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**Southwest (3) Regional Trauma Advisory Board**  
**Great Plains Technology Center**  
**4500 Southwest Lee Boulevard**  
**Lawton, OK 73055**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – 10:30 am**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Introductions and Announcements**
- IV. Approval of Minutes – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**
- V. Reports**
  - A. Emergency Systems quarterly activity report
  - B. Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council report from previous meeting
  - C. Quality Improvement Committee quarterly activity report
  - D. Regional Education Planning Committee (REPC) activity report
  - E. EMS for Children quarterly activity report
  - F. Regional Medical Planning Group/Southwestern Medical Emergency Response Center quarterly activity report
- VI. Business**
  - A. Discussion of presentation “Diagnosing & Managing Pediatric Mild Traumatic Brain Injury” and identification of need to include in regional planning and possible vote to send to Regional Education Planning Committee
  - B. 2020 Board member rotation – Vote to approve
  - C. 2020 Committee membership – Vote to approve
    - 1. Regional Education Planning Committee – Vote to add Dan McLeod
  - D. 2020 Board Officer nominations – Vote to approve
    - 1. Chair – Lori Smith
    - 2. Vice Chair – Dan McLeod
    - 3. Secretary – Kenneth Power
  - E. 2020 Board Meeting dates, times, and venues – Vote to approve
    - 1. February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Great Plains Technology Center – 10:30 am
    - 2. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at Great Plains Technology Center – 10:30 am
    - 3. August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Great Plains Technology Center – 10:30 am
    - 4. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at Great Plains Technology Center – 10:30 am
  - F. Review and possible vote to approve amended Region 3 Trauma Plan
  - G. Review and possible vote to approve amended Region 3 Bylaws
  - H. Review current member attendance with possible vote to approve reporting failure to participate to licensing authorities for action
- VII. Presentation**
  - A. Trauma Systems Toolbox – Daniel Whipple, OSDH Trauma Systems Coordinator
- VIII. New Business**

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**IX. Next Meeting**

- A. Regional Education Planning Committee  
Great Plains Technology Center  
4500 Southwest Lee Boulevard  
Lawton, OK 73505  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 9:00 am
- B. Regional Trauma Advisory Board  
Great Plains Technology Center  
4500 Southwest Lee Boulevard  
Lawton, OK 73505  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 10:30 am
- C. Quality Improvement Committee  
Comanche County Memorial Hospital  
3401 West Gore Boulevard  
Lawton, OK 73505  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 11:00 am

**X. Adjournment**

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## NAME AND GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION

Section I. Name: Southwest Regional Trauma ~~Regional~~ Advisory ~~Council~~Board

Section II. Geographic description, the following counties are included in the Southwest Regional Trauma Advisory ~~Council~~Board:

Caddo	Greer	Love
Carter	Harmon	Murray
Comanche	Jackson	Pontotoc
Cotton	Jefferson	Stephens
Garvin	Johnston	Tillman
Grady	Kiowa	

## MISSION STATEMENT

In support of the statewide system, create a regional system of optimal care for all trauma patients, to ensure the right patient goes to the right place in the right amount of time.

## PURPOSE

Section I. The purpose of the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) is to assist the Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council and the Oklahoma State Department of Health with the development and implementation of a formal trauma care system regionally and statewide.

Section II. The Regional Trauma Advisory Board shall be empowered but not limited to:

1. Assessing the current resources and needs within the region respective to Emergency Medical Services (EMS), acute care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, communication systems, human resources, professional education, public education and advocacy.
2. Organizing regional human resources into coalitions and/or alliances, which will be proactive in trauma systems development.
3. Development of Regional Trauma System Development Plan.
4. Development and implementation of Regional Trauma Quality Improvement program.
5. Providing public information and education programs regarding the need for a formal trauma care system.

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6. Providing region—specific input to the Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council and the Oklahoma State Department of Health concerning trauma care issues.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is composed of representatives from all of the facilities in the region as well as other interested individuals.

**Section I. Responsibilities of the Membership**

The Members are expected to attend meetings regularly to provide input on topics under consideration by the Board.

**Section II. Committee Service**

Members may serve on committees, work groups and task forces.

**Section III. Attendance Expectations**

The Members are expected to have 100% attendance every quarter annually. If a Member misses a meeting, they will be reported to their licensure authority for action.

**Section IV. Exceptions involving emergencies may be considered on a case by case basis by a unanimous vote by the Board.**

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Representation will rotate between the member organizations in the region based upon the approved rotation schedule (attachment A); but will maintain a ratio of approximately:

- 50% Hospital representative's
- 50% EMS representatives

Board Membership should be multidisciplinary with broad representatives from the following list of disciplines.

