Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC)
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Tulsa County Medical Society
5315 S. Lewis Ave • Tulsa, OK 74105

Minutes

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

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

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

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

4. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2026……Dr. David Teague, Chair
   Dr. Teague asked the Council to review the minutes from the February 4, 2026, meeting. Dr. Teague made two corrections on the minutes for typos. Matt Young made a motion to approve the minutes, and Brad LanCaster seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		
Brad LanCaster		

5. Reports
   - ACS meeting updates……Lewis Robinson, Trauma & EMS Manager
     Lewis Robinson informed the council that the March 5 meeting in Oklahoma City was held in person and included discussions regarding project deliverables. The April 21–22 meetings were conducted via Microsoft Teams. Several work groups have since requested additional Teams meetings on May 19 and May 21. The 90-day in-person meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2026, in Oklahoma City. During this meeting, each work group will present a report outlining its 90-day objectives, key deliverables, identified risks, and any executive decisions that may be needed regarding potential statute or rule changes.
   - OERSSIRF……Lewis Robinson, Trauma & EMS Manager

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Lewis Robinson informed the council that the pre-conference meeting is set for February 18, 2026 at OSDH and the scoring for SFY 2027 is set for May 5, 2026, at the Oklahoma County Medical Society.

- EMS……Lori Strider, EMS Coordinator
  Lori Strider informed the council individual and agency license renewal is June 30, 2026. She gave an update on how many individual and agency licenses are current.
- Trauma……David Graham, Trauma System Coordinator
  - Trauma Fund: disbursement and collection trends, event queries

  David Graham informed the council of the CY2024, CY2025, and the partial CY2026 totals for EMS, hospitals, and physicians.
  - EMResource: injury queries and informational events

  David Graham informed the council of how many injury events, informational, and drill events for the time from July 1, 2025, to May 1, 2026.
  - Trauma Transfer and Referral Center

  David Graham informed the council the number of calls TReC took for quarter 1 of 2026.
- System Regional Continuous Quality Improvement……David Graham, Trauma System Coordinator
  David Graham informed the council that Region 6/8 is meeting and the other Regions are still in the process of meeting.
- Education and Training Committee: EMS training, instructional guidelines, scope of practice, National Registry testing……Blake Braden, Chair
  David Graham informed the council the committee tabled the discussion on they Bylaws and committee makeup until further direction is received from OTERAC. The committee discussed the websites updates. The committee is requesting that the schools first attempt and third attempt pass rates be published on the website again. The committee ask OSDH to update a few of the applications on the website. Lastly, the committee expressed appreciation for Lori and Rebecca and recognized the months of hard work they have put into creating the new website forms.
- 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. Patrick Cody informed the council they meet today and have a draft T-3 interfacility reference. They will have the final version at the next meeting for approval. Protocol updates are moving along, will have for the next meeting for review.
- Trauma Registry work group……Rebecca VandeBogart
  Rebecca VandeBogart informed the council the State is going to purchase a new vendor for trauma registry, that more education needs to be given to stakeholders. The long-term goal is more education, set objective from the national data, to hear from the end users, develop a trauma registry community, and develop a toolbox. Matt Young informed the council having clean data is important since data is what drives everything.
- EMSC……Michael Godwin
  Michael informed the council that they provide training and they are working on the pediatric assessment. Right now the State is at 25%, they would like that number to go up. The assessment deadline is May 31st.

Regional Trauma Advisory Boards: Trauma Trends, CQI reviews, standards of patient care:

- Region 1 NW – Spencer Leiter
- Region 2 NE – Carson Combest
- Region 3 SW – Bruce Crowell
- Region 4 EC - Tricia Fleming
- Region 5 SE – Gerrick Johnson
- Region 6 Central - Jason Likens
- Region 7 Tulsa - Krista Norrid-Keuchel
- Region 8 OKC - David Howerton

