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SOUTHEAST REGION (5) REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (RTAB)
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday February 09, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

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

The Southeast Region (5) REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD (RTAB) 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-5_rtab.html as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/notices/001302/0569422211181213.htm>

Minutes

1. Benny Brooks, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.
2. There were no Introductions or announcements.
3. Roll call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
James Smith – AELT 129, AELT 139, AELT, 149, AELT Durant, AELT 158, AELT 022, AELT 065, 073.	Scott Randall
Daniel Parker	Bradley Smith
Lisa Vowels	Keith Lickly
Randy Bryant	James Parker
Rusty Cole	Kathy Green
Nate Toews	Pamela Cunningham
Randy Cox	Charlie Johnson
Gerrick Johnson – Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority, Choctaw Nation EMS, Choctaw Nation Health Care Center.	Sandra Leggett
Vanessa Afzali	Stacie Woody
Kimberly Ross	Jeffrey Dean
Benny Brooks	James Farris
Korey Langston	Jessica Partin
James Smith – McCurtain County EMS	James Fryer
Jynnell Elder	Merrick Ashby
Samantha McDowra	Kevin Green
Velvet Bullard	
Delbert Gay	
Lance Cartlidge	
Toni Coates	
Christopher Miller	
Ryan Beckham	
Larry Burrows	

4. Korey Langston moved to approve the November 10, 2022 minutes and seconded by Nate Toews. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
James Smith		
Lisa Vowels		
Daniel Coats		
Randy Bryant		
Rusty Cole		
Nate Toews		
Randy Cox		
Vanessa Afzali		
Kimberly Ross		
Benny Brooks		
Korey Langston		
James Smith		
Samantha McDowra		
Velvet Bullard		
Gerrick Johnson		

5. Reports/Updates

- A. Dean Henke reported that regulatory inspections continue. EMS agencies, continue to be prepared for an unannounced visit from your regulatory staff. For inspections, if the director is unavailable, there will need to be someone with access to records that would be available. EMS New unit inspections website: [https://www.ok.gov/health/Protective Health/Emergency Systems/EMS Division/Ambulance Services & E MRAs/Inspections/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/health/Protective%20Health/Emergency%20Systems/EMS%20Division/Ambulance%20Services%20&%20EMRAs/Inspections/index.html) Trauma Funds, Mr. Henke reported the application period for April 2023 was December 15, 2022. Staff are reviewing submissions at this time. If you are missing forms or we need information, you will receive an email, with a deadline, to submit your items. If the items are not submitted by the deadline, we will use what was submitted to process your Trauma Fund Application. The next Trauma Fund Application period will open on April 19, 2023. The claim period for this application period is January 1 – June 30, 2022. If your Hospital Registrar has not entered the cases into Trauma Registry, the cases will not be eligible for Trauma Fund Reimbursement. This past Trauma Fund Application period, several hospitals did not make the corrections to their claim forms and the highlights were removed from the claim form. OSDH staff are reviewing the claim forms to verify that the corrections have been made. If they have not been made, those cases were denied for Trauma Fund Reimbursement. Point of Contact is Katrina Warden. Trauma Registry Reminder: Monthly compliance reports are loaded to the Hospital OSDH BOX account. There are 17 Hospitals that have no Trauma Registry cases entered into Trauma Registry and have not contacted OSDH personnel. It is the Hospital's responsibility to enter their cases into Trauma Registry and confirm that the cases have transferred to the state. Monthly compliance reports are uploaded to Box each month, they show the number of cases is in the state Trauma Registry for each facility. All cases through November 2022 should be entered, all 2022 cases should be entered by January 31, 2023. If you are out of compliance, you will need to notify our office to work out a plan on how to get into compliance. If you do not have your cases entered, please make this a priority to stay current with compliance. If you have a discrepancy in the number of trauma cases, please send an email to esystems@health.ok.gov and put "Trauma Registry" in the subject line and the concern for missing cases. A staff member will contact you to troubleshoot the discrepancy. If you have no cases for the month, send an email to esystems@health.ok.gov and put in the subject line "Trauma Registry" and note there are no cases for that month. Reminder: Trauma cases MUST be entered into Trauma Registry in order to be considered for Trauma Fund reimbursement for Hospitals, Physicians and EMS. On or around February 10, 2023, the data error reports will be uploaded into the Hospitals OSDH BOX account. Please make the corrections at this time and submit prior to March 1, 2023. Do not wait until your facility receives the highlighted claim form to make your corrections. The first deadline to submit corrections is March 1, 2023. Hospitals are required to make the corrections in Trauma Registry, even if they do not apply