Hospital		Emergency Medical Services
1. Administrator		1. Administrator
2. Business office		2. Non Administrator EMT-B
3. QI practitioner		3. Non Administrator EMT-I
4. Emergency department physician		4. Non Administrator EMT-P
5. Surgeon		5. Business office
6. Trauma nurse coordinator		
<del>7</del> 6. Trauma registrar		

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<u>87.</u> Emergency department nurse		
<u>98.</u> Operating room nurse		
<u>109.</u> Rehabilitation practitioner		
<u>110.</u> Safety officer		

Member organizations will appoint a representative and an alternate to the board but will have only one vote.

**Section I. Powers and Responsibilities**

The Board members are responsible for overall policy and direction of the RTAB.

**Section II. Duties of the Board Members**

Board members shall exercise ordinary business judgment in managing the affairs of the organization. In acting in their official capacity as Board Members of this organization, they shall act in good faith and take actions they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the organization and that are not unlawful. In all other instances, the Board Members shall not take any action that they should reasonably believe would be opposed to the organization's best interests or would be unlawful.

Responsibilities of the Board Members include but are not limited to:

1. Conduct the business of the organization.
2. Specify the composition of and direct the activities of committees.
3. Consider for approval recommendations from committees.
4. Cause to be prepared and administer the budget, prepare annual reports of the organization.
5. Cause to be prepared grant applications for the organization.
6. Approve, execute and/or ratify contracts made in ordinary course of business of the organization.
7. Make continuous and regular reviews of RTAB matters and business affairs in order to provide information to general membership.

**Section III. Number of Board Members**

The Board shall consist of no fewer than nine (9) members and no more than twenty (20) members.

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- Section IV.     **Actions of the Board**  
Each Board Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Board.  
A simple majority of the Members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to constitute action by the Board.
- Section V.     **Term**  
The term of the Board Members is one calendar year.
- Section VI.    **Appointments**  
Board members shall be appointed by the respective member organizations according to the established membership structure and rotation.
- Section VII.   **Meetings**  
Meetings of the Board shall be held in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Meetings of the Board Members shall be held at such times and places as determined by the Board Members. These meetings must be held at least quarterly.
- The Board shall not review patient specific information or medical records at these meetings.
- Section VIII.   **Attendance Expectations/Removal of Board Members**
1. A Member is automatically removed from the Board if he/she misses a scheduled and posted meeting in any year without arranging for a proxy.  
In the event a board member is removed due to not meeting the attendance expectations, the agency or facility CEO and or Director will be notified of their representatives' removal from the Board. If the board member believes that they missed a scheduled meeting due to extenuating circumstances, that member shall notify the RTAB Chair and the RTAB Chair will determine if the absence was acceptable.
  2. Vacancies  
In the event that a Board Member is removed from the board, the effected member organization will be removed from the current rotation and the next provider on the rotation will assume their position. The Chair of the Board will notify both providers of the change.
  3. Any member organization that fails to ensure participation by their representative shall be reported to both the *Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council* and the member organization's licensing authority.

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Section IX. Proxies

In the event that a board member or their alternate is unable to attend a board meeting, they may attend a meeting or vote by Proxy. They must prepare and ~~send~~ a statement on their institution's letterhead or by email stating their authorization of a specifically named alternate from their institution to attend the meeting and/or

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cast a vote on their behalf. The proxy should be transmitted to **both** the *OSDH Trauma Office* and the *RTAB Secretary* at least 24 hours before the posted meeting time. A proxy shall only be valid at the meeting for which it is executed.

Section X. Quorum  
A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

### **OFFICERS**

Section I. The following officers shall be elected from the Board Members: Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary. ~~and Treasurer~~

Section II. The same person shall hold no more than one office.

Section III. The term for officers shall be one year.

Section IV. Nominations  
Nominations of candidates for office shall occur at least one month prior to the election.

1. The candidates shall be Board Members.
2. The candidates shall express a willingness to serve.

Section V. Additional Offices  
The Board Members may create additional officer positions, define the authority and duties of each such position, and elect persons to fill the position.

Section VI. Attendance Expectations/Removal of Officers  
An Officer is automatically removed from office if he/she misses a posted meetings of the scheduled meetings in any year without making arrangements for the alternate or a proxy to attend.

Section VII. Vacancies  
A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board for the un-expired portion of the officer's term.

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section I. The Chair shall be the executive officer of the RTAB and shall:

1. Set the agenda and preside at all meetings of the RTAB;
2. ~~Appoint all committee chairs~~



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- ~~3.2.~~ Sign agreements and contracts after authorization by the Board;
- ~~4.3.~~ Call special meetings when necessary;
- ~~5.4.~~ Ensure that the RTAB is represented at Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council, OTERAC.
- ~~6.5.~~ Ensure that the RTAB is represented at all appropriate state and regional meetings;
- ~~7.6.~~ Ensure that the RTAB membership is informed of all appropriate state and legislative activities;
- ~~8.7.~~ Perform other tasks as deemed necessary by the Board Members.

