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Southwest (3) Regional Trauma Advisory Board
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 7, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

Location of Meeting: Comanche Memorial Hospital
3401 W. Gore Boulevard • Lawton, OK 73505

The Southwest 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-3-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://openmeetings.ok.gov/ords/r/oma/omadev/public-calendar>

Minutes

1. Brad Lancaster, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken and recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Comanche County Memorial Hospital - Rachel Talley	Mercy Health Love County EMS –
Comanche County Memorial Hospital EMS Sonny Puletsi	Pauls Valley Ambulance Authority –
Duncan Regional Hospital - Maisey Covington	
Fort Sill EMS – Michael Bolin	
Grady Memorial Hospital – Beth Malone	
Kirks Emergency Service – Bruce Crowell	
Mangum Regional Medical Center – Kelly Martinez	
Mercy Hospital Ada – Jen Brown	
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Survival Flight – Tre McPherson	
General Members Present at Roll Call	General Members absent at Roll Call
Air Evac Lifeteam – Ada, AELT Altus, AELT Ardmore, AELT Decatur, TX, AELT Duncan, AELT Wichita Falls – Kelly Dillon; Jared Cheek	Apollo Medflight
Alliance Health Madil – Areil Ford	Altus Fire and EMS
Anadarko Fire Department EMS - Edward Sorrels	CareFlite
Arbuckle Memorial Hospital Authority – Tiffeny Baxter	EMS for Children
Carnegie EMS – Sage Roads	Elmore City EMS
Carnegie Tri-County Municipal Hosp – Shannon Ware	Grady EMS District -
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center – Jeff Rollins	Harmon Memorial Hospital
Chickasha Nation EMS - Jeff Rollins	Jackson County Memorial Hospital
Elkview General Hospital – Kim Goss	Lindsay EMS
Greer County Special Ambulance District – Annie Glover	

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Jefferson County Hospital – Krystal Travis	Mercy Health Love County –
Jim Taliaferro Community Mental/ Health Center – Katherine Shidler	Mercy Hospital Healdton -
Johnston County EMS – Scott Kirby	Mercy Hospital Tishomingo –
Lawton Indian Hospital – Carmen Percival	Rolling Hills Hospital
Lindsay Municipal Hospital – Brianne Bray	Rush Springs Fire/EMS –
Marshall County EMS – Cade Webb	Sinor EMS Hobart
Region 3 MERC/RMRS – Robert Steward	Southwest Oklahoma Ambulance Authority
Survival Flight EMS Kiowa County District 3, Altus, EMS Duncan, EMS Walters, Survival Flight, Lawton – Tre McPherson	Southwestern Medical Center
Tuttle Fire EMS – William Smith	The Physician’s Hospital in Anadarko –
	Tillman County EMS – Eddie Johnson
	Velma Community Ambulance
	Wadley’s EMS Stratford
	Waurika EMS

- Introductions and Announcements: Brad Lancaster asked if there are any introductions or announcements. David Graham introduced Mr. Lewis Robinson as the new EMS Trauma Coordinator and Ms. Senait Takle deals with OKEMSIS.
- Motion was made by Beth Malone and seconded by Maisey Covington to approve the April 3, 2025, minutes. The motion carried as follows:

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Comanche Co. Memorial Hosp – Rachel Talley		Mercy Health Love County EMS -
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5. Reports

- Regional Planning Committee: systems issues, trauma plan, resource assessment, board operations, education/training opportunities.....Rachel Talley REPC Chair
Rachel stated the committee is reviewing the trauma plan and are reviewing current plan. They are also requesting that the committee pushes to OTERAC that we need clarification of level 3 hospitals in our region who attest to level 3 in order to update the trauma plan to make it more accurate.
Brad LanCaster stated this is something OTERAC been a problem statewide that EMResource is not being updated and it is unknown to the services what assets the level 3 facilities have available on any given day. It has been brought to OTERAC's attention that here is what they are attesting to are they actually that. He states we need that data to be accurate in order to rewrite the trauma plan more accurately. So OTERAC has pushed it back to the RTABs chairs to find out how they are doing and bring that data back to OTERAC. So, in REPC this morning to aske the RTAB to ask the state to go back to these facilities and say this is what you are attesting to and verify they are meeting the requirement for their attested level. Motion was made by Tre McPherson and seconded by Beth Malone to recommend to OTERAC to clarify level 3 status through the Department of Health. Lori Smith asked for clarification of what is driving this question because her facility updates their information. Brad LanCaster answered that what is driving this request is feedback coming to OTERAC are agencies are making transport decisions and arriving at the level 3 facilities not have the assets they say they have. Brad advised that we are following the steps by going from REPC to RTAB then to OTERAC to the State. We are getting feedback that some facilities attesting to level 3 status are not meeting those attestations and asking the state to visit those facilities and verify if they are meeting those requirements they are attesting to. The motion carried as follows:

