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Southeast Region (5) Regional Trauma Advisory Board

Pittsburg County Health Department  
1400 East College Avenue  
McAlester, Oklahoma  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.  
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Chair Chelsea Bishop.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with all Board Members present except Colbert EMS. All General Members were present with the following exceptions: Choctaw County Ambulance Authority, Lane Frost Health & Rehabilitation Center, and Weleetka-Graham EMS

III. Introductions and Announcements

IV. Approval of Minutes – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

A motion was made by Delbert Gay to approve the minutes as written that was seconded by Russ Phillips. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

V. Reports

A. Emergency Systems Report

Brandon Bowen provided the Emergency Systems Report and related that the new EMS Rules were effective September 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. A review of the updated rules will be done later during this meeting, however, if any questions exist about the rules, please contact the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Mr. Bowen introduced Daniel Whipple as the new Trauma Systems Coordinator, Marva Williamson as the new Trauma Fund Coordinator, and Sam Curatola as a new EMS Administrator. For any questions related to OKEMSIS, please speak with Martin Lansdale; he is present today to speak about the EMS Wellness survey. The next Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC) will meet December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Metro Tech in Oklahoma City. The OTERAC stroke working group will next meet on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

B. Regional Sub-Committee Report

1. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Sub-Committee

Heather Booher reviewed several cases that had been reviewed by the committee. They included one case with a delay in the patient arriving at a definitive care facility in a timely manner; one case was a good job letter sent to an EMS agency; and there were two cases that were closed due to receiving an acceptable response. The Board had several questions regarding the CQI process and how delays in case responses are handled.

2. Regional Education Planning Committee

Kari Beggs reviewed the draft envenomation plan. She stated that similar to the stroke plan, the plan was written with the help of the drug manufacturer that makes the drug to treat the symptoms. Clarisha Cummins and Darby Gene from BTG, the maker of CROFab, introduced themselves as they helped provide information for the plan. Ms. Beggs stated that the draft plan will be sent to the Board for its review and feedback. There are three patient priorities and two hospital classifications. The plan then outlines the recommended hospital destination based upon location by county. The plan will also make use of the smart device app Snake Bite 911. Ms. Beggs stated that there was over a 75% response to the original envenomation survey. Also, when the draft plan is sent to the Board, please direct all replies to Ms. Beggs so that she can incorporate those replies into the plan.

C. Medical Emergency Response Center (MERC)

Ms. Beggs stated that EMS agencies should be expecting an EMResource query regarding the radio frequencies/channels that are used to communicate with air ambulances. Another query will be sent on December 7<sup>th</sup> regarding ebola virus and the availability of personal protective equipment. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, a WebEOC drill will be conducted as will an Earth, Wind, and Fire drill.

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VI. Presentation:

A. OSDH Review of 2016 Rules – Robert Irby

Robert Irby presented an overview of the 2016 OAC 310:641 to include General EMS Programs, General Ambulance Service, Personnel Licensed and Certification, Specialty Care Ambulance Service, Emergency Medical Response Agency, and Stretcher Aid Van Services with changes included in the 2016 EMS noted in each section.

B. EMS Wellness Study – Martin Lansdale

Martin Lansdale presented the findings from the EMS Health and Wellness Survey distributed by Emergency Systems from January 11, 2016 until June 9, 2016. Because previous studies have shown that EMS professionals have some of the highest rates of on-the-job injuries, obesity, and smoking along with a high prevalence of post-traumatic stress symptoms, this study was conducted to assess factors that affect the overall health of EMS professionals on a state level. This survey included questions relative to EMS work force characteristics, on the job injuries, and the physical/mental health of EMS professional in Oklahoma. Findings from this survey could be used to help support the development of programs/policies for improving the health of EMS professionals by identifying risk factors that affect the physical and emotional health of EMT's in the State of Oklahoma.

VII. Business: (Discussion and appropriate action)

A. Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council meeting review

Ms. Bishop provided a brief overview of the last OTERAC meeting. She discussed the resources available through the Oklahoma State Department of Health Injury Prevention Services. Avy Redus from Injury Prevention can provide education for adult falls, unintentional poisonings, traumatic brain injury, motor vehicle and ATV safety, sexual violence prevention, suicide, homicide, and firearms.

She also related how the State has purchased the registries for the stroke and STEMI registries; however, the data sets have not yet been created. Mr. Bowen stated that one goal of the registries is to provide an interface into existing facility registries so that data will not have to be re-entered. He also mentioned that more information should be available on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the next OTERAC stroke working group meeting.

OTERAC also sent a resolution to the Board of Health requesting protection for quality improvement activities for all times sensitive medical conditions via legislation.

B. Regional Stroke Plan discussion

James Wilkins provided a review of the stroke plan discussion during the Regional Education Planning Committee. The REPC had previously recommended that priority 1 stroke patients be defined as those having an onset less than four and one half hours. The OTERAC stroke working group has recommended the same patients have an onset of symptoms less than three hours. Ms. Bishop stated that taking patients with an onset of symptoms between three and four and one half hours will stress the Region's EMS System as ambulances will be spending more time out of service. There is no national data to support the definition of a priority 1 patient as having an onset of symptoms less than three hours. A question was raised as to whether there might be confusion between regions if patient definitions do not align between regions. Mr. Wilkins stated that while there could be confusion as to the definitions, but the system is designed to ensure that patients arrive at the appropriate facility regardless. Mr. Wilkins and Ms. Bishop agreed that the current draft plan will work best for Region 5. David Grovdahl stated that his agency has been using the plan as originally drafted, and it has worked well for the patients and his agency. Ms. Bishop stated that the plan can be amended in the future as more data becomes available. To help gather more data, the Regional plan directs a quality improvement section that will capture many data elements for review. Ms. Bishop asked if there were any concerns with leaving the draft plan as written and sending it to OTERAC for approval; none were voiced.

C. 2016 Board Officers – Vote to Approve

1. Chair – Chelsea Bishop
2. Vice Chair – James Wilkins
3. Secretary / Treasurer – Robyn Baldrige

A motion was made by Delbert Gay and seconded by Laura Lance to accept business items as written C, D, and E as one item. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

D. 2016 Board Meeting Dates and Venues – Vote to Approve

1. February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m. – Pittsburg County Health Department

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2. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m. – Pittsburg County Health Department
  3. August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m. – Pittsburg County Health Department
  4. November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m. – Pittsburg County Health Department
- E. Subcommittee Member Review – Vote to Approve

VIII. Public Comment

PJ Richards from Genentech briefly spoke about the resources she has available for alteplase in the form of information sheets and DVDs. The FDA has asked that all providers do not use the drug names tNK or tPA and instead use the names alteplase, Activase, TNKase, or tenecteplase as appropriate for the patient's condition.

Ms. Beggs also asked all agencies to complete a new authorized representative form if you have not yet done so. Also as a reminder, only the two members listed on the sign-in sheet are authorized to represent you agency. If those two cannot attend a meeting, then a proxy must be sent.

Ms. Bishop asked that the agencies utilize the resources brought to the meetings such as the drug company representatives. They can help facilities with drugs that are expensive and they may be able to move those resources around the region to lessen the cost.

IX. Next Meeting

- A. OTERAC – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – Metro Tech Center, 1900 Springlake Dr, Oklahoma City
- B. RTAB – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. Pittsburg County Health Department
- C. CQI – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. Pittsburg County Health Department
- D. REPC – As Called

X. Adjournment

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Chelsea Bishop, Chair

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