

The Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC) REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: ODOT Training Center • 5307 NE 122nd Street • Oklahoma City, OK 73131

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Dr. David Teague called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call
Linda Dockery called roll and quorum was met as follows:

Members present at Roll Call	Members absent at Roll Call
Dr. Alisa Cross	Edith Smith
Dr. Julie Curry	
Melissa Gullotto	
Brad LanCaster	
Dr. David Teague	
Matthew Young	

3. Approval of Minutes for August 2, 2023
Matthew Young made a motion to approve the August 2, 2023, meeting minutes and Brad LanCaster seconded the motion.
The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

4. OSDH activity update
EMS Division
Dale Adkerson reported that EMS individual and agency renewals were completed with the following outcomes as of June 30, 2023.

Type	Totals
EMRA Agencies	188
Air and Ground Ambulances	204
Stretcher Aid Vans	12
EMR Individual certified	1,400
EMS Individual licensees	10,151

FY 2024 Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund (OERSSIRF) Requests for Proposal ended in October and will be reviewed and scored November 2, 2023. House Bill 2422 became effective November 1, 2023, which allows Oklahoma-licensees the privilege to practice in 23 other Compact member states including Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Texas.

The Data Team has virtual Trauma Registry and OKEMSIS trainings coming up. OKEMSIS is preparing for transition to NEMSIS 3.5 with the data dictionary pending Commissioner of Health's. They have been communicating with licensees, EMS and hospital representatives regarding reporting compliance. The Data Team is preparing to publish five-year data summaries for Trauma Registry and OKEMSIS respectively. Any research utilizing Registry data will include a Data Use Agreement with OSDH.

Trauma Division

Dale Adkerson reported: the American College of Surgeons State Trauma System survey is under budget review within our department. Dr. Teague asked for an update to be shared at the February 2024 OTERAC Meeting.

Mr. Adkerson referred to the slides regarding Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund (Trauma Fund) Disbursements from 2013 to 2023 and the Collections from sources for Trauma Fund from 2020 to 2023. Dr. Teague inquired about the declining Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund graph agenda item that was discussed and scheduled to be included this OTERAC meeting, regarding strategic planning to discuss the eighteen funding sources. Mr. Adkerson said that item would be included on the February meeting agenda. The Trauma Fund receives monies from counties which includes moving violations, Driving Under Influence.

Mr. Adkerson shared information on EMResource activities that have been completed in 2023, and Regional Trauma Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) trends. Discussion ensued regarding inappropriate documentation and implementing mandatory training to ensure correct patient care documentation. Reference was made to the benefits of the statewide CQI Conference that was held October 6, 2023, and the opportunity to convene more often was encouraged.

Injury Prevention Service (IPS)

Christian Bonds reported on activities related to drug overdose prevention and Over-the-Counter Naloxone and Fentanyl strip test kits availability, which are being disseminated by local fire departments due to the rapid growth of Fentanyl usage in the state. Concussion and Brain Injury Initiatives and awareness policies and guidelines have been mailed to youth sports organizations throughout the state. Mr. Bonds reported that an updated evaluation will be conducted for school districts regarding youth concussion policies. Mr. Bonds facilitated concussion prevention awareness presentations to the Regional Trauma Advisory Boards and reported the feedback he received. Mr. Bonds referred to the OSDH Injury Prevention Service webpage for additional information and shared some of the resources that are available. Regarding gun violence prevention, he provided that other agencies or departments have some regarding the elements that lead to gun violence, such as mental health, psychological trauma, substance abuse, and that his department can get someone connected with resources outside of his department. Council asked for information on firearm safety, handling, and storage resources. Council requested for data number of lives saved from dissemination of Naloxone and Fentanyl strips. Further questions were asked on training for Naloxone, and Mr. Bonds shared that he believes Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse offers it when distributing.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Service (EPRS)

Elyce Holloway referred to the report she gave at the last OTERAC meeting over the Healthcare Service Delivery Recovery Plan and stated that her team will focus on revising the plan, identifying the plan partners, and providing a completed electronic version completed. The Catastrophic Health Emergency Powers Act – 6105 went into effect November 1, 2023. Significant updates will be made to the 2018 Catastrophic Health Emergency Plan. Ms. Holloway referred to her handouts regarding the Act and will share information with interested parties upon request. Dr. Teague asked if there is an update about Monkey Pox. She answered that there are five active cases in Oklahoma after having no cases during the summer. Ms. Holloway referred to the EPRS webpage for resources.

5. Trauma Transfer Referral Center (TReC):
Dale Adkerson referred attention to the handouts in the packet and gave no additional report. Dr. Teague requested further reporting in a future meeting regarding the utilization of TReC statewide over three to five years.

