

Oklahoma State
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Southwest (3) Regional Trauma Advisory Board

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 3, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

Location of Meeting: Great Plains Business Development Center•
1601 Parkridge Boulevard • Lawton, OK 73505

Minutes

1. Brad LanCaster, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Tiffany Baxter	Carnegie Tri-County Municipal Hospital
Rachel Talley	Comanche County Memorial Hospital EMS
Maisey Covington	Mercy Hospital Ada
Ryan Chester	Pauls Valley Ambulance Authority
Kenneth Power	Southwestern Medical Center
Bruce Crowell	Anadarko Fire Department EMS
Jenalu Simpson	Apollo Medflight
James Farris	Careflite
Lenzie Warner	Chickasha Fire Department EMS
Brad LanCaster	Elmore City EMS
David Cole	EMS for Children
Tre McPherson	Greer County Special Ambulance Service District
Brandi Lewis	Harmon Memorial Hospital
Air Evac Lifeteam – Ada	Jackson County Memorial Hospital Authority
Air Evac Lifeteam – Altus	Lindsay EMS
Air Evac Lifeteam – Ardmore	Mercy Health – Love County EMS
Air Evac Lifeteam – Decatur, TX	Mercy Health Love County
Air Evac Lifeteam – Duncan	Mercy Hospital Tishomingo
Air Evac Lifeteam – Wichita Falls	OSDH-EPRS
Carnegie EMS	Pauls Valley Hospital
Chickasaw Nation EMS	Reynolds Army Community Hospital
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center	Rolling Hills Hospital, LLC
Elkview General Hospital	Sinor EMS Hobart
Grady EMS District	Velma Community Ambulance
Grandfield Ambulance	Wadleys EMS Inc. – Stratford
Jackson County EMS	Wadleys EMS Inc. – Wynnewood
Jefferson County Hospital	Waurika EMS
Jim Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center	
Lawton Indian Hospital PHS	
Lindsay Municipal Hospital	
Mangum Regional Medical Center	
Mercy Hospital Healdton, Inc.	
Region 3 MERC/RMRS	
Rush Springs Fire and EMS	
Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service	
Survival Flight EMS, LLC – Kiowa	
Survival Flight EMS, LLC – Duncan	

Survival Flight EMS, LLC – Walters	
Tillman County EMS District	
Tuttle Fire/EMS	

3. Tessa Cleary-Smith introduces herself as the new Regional Coordinator for Region 3. Tessa Cleary-Smith also introduces Neil from Juvare who will be present at the meeting.
4. Bruce Crowell motioned to approve April 6, 2023 meeting minutes and Lenzie Warner seconded. The motion carries as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tiffeny Baxter		
Shay Payne		
Rachel Talley		
Maisey Covington		
Ryan Chester		
Kenneth Power		
Bruce Crowell		
Jenalu Simpson		
James Farris		
Lenzie Warner		
Brad LanCaster		
David Cole		
Tre McPherson		
Brandi Lewis		

5. Brad LanCaster reports that OTERAC met yesterday with ODOT working on making highways safer and more efficient for EMS providers. Mr. LanCaster emphasizes that to recertify your license the courses must be OSDH or CAPCE approved courses.

Katrina Warden reports that OERSSIRF is in the process of being re-released. Once released, agencies will receive an email. Further information was requested on the difficulties and expectations with OERSSIRF with Grace Pelley reporting that OSDH is currently waiting on more information and to keep an eye on emails and updates will be sent. Ms. Warden also reports that EMS will be receiving compliance reports. Trauma Fund dates are listed in the packet for training as well as timelines.

Tessa Cleary-Smith reports that an updated OTEP is scheduled to be tested later this month with the updated trauma triage algorithms.

Rachel Talley reports that third quarter CQI meeting had five members present, ten cases were reviewed with seventeen letters authored. All authored letters require responses.

