

Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC)
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Tulsa County Medical Society
5315 South Lewis Avenue • Tulsa, OK 73105

Minutes

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

2. Roll Call.....Secretary
Secretary, Rebecca VandeBogart called roll call and quorum was met as follows.

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Dr. Alisa Cross	Melissa Gullotto
Dr. Julie Curry	Brad LanCaster
Rebecca VandeBogart	
Dr. David Teague	
Matthew Young	

3. Introduction & announcement.....Dr. David Teague, Chair
None at this time

4. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2025.....Dr. David Teague, Chair
Dr. Teague asked the Council to review the minutes from the August 6, 2025, meeting. Matt Young made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Julie Curry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		Dr. David Teague
Dr. Julie Curry		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Matthew Young		

5. Reports
- ACS update.....Kelli Rader, Interim Deputy Commissioner of Quality Assurance & Regulatory
Deputy Commissioner Rader updated OTERAC Board and Members that there will be a full report sent to their emails in the coming week. The key points on the ACS report are funding, policy and sustainability which have been discussed over the years. Rural Health Transformation program grant was submitted from the State. Funding from the grant would be used for EMS, Hospitals, technology updates, workforce development and uncompensated care cost. The funding is non-competitive and weighted. The funding for the RHT grant would be allocated to the states 2026 through 2030.
 - EMS.....Lori Strider, Interim EMS Coordinator
 - Licensure
Lori Strider reported that applications are now online for individuals, renewals and initial licenses which are

fillable.

- OERSSIRF.....Lewis Robinson, Trauma & EMS Manager
- Trauma.....Lewis Robinson, Trauma & EMS Manager
 OERSSIRF grant money was allocated out of 38 applicants 17 were approved. \$1,750,000 was granted in the OERSSIRF fund, of that \$1,733,453,47 was sent to the 17 applicants. They have been contacted, and PO has been sent out. OEMS is getting the contracts signed currently and notifications will be on our website. Trauma Fund is issued twice a year and \$15 million will be reimbursed. EMS 2% hospitals 89% and physicians 9%. EMResource is available for our stakeholders and agencies to use. TReC as of October 31st 2025 there has been 3,377 calls made with 11 as daily average.
- System Regional Continuous Quality Improvement.....Norma Perez, CQI Coordinator
 Norma reports that Regions 6 & 8 have resumed their CQI meetings and regions 1,2,3,4,5,7 are waiting on final ACS report.
- Injury Prevention Service: Program and Resource Updates.....Kenner Wignall, Project Coordinator
 Kenner reports that drug overdose data dashboard is now on our website which includes emergency department data. Inpatient death data is also included. Childhood injury dashboard is developed on the dashboard and will go live soon. There is a 6-week medical responder training and can be offered virtually. It offers classes and tools to build mental health and adaptability on and off the job. There are 12 credits for CE, 2 mental health credits and EMT education unit hours. Kenner also reports there are still fentanyl and Xylazine test strips available for distribution for those that need them. There are also medication lock boxes, and pill organizers. National injury prevention day is Nov. 18. They are also offering NEAR science training.
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Service: Healthcare coalition, healthcare plans.....Scott White, Emergency Response Manager.
 New to this role and nothing to report at this time.
- Education and Training Committee: EMS training, instructional guidelines, scope of practice, National Registry testing.....Blake Braden, Chair
 There is no report due to the resignation of the chair. Dr. Teague asked OSDH to provide minutes from committee and never received so he has no ability to explain the scope of the committee. Brad LanCaster asked if there were any members from that committee in the meeting, and Blake Braden from Guthrie Fire identified himself and explained that he was a member of Education and Training Committee. Dr. Teague asked what they have been working on and Blake said that the previous meeting had no quorum and then the chair, Dr. Hunter, resigned so they had not met yet this year. The committee was working on EMT guidelines to work with the new National Registry testing processes. Matt Young asks how a chair gets selected, and Dr. Teague explained that there is a later agenda item to discuss.
- Progress report on Medical Direction & Coordination Committee workgroup updating State EMS Protocol: work product recovery, timeline and next steps.....Dr. Patrick Cody, Committee Chair
 Dr. Cody reported that the committee is still working on updating the state protocols and also spending time speaking about CQI. The committee wrote a statement on CQI, and he read it out loud. (Can add as addendum to minutes) Michaelde'Angelo Tascier asked if Dr. Codys statement was part of the report and Dr. Cody explained that the statement was part of the committees work that day and should be considered part of the report.

