

Creating a State of Health

Southeast (5) Regional Trauma Advisory Board
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

Location of meeting: Pittsburg County Health Department
1400 East College Avenue • McAlester, OK 74501

Minutes

1. Gerrick Johnson, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken and recorded, quorum was met.
3. No Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
4. Motion was made by Brad Smith and seconded by Rusty Cole to approve November 13, 2025 minutes. The motion passes.
5. Reports
 - Nate Toews share the Quality Improvement Committee. Nothing to report as this time as they did not meet.
 - The Regional Educational Planning Committee met today. Kari Beggs, Chair. The REPC was unsure in which direction to go with writing the trauma plans. With the new plans they are going to see what comes out of the RTABs for today to determine what is best for the region to start working on.
 - Kari Beggs, Director RMRS region 5 MERC. There is a med surge exercise on April 7th. She will send out a QR code for the invites if anyone wants to sign up. There will be an EOC at the Ford County Emergency Management Office. There is a requirement for evacuation. 10% is 100 patients for the drill.
6. EMS for Children representative, Bobbie Keith introduced Micheal Godwin. They are doing a pediatric patient tracking and reunification exercise on February 25th. They are aiming for everyone in the region to participate. They haven't confirmed the details as of yet but are willing to talk to anyone about those to mitigate any scheduling conflicts. There is also a pediatric readiness project assessment that will be launching in March.
7. Stroke System of Care OSSCAR/OSSSAC: The representative was not present today so no new updates to report.

8. Emergency Systems Update, David Graham, Trauma Coordinator, OSDH. David Graham gave updates for the ACS recommendations, ImageTrend, Rural Health Transformation and Education and Training sub-committee. The ACS recommendations cover 12 recommendations. The department of health is meeting with chairs of RTAB, REPC, OTERAC, Hospitals, physicians and other key stakeholders on March 5th. They will cover the 12 recommendations. There will be an initial working group of 20-25 key stakeholders. With Rural Health, the state was awarded 223.5 million. David states the state is waiting to hear from CMS. Once they do the state will start to award contracts and disperse the funds to start the transformation project. This is a 5 year federally funded grant. The state is working on improving EMS infrastructure, communications and several other very important areas. ImageTrend was approved to be used for online licensing and Trauma Fund. This will be implemented in 2027. Education and Training Sub-Committee chair, Blake Braden, is asking for more members to join. They are looking for other specialties such as OB/GYN and physicians at smaller hospitals that will help the committee. The committee is more education focused at this time.
9. Discussion, consideration and possible action to vote to. Gerrick Johnson, Chair, Nothing to vote or discuss currently.
10. New Business: None
11. Next Meeting
 - May 14, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
12. Adjournment

Brad Smith moved to adjourn and was seconded by Amanda Davis. The motion carried as follows and the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