Rachel Talley reports that REPC met prior to the RTAB meeting and discussed affecting change in the Region. Ms. Talley reports that REPC group is addressing driving factors that are noticed by prehospital and hospital to create an understanding and allowing the region to work together to create a better system for the patients. Ms. Talley has assigned members of the REPC group to work on individual pieces of a plan to create a better relationship and understanding between prehospital and hospital.

Bob Stewart reports that in a July EMResource drill 81% of hospitals participated with 67% completing the drill accurately. 25% of EMS services participated with 22% completing the drill accurately. As of today, hospitals had 81% participation with 43% completed accurately. EMS services had 32% participation with 23% completed accurately. Mr. Stewart offered to do in-service training at your facility that will take approximately 30 minutes. A redundant communications drill is scheduled for October 31, 2023 scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. RMPG is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Medical Response Surge Exercise is scheduled for November 14, 2023. RMRS Awareness Training is October 6, 2023 at Region 3 MERC in

Lawton from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Stewart also introduces Colby Ashenfelter as the new Administrative Assistant.

6. Sarah Connally is not present to give report.
7. Rachel Talley reports that OSSCAR AND OSSSAC created a working group to standardize EMS stroke education across the state. Comanche County Memorial Hospital hosted an EMS Systems of Care County Fair in May for stroke month.
8. Christian Bonds presents concussion awareness material that shows what the guidelines are for prevention and response. Mr. Bonds shares the state law and the requirements of schools and discusses options for schools to become compliant with Oklahoma's concussion law.
9. Jenalu Simpson moved to approve Rachel Talley as REPC chair without discussion. Ryan Chester seconded the motion and the motion carries as follows:

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Rachel Talley		
Maisey Covington		
Ryan Chester		
Kenneth Power		
Bruce Crowell		
Jenalu Simpson		
James Farris		
Lenzie Warner		
Brad LanCaster		
David Cole		
Tre McPherson		
Brandi Lewis		

Kenneth power moved to approve adding Marshall County EMS to Region 3 RTAB without discussion. Ryan Chester seconded the motion and the motion carries as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tiffeny Baxter		
Shay Payne		
Rachel Talley		
Maisey Covington		
Ryan Chester		
Kenneth Power		
Bruce Crowell		
Jenalu Simpson		
James Farris		
Lenzie Warner		
Brad LanCaster		
David Cole		
Tre McPherson		
Brandi Lewis		

Brad LanCaster is nominated as Region 3 2024 RTAB chair. Beth Malone is nominated as Region 3 2024 RTAB vice chair. Rachel Talley is nominated as Region 3 2024 RTAB secretary. Brad LanCaster closes nominations for RTAB chair, vice chair, and secretary positions.

Nominations are made to continue holding the Region 3 RTAB meeting at Great Plains Business Development Center with the time remaining at 10:30 a.m. Nominations are made for the dates to continue to follow RMPG dates of:

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Thursday, October 3, 2023

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10. Allie Friesen introduces herself as the Director of Behavioral Health Clinical Program with INTEGRIS. Allie presents that she is working on having a collaborative bed board established for mental health facilities and is asking the difficulties that are experienced in Region 3 that can be addressed. It is reported that safety plans through the Department of Mental Health have been a huge help in the region. Questions are asked about transport of patients and where the responsibility falls. Discussion is had about the options that are presented outside of using police or ambulance with a contract company that has a positive impact on the community. It is reported that there has been an increase in pediatric patients with an increase in difficulty finding beds for the patients, especially those with chronic medical conditions.

Tessa Cleary-Smith discusses the pediatric age limit changes that have been made with the new trauma triage and transfer algorithm. For trauma patients, the pediatric age is 14 and under. Information sheets are in the process of being obtained to be distributed.

Across the state EMResource has been discussed to find what changes can or should be made to further help prehospital and hospital better identify what facilities have certain capabilities at the time.

The Oklahoma Trauma Triage algorithm has been revised and approved by OTERAC with the draft documents included in the packet.

11. No new business to discuss.
12. Future meeting dates for 2023:
 - Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.
13. No public comment.
14. The meeting is adjourned at 12:04 p.m.