Section II. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair and perform such duties as assigned by the Chair or the Board.

Section III. Duties of the Secretary

1. Ensure dissemination of all notices required by the Bylaws or by the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.
2. Assure a meeting attendance roster is maintained.
3. Assure a register of the name and mailing address of each member organization is maintained.
4. Ensure minutes are kept of all proceedings of the Board meetings.
5. Manage the correspondence of the organization.

~~Section IV. Duties of the Treasurer~~

~~1. Manage all funds and assets of the RTAB.~~

~~Monitor monies due and payable to the RTAB.~~

~~2. Ensure the preparation of the annual budget and present it to the Board Members for approval.~~

~~3. Monitor the financial records of the RTAB and arrange for an independent audit when so directed by the Board Members.~~

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## **MEETINGS**

- Section I. Meetings of the Board shall be held in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
- Section II. An Annual Board Meeting shall occur each fall. A meeting notice shall be mailed to all member-organizations at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The meeting dates, times and places for the forthcoming year shall be established at the annual meeting.
- Section III. Meetings for the forthcoming year shall be posted with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act prior to December 15. Any changes to the meeting schedule shall be duly noted to the Secretary of State.
- Section IV. Notice of the date, time and place of each meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed to each Board Member at least ten (10) days prior to the date of that meeting. The notice of each meeting shall include an agenda of the matters to be considered.
- Section V. These meetings must be held at least quarterly.
- Section VI. The Board shall not review patient specific information or medical records at these meetings.
- Section VII. Members of the General Membership are encouraged to attend these meetings to provide input on topics under consideration by the board.
- Section VIII. **Special Meetings**  
Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair of the Board, Vice-Chair of the Board, or by any three members of the Board on not less than forty-eight (48) hours notice. Notice of such a meeting must be posted as a special meeting with the Secretary of State. Notice to Board Members can be communicated by mail, e-mail, telegram, telephone, or fax.

## **PROCEDURES**

Robert's Rules of Order will be relied on to resolve any procedural issue not covered in the bylaws.

## **COMMITTEES**

- Section I. Quality Improvement Committee
1. Each RTAB is required by statute to conduct quality improvement activities.

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2. The function of this committee is to decrease death and disability by reducing inappropriate variation in care through progressive cycles of performance review.
3. A multidisciplinary standing committee for Quality Improvement shall be created in each region.
  - A. Minimum membership requirement:
    - i. Emergency Department Physician
    - ii. Surgeon
    - iii. Emergency Department Nurse
    - iv. OR Nurse
    - v. EMS Medical Director
    - vi. EMT
    - vii. Air Ambulance Provider
  - B. Other members for this committee may be identified based upon the need of the region. It is suggested that the membership be kept to 10 members or fewer.
  - C. Other specific disciplines that are not regular members of the committee may be called on to meet specific quality improvement needs.
  - D. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.
  - E. Upon approval by the chair of the committee, a committee member is automatically may be removed from the committee if he/she misses two (2) consecutive scheduled meetings or 25% of the regularly scheduled meetings in any year.
  - F. Vacancies
    - i. Notice of a vacancy shall be distributed to Board members at least ten(10) days prior to a scheduled meeting.
    - ii. Volunteers/recommendations to fill the vacancy in membership on this committee shall be accepted and voted on at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

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4. Volunteers/recommendations for membership on this committee shall be accepted at the annual meeting, and membership appointments decided by a vote of the board members at the following meeting.
5. Each region shall adopt confidentiality policies for this committee.
6. Minimum Quality Improvement activities shall be defined by the Quality Improvement Committee and approved by the Board ~~State Medical Audit Committee~~.
7. The regional committee may identify other activities to monitor based upon regional need.
8. Committee Tenure  
Membership on this committee is for a term of two (2) years. Half of the initial appointments to this committee shall be for a term of one year to ensure staggered terms.

### Section II. Regional Education and Planning Committee

1. The purpose of this committee is meet regional needs through strategic planning; creating, reviewing, and amending regional plans; and creating educational components to further regional goals.
2. Suggested membership should be nine members with a make-up of four members from hospitals, four members from EMS agencies, and a member from the Regional Medical Response System (RMRS).
3. The committee shall elect a Chair.
4. The Chair of the Board, the Chair of the committee, or a majority of the committee may call meetings of a committee. The committee will meet at least annually.
5. Each member shall continue to serve on this committee until the next annual meeting of the Board and until his/her successor is appointed unless sooner removed, the member resigns, or until the Committee is dissolved.
6. Upon approval by the chair of the committee, a committee member may be removed from the committee if he/she misses 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings.