- Regional Trauma Advisory Boards: Trauma Trends, CQI reviews, standards of patient care:
 - Region 1 NW - Chad Campbell - no report
 - Region 2 NE - Heidi Gilbert – no report
 - Region 3 SW - Brad LanCaster - Brad LanCaster made Region 3 report. Autism awareness presentation complete during last meeting and discussion about “go or no go” for interfacility transfers.
 - Region 4 EC - Tricia Fleming – Dr. Campbell made the Region 4 report. The RPC met their 2024 goals, the RTAB had a presentation from Dr. Behm on prehospital trauma prioritization accuracy scores and elected the new board and officers.
 - Region 5 SE - Pamela Cunningham – no report
 - Region 6 Central - Jason Likens – no report
 - Region 7 Tulsa - Krista Norrid-Keuchel – Jeremy McLemore made the Region 7 report. The RTAB discussed trauma registry issues and approved a quarterly injury prevention program for Region 7.
 - Region 8 OKC - David Howerton – no report

Dr. Teague asked the RTABs to discuss with their regions on the proposal to modify the number of RTABS per year and report back in May.

- Stroke System of Care/OSSAC Report: regional stroke plans, national initiatives Dr. John Barghols/Dr. Evgeny Sidorov, OSSAC Co-Chairs
Melody Bridges reported on OSSAC and OSSCAR business. New EMS and Hospital board members were elected in November, and if anyone needs help with regional stroke plans to reach out to her.

6. OSDH Legal presentation.....David Walk
David Walk, attorney for OSDH presented, starting with overview of Open Meetings Act. Mr. Walk spoke in regard to the use of video conferencing for meetings that fall under the Open Meetings Act. He spoke about the definitions of Open Meetings and what meetings fall under this act. Mr. Walk also explained legal information that pertains to Open Meetings Act. Mr. Walk gave examples of situations that would fall under the Act and those that would not.
7. Pulsara presentation.....CJ Lance
Mr. Lance presented a brief overview of what Pulsara does and its use in hospitals and for EMS. He explained it is a direct reporting software for EMS to send confidential patient information to hospitals. He also explained the widespread use across many states surrounding Oklahoma. He walked stakeholders through the software and ease-of-use. He explained it is free for EMS agencies to use and paid version for hospitals. He explained many aspects of the software including communication, sending pictures of injuries to hospital, alerting doctors and trauma teams and patient chart reporting.
8. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to approve.....Dr. David Teague, Chair
 - OAC 310:641-5-11 – Update regulatory language for Advanced EMT to align with current National Registry of Emergency Technician standards
Blake Braden presented to the panel to update the language withing OAC 310:667 to align with national registry language. He explained the psychomotor testing for paramedic and advanced levels. Dr. Teague asked if there were any changes that would affect the databases with updated language. Blake responded with no changes would be made with that. Motion passes unanimously.

- Draft language outlining background check requirements for students completing clinical rotations in Oklahoma
Blake also presents updated language for draft language in background checks for EMS students. This would be done 90 days before the students start and done yearly for the students. This is only for students enrolled in school. Hospitals and EMS agencies have their own rules and regulations regarding background checks for students doing their clinical rotations.
- Recommendations for OTEREAC replacement for Melissa Gullotto - Critical Care Nurse
Recommendations for OTERAC replacement for Melissa Gullotto-Critical Care Nurse Board members suggest Angela Holt, Mitch Neterville, and Kelly Daily. Matthew Young made a motion to approve and Dr. Cross second the motion. Motion carries as follows

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

- 2026 OTERAC Officers
 - Chair – Dr. David Teague
 - Vice-Chair – Dr. Julie Curry
 - Secretary – Rebecca Vandebogart
 Matthew Young made a motion to approve and Dr. Cross second the motion. Motion carries as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

- 2026 meeting dates, times, and Venue:
 - February 4, 2026 - OKC
 - May 6, 2026 - Tulsa
 - August 5, 2026 - OKC
 - November 4, 2026 – Tulsa
 Mathew Young makes a motion to approve 2026 meeting dates, Dr. Cross seconds the motion. Motion carries as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

- Create a work group to help the Medical Direction and Coordination Subcommittee to work on the State Protocol.
Lori Strider informed the committee asked for assistance with compiling the data to update the 2018 EMS Protocols. The council asked who was on the committee. The council asked legal if the group could work on the documents outside of the meeting, Mr. Walk stated there would not be an issue if the document work on the document, but discussion could not be made on the document. The council supports the Medical Direction and Coordination getting help with updating the 2018 EMS Protocols.

9. Public Comment
No comment was made.

10. Next meeting – February 4, 2026 – Oklahoma County Medical Society

11. Adjournment
Matthew Young made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Cross seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Dr. Julie Curry		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		