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Northeast (2) Regional Trauma Advisory Board

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 1:00 pm

Location of Meeting: Pawhuska Community Center  
 520 Lynn Ave • Pawhuska, OK 74056

The Northeast Regional Trauma Advisory Board regular meeting notice was posed on the OSDH website located at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/emergency-systems/trauma-division/rtabs-regional-trauma-advisory-boards-region-2-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on 11/14/22.

MINUTES

1. Heidi Gilbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Dan Dalton	Jane Phillips Medical Center
Heidi Gilbert	Pafford EMS – Oklahoma
Melva Bostik	Saint Francis Hospital Vinita, Inc.
Kelly Davis	Air Evac Lifeteam – Claremore
Corey Reeves	Air Evac Lifeteam - Grove
Steven Barnes	Air Evac Lifeteam – Ponca City
Wilford H. Watson III	Air Evac Lifeteam Springdale
Kelly McCauley	Blackwell Fire Department / EMS
Kenneth Freeman	Claremore Indian Hospital
Ed Martin	Community Ambulance
Dennis Walker	Hillcrest Hospital Pryor
Carson Combest	Midwest AeroCare
Johnny Dobson	Pawhuska Hospital, Inc.
Dana Scott	Perry Fire Department / EMS
Travis Morin	Quapaw Tribe EMS
Alliance Health Ponca City	Shilder Fire Department/EMS
Arch – Medflight 1 Joplin	Tonkawa Fire Department / EMS
Arch – Medflight 2 Nevada	
Cushing Fire Department/EMS	
Freeman Hospital (Joplin)	
Hillcrest Cushing Hospital	
Hominy EMS	
Integrus Grove Hospital	
Integrus Miami Hospital	
Jay EMS	
Mayes Emergency Services Trust	

Medflight of Oklahoma	
MERC	
Mercy Hospital - Joplin	
Mercy Life Line	
Newkirk Fire department / EMS	
Nowata EMS	
Oologah – Talala EMS District	
Willow Crest Hospital	

3. Dakota Jennings introduce himself with Jay EMS. Heather Turner introduce herself with Alliance Health Ponca City.
4. Wilford H Watson III moved to approve the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes and Ed Martin seconded. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dan Dalton		
Heidi Gilbert		
Melva Bostik		
Kelly Davis		
Corey Reeves		
Steven Barnes		
Wilford H. Watson III		
Kelly McCauley		
Kenneth Freeman		
Ed Martin		
Dennis Walker		
Carson Combest		
Dana Scott		
Johnny Dobson		

5. Reports
  - Lori Strider informed the committee reported the updated process for initial ambulance surveys is on the OSDH website. Also, routine agency inspections are currently being conducted. If anyone has questions about OERSSIRF, please contact Dale Adkerson or Katrina Warden.
  - Katrina Warden gave updates on Trauma Fund, Trauma Registry and Research along with Compliance, Data Accuracy and Quality.
  - Heidi Gilbert informed the committee that they reviewed 14 cases, which 22 letters were authored and needing response. The committee reviewed 14 response letters, 13 were accepted and 1 needed a follow-up letter but required no response. The next meeting is in person at OSDH on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - No report for RPC.
  - Christopher Paoli gave a report for the Regional Medical Response System: healthcare coalition, grant deliverables. For more information contact [chris.paoli@r2rmrs.org](mailto:chris.paoli@r2rmrs.org).
6. No report for Stroke.
7. Sarah Connally informed the committee that EMS-C is focusing on safe sleep awareness, Autism/Non-verbal training, and water safety this year. They still have Pedi-mates available if EMS needs them or needs new ones.

8. Business

- Discussion in regards to the 2024 RTAB Board Members

Alliance Health Ponca City	Air Evac Lifeteam – Claremore
Cleveland Area Hospital	Bartlesville Ambulance
Fairfax Community Hospital	Grove EMS
Hillcrest Hospital – Claremore	LifeNet, Inc.
Integrus Grove General	Ponca City FD/EMS
Integrus Miami Hospital	Integrus Miami EMS
Jane Phillips Medical Center	Cushing FD/EMS
Jane Phillips Nowata	Blackwell FD/EMS
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita	Quapaw Tribe EMS
Stillwater Medical Center	Tonkawa FD/EMS

- Discussion and Nominations for RTAB Officers for 2024;
  - Chair – Heidi Gilbert
  - Vice Chair – Carson Combest
  - Secretary – Kelly McCauley
 Wilford H. Watson III moved to close the nominations and seconded by Kenneth Freeman. The vote carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dan Dalton		
Heidi Gilbert		
Melva Bostik		
Kelly Davis		
Corey Reeves		
Steven Barnes		
Wilford H. Watson III		
Kelly McCauley		
Kenneth Freeman		
Ed Martin		
Dennis Walker		
Carson Combest		
Dana Scott		
Johnny Dobson		

- Discussion about the 2024 Committee members

RPC	CQI
Judy Dyke	Judy Dyke
Kelly McCauley	Heidi Gilbert
Jeremy McLemore	Jason McElyea
Michelle Wolfe	
Kenneth Freeman	
Steve Barnes	

- Discussion about the 2024 RTAB meeting dates and solicitation of venue host
  - February 13, 2024 – 1:00 pm – Pawhuska Community Center
  - May 14, 2024 – 1:00 pm – Jane Phillips Medical Center or Tri County Technology
  - August 23, 2024 – 1:00 pm – Pawhuska Community Center

D. November 12, 2024 – 1:00 pm - Jane Phillips Medical Center or Tri County Technology

1. Christian Bonds with Injury Prevention presented a Concussion Prevention. He went over what a concussion is, the sign and symptoms of a concussion, the danger signs of a concussion, the long-term consequences from concussion, how to manage a concussion and how to prevent a concussion. Oklahoma has a state law over concussions for youth athletes; 70 O.S. § 24-155. The law was designed to protect youths' athletes in Oklahoma. A annual concussion fact sheet should be provided to parents/guardians. Team officials are required to complete a class over concussions yearly. The Training source must be from either the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), or other comparable source. The class covers prevention of concussion in athletes, such as safety equipment, safe sports play, culture and strong policies. Christian brought with him some material that will help school districts and youth organization create policies and guides over concussions. All material can be found under injury prevention's website. <https://oklahoma.gov/health/health-education/injury-prevention-service/concussions.html>
  
9. Planning discussion topics
  - Heidi Gilbert shared with the committee about 3 Superficial Injuries That May Hide More Serious Trauma. She stated the article was in the packet, and that simple injuries might prove to be worse than they appear.
  - Lori Strider reported about the new criteria for Pediatric age limits and hospital capabilities.
  - Lori Strider asked the group their opinions about the sub-categories on the EMResource page. Do the names of each category need to be renamed.
  - Kelly McCauley reported ideas and ways to improve the professional communications between EMS and Hospital ED. There was group discussion among the RTAB members. He asked that the RPC to look into ways to improve the communication between hospitals and EMS.
  - No report on Pursuit of the Optimal Behavioral Health.
  
10. No New Business
  
11. Future meeting dates for 2023:
  - November 14, 2023 – 1:00 pm.
  
12. No Public Comment:
  
13. Kenneth Freeman made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Wilford H. Watson III at 2:54 pm. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dan Dalton		
Heidi Gilbert		
Melva Bostik		
Kelly Davis		
Corey Reeves		

Steven Barnes		
Wilford H. Watson III		
Kelly McCauley		
Kenneth Freeman		
Ed Martin		
Dennis Walker		
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Johnny Dobson		