, Lori Strider – EMS Coordinator, Grace Pelley – Trauma Coordinator, Dr. Wyatt Hockmeyer – EMS & Trauma Manager, and Michaelde’Angelo Tascier – Medical Facilities Director. EMS initial vehicle inspections are scheduled online, and agency inspections are being conducted yearly. Trauma Fund, Trauma Registry, OKEMISIS, and EMResource questions should be submitted to [Esystems@health.ok.gov](mailto:Esystems@health.ok.gov) and put your questions in the body.
- The Quality Improvement Committee reviewed 10 cases, closed 2 cases, wrote 7 letters (2 letters were for good job) and they approved 3 response letters.
- No report. The Regional Planning Committee did not meet this morning.
- They are in the second month of their first budget period for their 5-year cycle. The next RMPG meeting is August 28, 2024, in Claremore, OK.

6. Lauren Clark informed the committee that they are still working on the Regional Stroke Plan. There is no update on the State Registry. There are a few educational opportunities coming up.

7. Sarah Connally thanked the committee for filling out the survey they had been doing for the last 2 months. Oklahoma is higher than the national average. If the committee would like more information on the presentation today, then EMSC can come out to your area to do the full class. They require at least 10 people to attend the class and help with locating a place that will house all the attendees. Every attendee will get a sensory bag.

8. Heidi Gilbert reviewed the committee members. Kelly McCauley informed the committee that he would need to resign, and Kenneth Freeman is no longer in the Region. Elizabeth Wright with Freeman Hospital and Tony McPherson with Survival Flight volunteered to be on the committee.

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- Discussion about the 2025 Committee members

RPC	CQI
Judy Dyke	Heidi Gilbert
Kelly McCauley	Jason McElyea
Michelle Wolfe	Ed Martin
Kenneth Freeman	Heather Turner
Steve Barnes	Judy Dyke
Ed Martin	

- The committee discussed the 2025 RTAB meeting dates and solicitation of venue host. Ponca City Fire Department volunteered to host a meeting, Ascension St. John Jane Phillips volunteered to host 2 of the meetings, Claremore was mentioned that they had a good building for meetings, and Pawhuska Community Center volunteered their building as a back up meeting location. The committee would like to know if Tri Technology Center was available to host a meeting.
    - February 11, 2025 – 1:00 pm - Venue
    - May 13, 2025 – 1:00 pm - Venue
    - August 12, 2025 – 1:00 pm – Venue
    - November 11, 2025 – 1:00 pm – Venue
9. Lt. Ryan Woodard presented Autism Interaction for First Responder. He informed the committee autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. They have 3 different function levels of autism; ASD level 1 requires support, ASD level 2 requires substantial support, and ASD level 3 requires very substantial support. Central Disease Center says 1 in 44 children in the United States is Autistic. Lt. Ryan Woodward gave numerous characteristics of autistic adults, how to interact with autistic individuals, and common emergency calls. The common emergency calls include wandering/ elopement, injury (to self or others), mental health crisis, victims of a crime, and suspicious behavior. He gave the committee tips for EMS and fire fighters, search and rescue efforts, patient encounter tips, and informed the committee that caregivers are your friends. He informed the committee to ask questions, get involved, and get equip with a sensory kit.
  10. No new business.
  11. No public comment
  12. Next meeting  
November 12, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – Ascension St. John Jane Phillips
  13. Wilford Watson made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Carson Combest at 2:15 p.m. The carried as follows:

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