for Trauma Fund. Point of Contact is Katrina Warden. EMResource - Anya.Grether@health.ok.gov Password reset link expires one hour after request submitted. There is a self-service option to request new link at login.juware.com/signin/forgot-password The Events bar now displays higher color contrast ratios, making text easier to read. The event title text appears in ovals, which services a navigation shortcuts that immediately open the events page for more information. Program Area Point of Contacts: Stroke Registry – Xana Howard - XanaH@health.ok.gov. OKEMSIS – Xana Howard - XanaH@health.ok.gov
Reminder: All cases must be reported to OKEMSIS by the end of the following month after date of service. All November cases should be entered by the end of December 2022. If you are not reporting your cases in OKEMSIS, your agency is not in compliance and may receive a deficiency. OTERAC Report: Next meeting is May 3, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. – ODOT Training Center OKC.

- B. Nate Toews, Quality Improvement Committee, shared the last meeting was January 5, 2023 and they reviewed 20 letters with 1 letter being a good job, 1 was an informational letter, and 18 responses requested letters. Mr. Toews also went through the process of how the cases are reviewed. He also shared that others are welcome to join and the CQI committee is in need of nurses. They meet via TEAMS.
- C. Laura Isom, Region 5 Stroke Liaison was not present.
- D. Kari Beggs, Regional Educational Planning Committee, reported the REPC did not meet this morning.
- E. Kari Beggs, Regional Medical Response System shared they just received their funding extension. The next RMPC meeting will be February 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Francis Muskogee. They are planning exercises with all of the State RMRS to assess the capabilities of each region. Ms. Beggs shared that Rachel Franklin is now the Region 8 RMRS Coordinator and Nicole Gregory is taking Ms. Franklin's role.
- F. Sarah Connally, EMS for Children was not present.

6. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote.....Benny Brooks, Vice-Chair

- Dean Henke reported a Break-Out session for the RTAB will start at 10:00 am on May 11, 2023 at the Pittsburg County Health Department to have an open discussion among all the RTAB members (Board and General Members). The purpose of the open discussion is to share information from your area, tricks of the trade, how things operate at your Hospital or EMS service. All RTAB members are welcome and this is not a mandatory session. The RTAB will still start at 10:30 am.
- Nate Toews moved to approve Larry Burrows to be added to the REPC and Gerrick Johnson seconded The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
James Smith		
Lisa Vowels		
Daniel Coats		
Randy Bryant		
Rusty Cole		
Nate Toews		
Randy Cox		
Vanessa Afzali		
Kimberly Ross		
Benny Brooks		
Korey Langston		
James Smith		
Samantha McDowra		
Velvet Bullard		
Gerrick Johnson		

- Benny Brooks moved to add Samantha McDowra to the Quality Improvement Committee and James Smith seconded.
The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
James Smith		

Lisa Vowels		
Daniel Coats		
Randy Bryant		
Rusty Cole		
Nate Toews		
Randy Cox		
Vanessa Afzali		
Kimberly Ross		
Benny Brooks		
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- Grace Pelley asked the RTAB if they are willing to work with the North East Texas Hospitals to get patient care reports of those patient that were received from Oklahoma for the Region 5 CQI Committee to review. RTAB members that transport to the NE Texas Hospitals say they are getting feedback from those hospital they transport to. The goal is to get PCRs of any cases that the Region 5 CQI committee is reviewing.
- Grace Pelley shared that a survey will be sent out to the Region 5 Hospitals in regards to telehealth. This is to gather information about the current telehealth at your facility such as what programs or interfaces are used. Xana Howard shared that hospital representatives need to meet with her after the meeting about Trauma Registry.
- Grace Pelley shared that on EMResource the hospital status was automatically changing a hospital from Caution to Open. It has been fixed. Ms. Pelley talked about the trauma rotation changing to applying to hand patients only. Integris Baptist, SSM Saint Anthony, and Mercy Regional Hospital will be accepting Neuro patients. Integris Baptist will be accepting Facial trauma.
- Grace Pelley suggested the Region come up with a trauma activity for May, Trauma Awareness Month. Ms. Pelley suggested they work as a group. There are multiple projects to present such as Stop the Bleed, or collaborating with a school, or etc.

7. David Howerton, Office of Medical Direction Western Division, was not present.

8. No new business

9. Future meeting dates for 2023:

- May 11, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

10. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:48 am.