- Region 1: Spencer Leiter informed the council that they are looking how Region 6/8 CQI is reviewing cases and will be meeting soon. The RTAB's are looking at doing some training to help EMS and hospitals understand their role for trauma patients for when it is appropriate to bypass closer hospital or to stabilize at closer hospitals. Another topic the RTAB discussed was the RHT and to ensure they had staff to appropriately utilize the funds properly. Also, they had a death in the community one of their own firefighters. Dr. Cross asked if there was a place for resources for grants, Tyler Alan informed the council that the ONE group had some resources.
- Region 2: Carson Combest informed the council that Region 2/4/7 CQI has been on pause until they review how Region 6/8 is reviewing their cases. Each RTAB they focus on education for the meetings. The last meeting the education was over burns from Mercy out of Missouri. The next meeting will discuss dementia for first responders.
- Region 3: Brad LanCaster informed the council they are still working on the trauma transfer piece. The RPC have cleaned up their member list to make the meeting more productive. They are still looking for some educational pieces to present at RTAB's. The have put in a request for a different physician to take over the CQI committee.
- Region 4: Lori Strider informed the council that she received an email from Tricia Fleming with a report for Region 4. They are still working with Region 2 and 7 for CQI. RPC has a new chair and a vice chair so their RPC meetings can move forward. They are focus on updating their snake bite plan, Trauma Plan, and Stroke Plan this year.
- Region 5: Gerrick Johnson informed the council that they are working on the CQI, they just had the Chair step down. They will be working on getting a new Chair. They will be doing some education on SALT training at the next RTAB.
- Region 6: Jeremy Mclmore informed the council that they did meet quorum this time. They are working on their Bylaws. They have meet for CQI and they are incorporating the BIG into their Region. They had Pulsera at their last meeting that went well.
- Region 7: Krisa Norrid-Keuchel informed the council that they are going to follow Region 6/8 on the CQI reviews. RPC did not meet to not meet quorum. We have members on the ACS workgroup. They plan to send out a survey to make their meetings more robust.
- Region 8: no report

6. Presentation: RMRS Integration OK Trauma System……..Zakia Yazdanipour, RMRS Director Region 6/8
   The presentation provided an overview of the Regional Medical Response System (RMRS) and Medical Emergency Response Center (MERC) and their role in supporting Oklahoma's trauma system. Discussion focused on increasing system complexity during mass casualty incidents, severe weather, large public events, and rural patient transport, emphasizing the need for improved coordination, situational awareness, and communication. These challenges align with findings from the recent American College of Surgeons (ACS) Trauma System Review. It was explained that RMRS/MERC provides regional planning, preparedness, resource coordination, and incident support before, during, and after emergencies. RMRS complements existing programs by supporting system-level coordination while TReC continues to focus on individual patient movement.
7. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to approve……Dr. David Teague, Chair
   - RMRS/MERC Board Members on Regional Trauma Advisory Board
     The council discussed the Statute for RTAB's on who a board member can be. Since the Statute states EMS agencies and Hospitals, RMRS could not be a board member unless the Statute was rewritten. Matthew Young made a motion for OTERAC to recommend RTAB's to include RMRS as an advisor role on all RTAB's and seconded by Brad LanCaster. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		

Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		
Brad LanCaster		

- Medical Director Qualifications: tabled to next meeting
- The Interfacility for new Triage, Transport, and Transfer guidelines: tabled to next meeting
- Add to Education and Training Committee
  - Matt Young

  Brad LanCaster made a motion to add Matthew Young to the Education and Training Committee and seconded by Dr. Cross. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		
Brad LanCaster		

- Add to Medical Direction and Coordination Committee
  - Dr. William Murry

  Matthew Young made a motion to add Dr. William Murry to the Medical Direction and Coordination Committee and seconded by Dr. Cross. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		
Brad LanCaster		

8. Public Comment
   Maryavis Howell informed the council that it's important that multidisciplinary education be folded into that group through outreach through other formal training for nursing staff that in these positions, particularly in the rural areas.

9. Next meeting – August 5, 2026 – Oklahoma County Medical Society

10. Adjournment
    Matthew Young made a motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. and seconded by Dr. Cross. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Rebecca VandeBogart		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		
Brad LanCaster		