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Tulsa Region (7) Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB)
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of the meeting: Saint Francis Hospital
6161 S. Yale • Tulsa, Oklahoma 7136

The Tulsa Region (7) 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-7-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on 11/26/24.

Approved Minutes

1. Krista Norrid, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Air Evac Lifeteam, Judy Dyke	Air Evac INC
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow, Theresa Compos	Bailey Medical Center Owasso
Ascension St. John Medical Center, Krista Norrid	Bixby Fire Department EMS
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Leslie Skalla	Brookhaven Hospital
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Dina Nguyen	Center for Orthopedic Recons & Excellence
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. Gearhart	Collinsville Fire Department
Hillcrest Medical Center, Jeff Johnson	Country Corner Fire
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Thomas Boomer Riter	Laureate Psychiatric Clinic & Hospital
EMSA – East Division, Brad Roberts	Oklahoma Surgical Hospital
Hillcrest Hospital South, Paula Whitlow	Post-Acute Medical Specialty Hospital
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop	St Johns Rehabilitation Encompass
Miller EMS-Jeremy McLemore	Tulsa Spine and Specialty Hospital
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart	
Owasso Fire Department-Chase Coates	
Saint Francis Hospital, Maryavis Howell	
Saint Francis Hospital South, Mandy Meeks	
Select Specialty Hospital, Kaytie Willis	
Skiatook Fire and EMS	
Medical Control Board	
Parkside Psychiatric Hospital	
Region 7 RMRS/MERC	
Air EMS INC	

3. The Chair asked for any first-time attendees; Megan is the new ED manager at Hillcrest introduced herself, Katelyn, manager at St. Francis, Greg with EMSA QA/QI dept., Jami Spradlin intervention Trauma at St. John, Dr. Rachel Tyler trauma surgeon at St. John's, Candace St. John main coordinator, Danielle- Hillcrest South manager.

4. Theresa Compos moved to approve April 15, 2025, minutes and seconded by Maryavis Howel. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam		
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow		
Ascension St. John Medical Center		
Ascension St. Johns Owasso		
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa		
Broken Arrow Fire Department		
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance		
EMSA – East Division		
Hillcrest Hospital South		
Hillcrest Medical Center		
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma		
Miller EMS		
OSU Medical Center		
Owasso Fire Department		
Saint Francis Hospital		
Saint Francis Hospital South		
Select Specialty		

5. Reports

- Jeremy McLemore shared with the committee that RPC did meet this morning with primary discussions being the BIG guidelines progressing across the state regions, the ACS state survey is coming up and we felt it was best to wait to hear what they have to say regarding things we will need to work on. We are looking into scope of practise regarding paramedicine. REACT ambulance is trying to get whole blood on the ambulance service was also a discussion and how getting whole blood into rural areas may be a good thing. Two people resigned from the RPC board so we are looking for a couple people to join us so we can vote you on at the next meeting. Two people stated they would like to join.
 - Judy Dyke shared with the committee that CQI has not met yet, but confidential agreements are currently being signed. Norma shared that there should be cases to review soon and will be shared with the chairs who will share with the members. If anyone has not yet received an email from Norma send an email to CQI@health.ok.gov and she will get you set up. There may be old information that needs to be updated. Box will no longer be used to communicate. The email is secure, and all referrals will need to be sent.
 - Region 7 Response Coordinator Melinda Belcher not in attendance but John from RMRS gave an update that a budget reduction did occur.
6. Cameron Richardson shared with the committee he did not have an update from the State regarding the State Stroke Registry. The state stroke plans is still working on language for those to be consistent with all regional plans. There are two upcoming educational opportunities, OU is having a stroke symposium on August 23, 2025. The 2nd is the trauma and stroke symposium at St. Francis on September 19, 2025, so be sure to save the date.
7. Sarah Connally shared they received full funding approval back in June. The plan is to get back on track for autism training. Contact Ms. Connally at 405.271.3307 ext. 2 or sarah-connally@ouhsc.edu for further information.

8. A presentation from Jami Spradlin was given regarding Youthful Drunk Driving. There was lots of good information given, and statistics were given regarding youth and drunk driving, every 42 minutes somebody is killed by a drunk driver. In a 2023 statistic there are 12,429 people died from alcohol impaired accidents. See Jami if you want to know more about it. Jami uses her presentation to talk to teens and kids.
9. Discussion, consideration, possible, action and vote on how to treat burn patients who also suffer from traumatic injuries and if the trauma Plan should be reviewed. This was brought up at this time due to the 4th of July activities and things that happened. Typically, patients are brought to Hillcrest for burns or Integris Burn Center in Oklahoma City. Dr. Tyler suggested that something should be done so EMS knows where to take these patients. It was decided that this would be sent on to the RPC next quarter to be discussed in more detail. Judy Dyke will review protocols at Air Evac.
10. The committee discussed whether 2026 RTAB board members who have higher call volumes such as Pafford EMS Claremore should be put on the board. This discussion will be moved to the next meeting agenda due to Pafford EMS Claremore is already on the board in region 2. This will be brought up to Pafford if they want to join Region 7 instead of region 2. Somebody is going to talk to Pafford to see if they would want to do this.
11. Discussion took place about the 2026 Committee members for the RPC since Vanessa Bearden and Shawn Burch resigned due to changes in position. Kris Hill is also no longer with Hillcrest so will not be available to be on the RPC committee. The committee had two people volunteer to join, Jami Spradlin and one other. These positions will be voted on at the next RTAB meeting. Discussion also took place regarding the 2026 committee members for CQI. The vote will take place at the next meeting.

2025 Regional Planning Committee	2025 Quality Improvement Committee
Jeremy McLemore – Chair	James Campbell DO- Chair
Justin Graves	Robert Colvin
Paula Kaplan	Judy Dyke
Vanessa Bearden	Mike Ford
Nathan Phillips	Heidi Gilbert
Maryavis Howell	Krista Norrid
Kerry Harlin	Johnathon Lowe, DO
Shawn Burch	Jason McElyea, DO
Kris Hill	Ed Martin
	Dr. Rachel Tyler
	Jim Roberts
	John Marc Shellenberg, MD
	Barbara Still
	Summer Thompson
	Heather Turner
	Matt Young

12. Nominees for RTAB officers for 2026 were discussed for the following positions. These positions will be voted on at the next RTAB meeting.
 - Chair – Krista Norrid
 - Vice Chair – Jeremy McLemore
 - Secretary – Breanne Bishop

13. Discussion took place for 2026 meeting dates, times and venues. These positions will be voted on at the next RTAB meeting.
- January 20, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis
 - April 21, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. at St. John Main Campus
 - July 21, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. at Ascension St. John Broken Arrow
 - October 20, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. at OSU
14. New Business (for matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting)
Removing Bailey Medical Center from the board member spots due to not showing up to the RTAB at all. In order to remove them Region 7 would have to change the by-laws.
15. No public comment.
16. Next meeting
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 1:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Hospital South
17. Chase Coates made a motion to adjourn at 1:46 p.m. and was seconded by Thomas Boomer Riter. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam		
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow		
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Ascension St. Johns Owasso		
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