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- Quality Improvement Committee: case reviews, trends.....Brad Lancaster, RTAB Chair
Brad Lancaster stated we do not have anything on that at this time. WE are going to nominate chair and vice chair today so in a few minutes we will be taking nominations on chair and vice chair so be thinking about that.
 - Robert Stewart, Director of RMRS shared .
Robert Stewart gave his report on EMResource that for hospitals 12 of 21 responded which is 57%. 4 responded incorrectly; 9 did not respond; 1 is temporarily closed (Mercy Health Love County). EMS 7 of 35 responded correctly which is 20%. 25 did not respond; 3 did not answer correctly. One thing we have found out that EMResource is not being used properly.
The MERC is no longer doing AAR's or MCI Drills.
RMPC the next meeting is today from 1-3pm. Education and Training coming up is as follows
Cybersecurity and Extended Downtime Assessments; Resource Management; Region 3 HVA
RMRS Awareness Training. As you know we no longer have a warehouse so we will have to develop a plan on how to get equipment if we need it.
October 10 at Region 3 MERC in Lawton 9-3; Register with any RMRS staff or at <https://arca.is/1TPvLD1>; If you would like to host an RMRS Awareness in your area please see Lizzy.
HCC Redundant Communication Drill October 14 starting at 8 am to completion.
Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRES) November 20 Registration on the HUB
HCC budget reduced by 30% this was across the United States. This meant we had to get rid of our warehouse. The process will be discussed this afternoon.
Region 3 HCC HUB link: <https://regions3-hub-osdh.hub.arcgis.com/>
Region 3 MERC staff
RMRS Coordinator: Lizzy Woods – Elizabeth.woods@drhhealth.org 580-574-2500
RMRS Director: Bob Stewart – Robert.stewart@drhhealth.org 580-280-0260.
6. Sarah Connally, Grant Administrator Not present no report.
7. Stroke System of Care: OSSAC/OSSCAR, stroke plans, national. Rachel Talley
Rachel stated there is a sheet out on the table and hopefully everyone grabbed one of those. It has a QR code on it. All the updates from the OSSCAR on the QR code. Please complete the survey so OSSCAR has a contact to be able for each agency and facility to send out information and get feedback. In the last meeting we worked on the final draft on stroke education for facilities and EMS agencies. Everyone is invited to the OSSAC and OSSCAR meetings. They also have a virtual way to attend. The next meeting is on October 1st at St Johns Medical Facility and will have a virtual available for that. Also, in December at OU Medical Center will be only in person. If need contact information, please get with Rachel.
8. Presentation: Brain Injury Guidelines (BIG) Presented by Ms. Maryavis Howell
Maryavis Howell introduced herself and presented the BIG process that region 7 RPC has been working with for about 1 year. A lot of her content comes from the current ACS guidelines. Mr. Howell started with statistics for traumatic brain injuries. Then went into the process they use at the Saint Francis in the treatment of traumatic brain injuries. She discussed the BIG 3 process they
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use for the treatment of traumatic brain injuries. High risk patients need to be transported to the highest level of care. She also stated the current recommendations are to break down the GCS into individual scores and focus more on motor skills, any motor skill less than 6 need to be rapidly transported to highest level of trauma care for treatment. She provided a list of criteria with a combined total GCS score of less than 13 that need to be transported to the highest level of trauma care. She discussed considerations for the Older Adults as well as pediatric patients. She briefly discussed the standard and pediatric Glasgow coma scales. She discussed the brain injury guidelines recommended and used at Sanit Francis. She encouraged facilities and agencies to familiarize themselves with these guidelines and use them.

9. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to.....Brad LanCaster, Chair
- 2026 Board Member

Hospital	EMS
Comanche County Memorial Hospital	Comanche County Memorial Hospital EMS
Duncan Regional Hospital	Kirks EMS
Grady Memorial Hospital	Mercy Hospital Ada EMS
Mercy Hospital Ada	Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service
Mercy Hospital Ardmore	Air Evac Duncan
Jefferson County Hospital	Rush Springs Fire/EMS
Jim Taliaferro Community Hospital	Southwest Oklahoma Ambulance Authority
Mercy Hospital Love County	Tillman County EMS
Rolling Hills	Tuttle Fire/EMS

Chair Brad LanCaster asked if historically their board rotation was 10 hospitals and 10 EMS agencies. There are 9 and 9 listed. Mr. David Graham advised this is what they had last year but will go back and check historically what the number is for the board members.

Mr. LanCaster then asked if the committee is good with the list and said the committee can recommend changes if they feel changes need to be made. It was brought up the Rolling Hills has not been to a meeting in a long time. The committee agreed to remove Rolling Hills from the list. Mr. Graham advised he would research the next hospital in line and add them to the board rotation list for next meeting. Mr. LanCaster asked for a motion to remove Rolling Hills from the list and have Mr. Graham locate the next facility that meets the attendance requirement to be added to the rotation and also check on the number of members historically. Motion made by Bruce Crowell and seconded by Tre McPherson. Motion carried as follows:

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- Nominations for 2026 RTAB Chair, vice chair, and secretary
 - Chair – Bruce Crowell – Kirks EMS
 - Vice Chair – Will Smith - Tuttle Fire EMS
 - Secretary – Maisey Covington
- 2026 Committee Members discussion and possible vote to approve
 Chair Brad LanCaster moved to 2026 Committee members and the committee know members of the committees do not have to be on the RTAB board. He asked if the committee is good with the list or would anybody like to be part of one of the committees. Bob Stewart, he does not think Scott is on there anymore. Bruce Crowell asked to pull Scott off and add Linda Pledger. Bob Stewart asked if Tyler Walters is still part of the committee. Mr. LanCaster stated he will talk with Tyler to verify if he is on or off the committee. Mr. LanCaster moved to the CQI committee, and they added Matt Reagan to the committee. No other people were added to either committee. Mr. LanCaster asked if they needed to vote on the committees. Mr. Graham stated they do not have to vote on the committees at this meeting. It will give people time to talk with the members on the list to verify if they are still committed to being on the committee. The list below will be voted on at the next quarter meeting.

Regional Education Planning Committee	Continuous Quality Improvement
Rachel Talley	Dr. Behm, DO
Brad Lancaster	Sandra Sand
Beth Malone	Jeff Taylor
Jenalu Simpson	Kim Tigert
Robert Stewart	Lisa Venson
Christine Thomas	Robert Worden, DO
Tyler Walters	Sonny Puletasi
Tre McPherson	Cade Webb
Tiffeny Baxter	Matt Reagan
Maisey Covington	Rachel Talley
Heather Carothers	Shannon Williams
Cade Webb	Tiffeny Baxter
Linda Pledger	

- CQI Committee and Chair nominations
 - Chair – Dr Behm
 - Vice Chair – Kim Tigert

Motion to approve the CQI Committee as well as chair and vice chair made by Beth Malone seconded by Tre McPherson. The motion carried as follows:

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- Discussion for 2026 RTAB meeting venues, dates, and times
 - February 5, 2026 – 10:30 am – Great Plains Technology Center
 - April 2, 2026 – 10:30 am – Great Plains Technology Center
 - August 6, 2026 – 10:30 am – Great Plains Technology Center
 - October 1, 2026 – 10:30 am – Great Plains Technology Center

- Discussion for 2025 REPC meeting venues, dates, and times.
 - February 5, 2026 – 9:00 am – Great Plains Technology Center
 - April 2, 2026 – 9:00 am – Great Plains Technology Center
 - August 6, 2026 – 9:00 am – Great Plains Technology Center
 - October 1, 2026 – 9:00 am – Great Plains Technology Center