6. Committee/Board Reports
 - Education and Training Committee: Dr. Justin Hunter reported on activities to include specification, definitions and duties of Program Coordinator, Program Director, and Clinical Coordinator at an EMS training institution. The Committee identified the need for a Paramedic Program Director to be a licensed paramedic. Additionally, to require background checks and drug testing for individuals not affiliated with a hospital; changes in accreditation requirements at AEMT level beginning July 2024 and the consideration for implementation delay of the rules; improving Standard of Care and requirements of standardized endorsements and defining Critical Care and Flight Paramedics, and ensuring National Registry Certification as a Critical Care or Flight Paramedic. The upcoming changes in accreditation requirements for AEMT level licensees and the challenges applicants may face regarding State Approved or CAPCE classes was discussed in detail at the committee meeting, and council members discussed the effects the changes may have on the AEMT licensee population. Mr. Adkerson shared that a memo has been approved and added to the form, which includes the language required for continuing education by National Registry for EMR and EMT through Paramedic certification.

 - Medical Direction and Coordination Committee: Dr. James Campbell reported that the Interfacility Triage and Transport Protocols will be proofread, published, and resubmitted to the council for final approval. The committee will be updating the state EMS protocols.

 - Regional update from RTAB chair/representatives
 - Region 1 – No representation

 - Region 2 – Heidi Gilbert reported that Region 2 has had issues with RPC meeting quorum. She will be chair in 2024, and she would like to create welcome packs for new members with definitions, expectations, and instructions.

 - Region 3 – Brad LanCaster reported that Region 3 is working on Transfer Triage Protocols by implementing subgroups and developing standards for resource utilization of ambulance crews for true emergencies. Also enhancing the RPC attendance.

 - Region 4 – Dr. James Campbell reported that Region 4 is working on reintroducing STEMI by issuing a survey in the RPC meeting. Presentations during the RTAB Meeting included Safer Thrombolytics for Strokes and Traumatic Brain Injury protocols by Christian Bonds, also discussion to encourage feedback from EMS and Hospitals on how to achieve better communication and turnaround times.

 - Regions 5 – Pamela Cunningham reported that Region 5 had a presentation from Christian Bonds regarding Traumatic Brain Injury protocols, two CQI cases were discussed in the RTAB meeting, and Ms. Cunningham was nominated as chair for 2024.

 - Region 6 – No representation

 - Region 7 – No representation

 - Region 8 – No representation

7. Stroke System of Care/OSSSAC – Melody Bridges reported that there is a new stroke medication (TNKase) being used in non-state certified stroke facilities. There is legislation regarding this

medication, and a recommendation was made in a prior meeting, therefore, Dr. Teague asked for details regarding the recommendation to be discussed in a future OTERAC meeting. The requirements for the regional stroke plan draft have been forwarded to each regional RTAB for review and to make a determination for revisions. Revisions will need to be submitted to OSSAC by June 5, 2024, then the drafts will be submitted to OTERAC for approval in August 2024 meeting. The next OSSAC Meeting is December 6 in Tulsa and will include a virtual option.

8. Business

A. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote on Chapter OAC 310:642-5-1 OERSSIRF funding priority point system:

Mr. Adkerson referred attention to the handout and reported that the items to be changed on Chapter 642 are I and J. Brad LanCaster made a motion to amend Chapter 642 regulation with strike outs to I and J and Matthew Young seconded the motion.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		Dr. Julie Curry
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

B. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve proposed update to the Oklahoma Interfacility Trauma Triage Reference Manual including defined nomenclature was tabled for revisions. Suggestions were made by members for the manual to be made available for review by the council members two weeks prior to the meeting when it will be addressed. Discussion ensued that treatment items should not be included as it rapidly changes.

C. Discussion, consideration, possible action regarding nominations and election of officers for OTERAC:

Matthew Young made a motion to nominate Dr. David Teague for chair for 2024 OTERAC and Brad LanCaster seconded the motion.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		Dr. David Teague
Dr. Julie Curry		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Matthew Young		

Matthew Young made a motion for Dr. Julie Curry to be vice chair for 2024 OTERAC and Brad LanCaster seconded the motion.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		Dr. Julie Curry
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

D. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve proposed meeting dates, times, and updated locations for 2024:

- February 7, 2024 in Oklahoma City at 1:00 p.m.
- May 1, 2024 in Tulsa at 1:00 p.m.
- August 7, 2024 in Oklahoma City at 1:00 p.m.
- November 6, 2024 in Tulsa at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Adkerson shared that the February 2023 meeting scheduled in Tulsa was cancelled due to inclement weather, and if changing to Oklahoma City the meeting may still be able to be held. Matthew Young made a motion to change locations to have meetings for 2024 as listed on the agenda and Melissa Gullatto seconded the motion.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

9. Public Comment:

A question was asked regarding the new licensure process for AEMT and the person was told public comment is not for engagement and to get with Mr. Adkerson after the meeting. Alicia Webster introduced Alyssa Gorcutt.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Young and Dr. Alisa Cross seconded at 2:30 p.m. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Melissa Gullotto		
Brad LanCaster		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		