### Section III. Standing Committees shall be established by a majority vote of the Board

1. Standing committees may include but are not limited to: Hospital Care Committee, Pre-Hospital Care Committee, Injury Prevention Committee, EMS/Hospital Disaster Committee, Trauma Coordinator Committee, Trauma Registry Committee, Finance, Professional Education, Membership, Bylaws,

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Public Relations, and Research.

2. At least one Board Member shall serve on each standing committee.
3. The Board may recommend the remaining membership on these committees.
4. Each standing committee shall elect a Chair.
5. Each person on a committee shall continue to serve on the committee until the next annual meeting of the Board and until his/her successor is appointed unless sooner removed or the committee is dissolved.
6. The Chair of the Board, the Chair of the committee or a majority of the committee may call meetings of a committee. Each standing committee shall meet at least annually.
7. Upon approval by the chair of the committee, a committee member ~~is automatically~~ may be removed from the committee if he/she misses ~~two (2) consecutive scheduled meetings or~~ 50~~25~~% of the regularly scheduled meetings in any year.

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8. Notice of the committee meetings must be given in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
9. A majority of the voting persons on the committee shall constitute a quorum.

### Section ~~IV~~IV. Special Committees

The board may create special, ad hoc, or task force committees based upon the recommendation of the Board Members.

1. Members of these committees are not required to be members of the Board.
2. The Board shall appoint members of these committees.
3. Upon approval by the chair of the committee, a committee member ~~is automatically~~ may be removed from the committee if he/she misses ~~two~~ (2) consecutive scheduled meetings or 25~~50~~% of the regularly scheduled meetings in any year.
4. These committees will have no power to act other than as specifically authorized by the Board.
5. The tenure of these committees will be decided by the Board based upon the specific need for the committee.

### Section ~~IV~~IV. Committee Resignations, Removal and Vacancies

Any person on a committee may resign from the committee at any time by giving written notice to the chair of the Board, chair of the committee or to the secretary of the Board.

### Section ~~V~~V. Committee Minutes

The Chair of each committee shall prepare complete and accurate minutes of each meeting and promptly forward duplicate originals thereof to the Secretary of the Board.

### Section ~~VI~~VI. Action by Committee

Recommendations by committees are to be taken back to the Board for action.

### Section ~~VIII~~VIII. Committee Compensation

Persons serving on a committee shall not receive salaries for their services, but by resolution of the Board a reasonable amount for expenses incurred in attending to authorized duties may be allowed; provided however that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any member of the committee from serving.

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## FINANCES

### Section I. Deposits

All money received by the corporation shall be deposited with a bank, trust company, or other depository that the Board selects, in the name of the corporation. All checks, notes, drafts and acceptances of the corporation shall be signed in the manner designated by the Board Members.

### Section II. Gifts

1. The Board may accept on behalf of the RTAB any contribution, gift, bequest or legacy that is not prohibited by any laws or regulations in the State of Oklahoma.
2. The Board may make gifts and charitable contributions that are not prohibited by the Bylaws, state law and are not inconsistent with the requirement for maintaining the RTAB's status as an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

### Section III. Conflicts of Interest

1. The Board shall not make a loan to any Board Member or member organization.
2. The Board shall not borrow money from a Board member, a member organization, an employee of a member organization or a family member of a member organization unless:
  - A. The transaction is described fully in a legally binding instrument;
  - B. The transaction is found to be in the best interests of the RTAB after full disclosure of all relevant facts at a scheduled meeting of the Board; and
  - C. Such action requires a 2/3-majority vote of the Board (excluding the vote of any person having a personal interest in the transaction) at a meeting when a quorum is present.
  - D. Disclosure of intent to undertake such action is declared to the OSDH and the OTERAC for approval prior to action.
3. The Board shall not transact business with a Board Member, a member organization, an employee of a member organization or a family member of a member organization unless:

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## **PARTICIPATION**

All member organizations are required to participate in RTAB activities. Member organizations who are not currently represented on the Board may meet this requirement by attending meetings at least quarterly to give input to the Board.

## **EMRESOURCE™**

The RTAB adopts the policies, standards and definitions recommended by the Oklahoma State Department of Health for the operations of EMResource™. Any recommendations for changes to these documents will be made to the OSDH EMS division for consideration for statewide adoption. Because this is a statewide system, all changes must be made on a statewide basis.

Any necessary regional operational procedures will be subject to approval by the RTAB.

## **AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

The Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted by a vote of the Board Members held at a regular or specially called meeting for the purpose of altering, amending or repealing the Bylaws.

Section 1. The Bylaws shall be reviewed/revised biennially by the Southwest Regional Education and Planning Committee.

Section I. The notice of any meeting at which the Bylaws are altered, amended or repealed shall include the text of the proposed provisions as well as the text of any existing provisions proposed to be altered, amended or repealed.