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

Location of the meeting: Saint Francis Hospital  
6161 S. Yale • Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136

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.

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	Air EMS INC
Ascension St. John Medical Center, Krista Norrid	Bailey Medical Center Owasso
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, rep, Cathy Cunningham	Bixby Fire Department EMS
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Dina Nguyen	Brookhaven Hospital
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Tony McGill-late	Center for Orthopedic Recons & Excellence
Collinsville Fire Department, Gary Jennings	Country Corner Fire
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin	Hillcrest Medical Center
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch	Laureate Psychiatric Clinic & Hospital
Hillcrest Hospital South, Paula Whitlow	Oklahoma Surgical Hospital
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop	Post-Acute Medical Specialty Hospital
Miller EMS-Jeremy McLemore	St Johns Rehabilitation Encompass
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart	Tulsa Spine and Specialty Hospital
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	

3. The Chair asked for any first-time attendees; Michael Bloom with Owasso Fire Department introduced himself and Cathy Cunningham from Ascension St. John Owasso stepped in for Leslie who is out sick today. Becky is from Oklahoma State Department of Health and will be doing RTAB's, Norma has volunteered to help with CQI which is coming back.

4. Theresa Compos moved to approve the January 21, 2025, minutes and seconded by Brianne Bishop. 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 not meet due to no new business. Hopeful for next quarter to have new items to discuss.
- Judy Dyke shared with the committee that CQI did not meet. CQI gathers with regions 2,4 and 7 to review charts. A meeting was planned in January, but that meeting did not happen. No regional CQI meetings have happened this year. Lori did have an update that the State Department of Health has a volunteer now working in the CQI area.
- Region 7 Response Coordinator Melinda Belcher not in attendance but John from RMRS gave an update they just completed our mercy on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March for the AAR which was sent in and received feedback. There will be a communication drill in June, the Tulsa International airport event in May, a tabletop event at Jenks Public School on May 8th at the Aqua Center.

6. Cameron Richardson shared with the committee he did not have an update from the State regarding the State Stroke Registry. OSSSAC requested all RTAB's to do a final round of participation in the statewide survey. They only received responses from 77 agencies or facilities. The QR code can be scanned and there is a statewide survey that would be good if all Region 7 agencies responded to for regional plan. The state stroke plans are working on language for those to be consistent with all regional plans. There are two upcoming educational opportunities, the first is May 1, 2025, at Integris Statewide conference and is free. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is the trauma and

stroke symposium at St. Francis on September 19, 2025, so be sure to save the date. The FDA approved TNKase for use in ischemic stroke as of March 30, 2025. Anyone is welcome to attend our OSSSAC meetings.

7. Sarah Connally shared they will be coming out with the hospital readiness program for 2026. Contact Ms. Connally at 405.271.3307 ext. 2 or sarah-connally@ouhsc.edu for further information.

8. TReC is currently working through what the state wants to see. No further updates.

9. Discussion took place with Dr. Shellenberger asking, “do all brain injury patients need to be transferred to a major hospital?” If a patient is severely altered, GCS of 4, they are going to have a big head bleed. Most patients have very small head bleeds a few mm in width and do not need to be transferred. The physician can call a stroke hospital and talk to the Physician, but most can be observed for a few hours in the ED and sent home. They do not need to be admitted, and do not need a neurosurgery consult, they do not need seizure medication prescribed. The goal is to have them follow up at their home clinic. Prehospital treatment is not really going to change.

More discussion took place over this issue and the goal is to get every region on board with this and get it state-wide.

Judy Dyke made a motion for the Regional Trauma Advisory Board to start the education toward region 7 hospitals and around the community for education on BIG guidelines in transferring to appropriate destinations and to recommend to OTERAC to push to other regions in the State. The motion was seconded by Jeremy McClemore. 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		

Lifepak- 35’s and transition of radios to be compatible between hospitals and EMS is needed. Encoding software needs to be updated in the hospitals. This update is free, and a STRYKER representative will be contacted.

Pulsara software is also a very good tool in the EMS world and companies may want to look at Pulsara which is all encrypted end to end. The update for these will be continued at the next RTAB meeting.

11. No public comment.
12. Next meeting
- Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – 1:00 p.m. at Ascension St. John Broken Arrow.

13. Brianne Bishop made a motion to adjourn at 1:42 p.m. and was seconded by Theresa Compos. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam		
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Ascension St. Johns Owasso		
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