Motion to approve meeting dates and times for 2026 REPC and RTAB made by Beth Malone and seconded by Tre McPherson. The motion carried as follows:

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- Discussion of the Regions experiences with level 3's
 - Identify best practices and deficiencies to improve the system

Chair Brad LanCaster explained that this question is coming from Dr. Teague the Chair of OTERAC and the committee itself are asking the regions to send back a report to OTERAC the experiences they are having with their level 3 facilities. What is good and what is bad and the weaknesses in order for the committee to gather information so they can work on best practices and share with the regions. Mr. LanCaster asked the committee to respond to him or Lori with there thoughts so they can compile a report to take back to OTERAC. He asked the committee to try and get those to him or Lori by the end of the month to give him time to put together a report to take to OTERAC.

- Improve RTAB presentation and engagement on the Education and Training Committee
 - Ensure representation from tribes, rural hospitals and air ambulance services

Chair Brad LanCaster told the committee that we are going to try and improve our presentation engagement to give a true representation of hospitals and agencies. Basically, this is to see what the opinion of the committee is and them having input to try and help us improve the process. One struggle is to find good presentations. He asked the committee what they need or would you like to see. We want the meeting to be beneficial to the committee.

David Graham stated they were basically talking about improving participation in the Education and Training Sub Committee of OTERAC. So basically, the committee is heavy on tech centers

and colleges. There is not a lot of rural agencies on the committee to let them know what is needed in the rural areas. So this is a mechanism that if you are an educator at a local facility or EMS agency we can plug you in. Because right now there are a lot of decisions that are being made that are probably putting monetary reasons and not EMS needs.

10. New Business (For matters not reasonably foreseen 48 hours prior to the meeting)

Mr. Lancaster brought up in the REPC meeting today and he wanted to remind the committee they have been working on a transfer triage piece to basically to make sure patients are being transported to the proper facility and that the transfer is managed in an appropriate manner. The original plan was to find a few facilities to go back six months and apply the two matrix's. So we are asking the EMS chief and someone from the hospital to go back 6 months and apply this matrix for transfers and see how it would affect the patient care. That was to big a task. So now we are asking for some committed hospitals and EMS agencies to pick a date and for the next 6 months meet together and apply the matrix to all transfers to see how it affects patient flow and EMS. So we need hospitals that are willing to do this and work the project forward. OTERAC is very interested in this project. So we need hospitals and EMS agencies to work on this. Mr. LanCaster asked for volunteers to work on this project. The facilities and agencies that agreed to work on this project are as follows:

Duncan Regional Hospital and Survival Flight Duncan

Comanche County Memorial Hospital and Comanche County Memorial Hospital EMS and Kirks EMS

Grady Memorial Hospital and Chichasha Fire EMS

Elkview Hospital and Sinor EMS

Alliance Health Madill and Madill EMS

Arbuckle Memorial Hospital and Murray County EMS

11. Public Comment

Bob Stewart brought up that the surgical extraction team actually had their second amputation that was done in region 3. One of the things learned from this is that the ambulance and fire department did not know how to activate the service. He advised all you have to do is call the MERC and the MERC will activate the air service and surgeon because time matters. So make sure your crews to call the MERC to activate the service.

12. Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 2, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Beth Malone and seconded by Rachel Talley to adjourn at 11: 46 a.m. The motion carried as follows:

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Comanche Co. Memorial Hosp – Rachel Talley		
Comanche Co. Memorial Hosp EMS – Dr. Behm		
Duncan Regional Hospital - Maisey Covington		
Fort Sill EMS – Alex Garland		
Grady Memorial Hosp Authority – Beth Malone		
Kirk’s Emergency Service – Bruce Crowell		
Mangum Regional Medical Center - Kelley Martinez		
Mercy Health Love County EMS - Megan Stephens		
Mercy Hospital Ada - James Farris		
Mercy Hospital Ada EMS - James Farris		
Mercy Hospital Ardmore - Lori Smith		
Murray County EMS - Brad Lancaster		
Pauls Valley Ambulance Authority - James Farris		
Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service, Logan Hartman		
Survival Flight Inc – Gerald Crow		