

**Oklahoma State  
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Southeast (5) Regional Trauma Advisory Board

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

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

The Southeast 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-5-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/notices/001302/0595932311171257.htm>

On November 17, 2023

Minutes

1. Pamela Cunningham, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Air Evac Lifeteam 129, James Smith	EMS of LeFlore County
AllianceHealth Durant, Lisa Vowels	McCurtain County EMS
Antlers (City of) EMS, Delbert Gay	Choctaw County Ambulance Authority
Atoka County Medical Center, Rusty Cole	Medical Air Rescue Company
Bryan County EMS, Nate Toews	
Choctaw Memorial Hospital, Velvet Bullard	
Choctaw Nation Health Authority, Gerrick Johnson	
Colbert EMS, Toni Coats	
Creek Nation Community Hospital, Brandi Ray	
Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center, Vanessa Afzali	
Hughes County EMS, Christopher Miller	
Mary Hurley Hospital, Jessica Partin	
McAlester Regional AirCare, Corey Langston	
McAlester Regional Health Center, Pamela Cunningham	
McCurtain Memorial Hospital, Pam Jackson	
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Air Evac Lifeteam, James Smith – AELT 139, AELT, 149, AELT Durant, AELT 158, AELT 022, AELT 065, AELT 073.	
Atoka County EMS	
Choctaw Nation EMS	
Choctaw Nation Healthcare Center	
Coalgate Fire Department	
Community EMS, LLC	
Creek Nation EMS	
Holdenville General Hospital	
International Paper EMS	
Konawa EMS	
McAlester Army Ammunition Plant	
McAlester Fire Department EMS	
Pafford EMS of Oklahoma (McAlester)	
Paris Regional Medical Center	

- There were no Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
- Delbert Gay moved to approve the November 9, 2023 and was seconded by Nate Toews. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam 129, James Smith – AELT 129		
AllianceHealth Durant, Lisa Vowels		
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Atoka County Medical Center, Rusty Cole		
Bryan County EMS, Nate Toews		
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5. Reports

- Emergency Systems

Dean Henke shared with the group if they have any questions for our department they need to email [Esystems@health.ok.gov](mailto:Esystems@health.ok.gov) . EMS Vehicle inspections are still being scheduled online and conducted by the State Capital. Trauma Registry compliance reports will be placed in BOX and there is upcoming training on how to use BOX. For OKEMIS and Trauma Registry, those reports must be submitted by 30 days after the previous month. Mr. Henke reported that the Trauma Funds are for Physicians, Hospitals, and EMS to receive funds for unreimbursed trauma calls. All training for BOX, OKEMIS, Trauma Fund, and Trauma Registry are in your packets, or you can email [Esystems@health.ok.gov](mailto:Esystems@health.ok.gov) .

- Continuous Quality Improvement Committee

Nate Toews reported the last met on January 31, 2024 and they reviewed 10 cases and sent out 16 letters requiring responses. There are some outstanding letters up to two years old, but the committee is working to get the process up to date. The committee needs a couple physicians for the group. Mr. Toews discussed some trends such as lack of urgency, non-therapeutic, and hospitals not using the same triage methods as the EMS. Delbert Gay shared documentation is important because “if you didn’t write it down, it didn’t happen”

- Regional Educational Planning Committee (REPC)

Kari Beggs reported she started the review of Region 5 Trauma Plan to report to the RTAB at their next meeting. Ms. Beggs shared the committee will update the Trauma Patient Destinations by reaching out to all EMS Agencies in Region 5 to get the latest destinations that the agency transports to. Take Marshall County out of Region 5 and some verbiage changes throughout the plan. REPC is reviewing the Envenomation Plan to remove the number of vials listed by each hospital and to add Poison Control as a point of contact.

- Regional Medical Response System (RMRS)

Kari Beggs reports that she is preparing for the Solar Eclipse to occur in April, 2024. Ms. Beggs shared the RMRS has been working with the counties in Region 5 for the last several months and she feels they have a very solid plan. Law Enforcement agencies and strike teams will start to set up on the Wednesday before in some of the counties such as Choctaw, Pushmataha, McCurtain and LeFlore. For the Health and Medical Plan, they will send a Strike Team to McCurtain County. For more information or questions contact Ms. Beggs at RMRS.

6. EMS for Children Sarah Connally shared EMS-C is providing training courses such as CPR, ACLS, and PALS. Contact Ms. Connally at 405.271.3307 ext. 2 or [sarah-connally@ouhsc.edu](mailto:sarah-connally@ouhsc.edu) for further information.

7. No Stroke System of Care report was given.

8. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to.....Pamela Cunningham, Chair

- Gerrick Johnson was nominated for 2024 Vice-Chair and Mr. Johnson accepted the nomination. Nate Toews moved to accept Gerrick Johnson as 2024- Vice-Chair and was seconded by Lisa Vowels. The motion carried as follows:

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- Korey Langston moved to Add Rebecca Parson and James Farris to the Continuous Quality Improvement Committee and seconded by James Smith. Motion carried as follows:

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- Delbert Gay moved to add Kimberley Ross to the REPC Committee and seconded by Rusty Cole. Motion carried as follows:

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- Discussion about recommendations to advance to OTERAC the need for statewide EMS education emphasizing appropriate documentation and appropriate application of triage for trauma patients based on trends identified through the CQI process started with Delbert Gay saying the Education Committee (EC) discussed state license renewal for medics. Mr. Gay stated the EC can make recommendations of what topics can be required. The topic of documentation seems to be an issue statewide. Pamela Cunningham shared that having documentation education would help the medics when they have a CQI review. Delbert Gay moved to advance to the State EMS Education Committee a need for statewide EMS education emphasizing appropriate documentation and triage for EMS Medic licensing renewals. The motion was seconded by James Smith. The motion carried as follows:

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9. Planning discussion topics

- Goals for 2024 RTAB, how to achieve these goals. The trauma plan, envenomation plan, and the stroke plans are currently being reviewed. Nate Toews suggested updating the CQI contact list for sending out the CQI letters. They will use the hospital representative contacts to complete this task. Pam Cunningham and Nate Toews suggested conducting a TEAM documentation course for Region 5. Ms. Cunningham asked if members of the CQI committee could do a case presentation on what the committee is reviewing when doing a CQI PCR review. She also suggested to wait and see what the education committee decides and move forward from there.
- The RTAB group discussed how to move forward with the break out session. It was shared they thought the purpose of the session was for hospitals and EMS to talk together from other throughout the region to see what issues they were having. It was shared that in today's sessions emergency department and EMS workers were discussing how to make relations better. They gathered in groups of 3 to 4 people and everyone was actively visiting with others from the region. Pamela Cunningham suggested we keep the 30 minute block between the REPC and RTAB meetings so those choosing to visit with each other. Keeping the 30 Minutes block will be place on the May 9, 2024 RTAB agenda to be voted on.

10. No New Business

11. Public Comment

Mr. Henke thanked the group for their attendance and shared that out of the 42 RTAB members, only 4 were not present. Mr. Henke shared that is approximately 88% attendance. Korey Langston shared that out of the 88% that were present they are an awesome people to work with and an honor to be a part of it.

12. Next Meeting

- May 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

13. Rusty Cole moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Lisa Vowels at 11:47 a.m. The motion carried as follows:

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