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Northeast (2) Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB)  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Location of Meeting: Ponca City Fire Department  
500 Grand Ave. E. • Ponca City, OK 74601

The Northeast (2) 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-2-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on November 22, 2023.

**Approved Minutes**

1. Call to order.....Heidi Gilbert, Chair  
Heidi Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call.....Carson Combest, Secretary  
Carson Combest was the acting secretary for this meeting and recorded attendance as follows.

<b>Present at Roll Call</b>	<b>Absent at Roll Call</b>
Air Evac Lifeteam – Claremore, Judy Dyke	Arch – Medflight 2-Parsons
Ascension St. John Jane Phillips Medical Center, Angie Holt	Arch – Medflight 1 – Joplin
Ascension St. John Nowata Hospital, Nancy Brooks	Claremore Indian Hospital
Bartlesville Ambulance, Wayne Swift	Grove EMS
Blackwell Fire Department/EMS, Cordell Hanebrink	Hillcrest Hospital Cushing
Cleveland Area Hospital, Kelly Jacques	Hominy EMS
Cushing Fire Department, James Blevins	INTEGRIS Miami EMS
Fairfax Community Hospital, Kelly Davis	INTEGRIS Miami Hospital
Hillcrest Hospital Claremore, Steven Barnes	Jay EMS
INTEGRIS Health Ponca City, Heather Turner	MediFlight of Oklahoma
LifeNet, Inc , Ryan Field	Midwest AeroCare
Ponca City Fire Department/EMS, Carson Combest	Pawhuska Hospital, Inc
Quapaw Tribe EMS, Eric Reeves	Survival Flight EMS, LLC (Barnsdall)
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita, Hannah Morgan	Survival Flight EMS, LLC (Fairfax)

Stillwater Medical Center, Heidi Gilbert	Tulsa Life Flight – Pryor Sub-Station
Tonkawa Fire Dept./EMS, Robert Fehring	Willow Crest Hospital
Air Evac Lifeteam 4-Springdale	
Air Evac Lifeteam - Grove	
Air Evac Lifeteam 128 – Ponca City	
Freeman Hospital (Joplin)	
Mayes Emergency Services Trust	
Mercy Hospital Joplin	
MERC Hillcrest Hospital Pryor	
Mercy Lifeline	
Mercy Regional EMS	
Nowata EMS	
Newkirk Fire Department/EMS	
Oologah – Talala EMS District	
Pafford EMS	
Pawhuska EMS	
Pawnee EMS	
Perry Fire Department/EMS	
RMRS	
Shidler Fire Department/EMS	
Stillwater Medical – Perry	
Stillwater Medical Blackwell	

3. Introductions and Announcements.....Heidi Gilbert, Chair

Heidi Gilbert reminded people if they are taking over RTAB representative duties for your agency to please fill out the authorized representative form in full. This will get your name on the email list as well. First time visitors were welcomed to the RTAB. A reminder to not be afraid to ask what acronyms that are used mean.

4. Judy Dyke moved to approve November 12, 2024, minutes and Kelly Davis seconded the motion.  
The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air Evac Lifeteam/Claremore		
Ascension St. John Jane Phillips Medical Center		
Ascension St. John Nowata		
Bartlesville Ambulance		
Cleveland Area Hospital		
Cushing Fire Department/EMS		
Fairfax Community Hospital		
INTEGRIS Health Ponca City		
LifeNet, Inc.		
Ponca City Fire Department		
Quapaw Tribe EMS		
Saint Francis Hospital Vinita, Inc.		
Stillwater Medical Center		

#### 5. Reports

- Quality Improvement Committee: case reviews, trends.....Judy Dyke, CQI member  
Judy Dyke reported that there has not been any CQI meetings this year and has been on hold but now there is someone training at the state. Norma was at OTERAC last week and is going to be working with all the regions across the state. The hope is to have cases to review before the next quarter.
- Regional Planning Committee: systems issues, trauma plan, resource assessment, board operations, education/training opportunities.....Judy Dyke, Committee Chair  
Judy Dyke reported that the RPC met this morning and spent time working on revising the trauma plan, and they hope to have a draft ready by the next meeting to vote on at RTAB's for approval. This will mirror the other regions trauma plans. It will also make it easier cleaning up the appendix rather than rewriting the entire document. The stroke plan is in need of work and Melody is gathering information through a stroke survey so please take the survey today. OTERAC met last week, and the State Health Department is working on a project with the (ACS) American College of Surgeons reviewing the trauma system in Oklahoma which has not been done for 20 years. There will be a virtual meeting that all are invited to attend as well as a meeting in Oklahoma City later in July. The hope is to see recommendations coming from ACS. Another problem that came up in OTERAC was priority 2 patients being taken to level 3

hospitals. Angie and Heidi and Judy will get together to discuss what the regions level 3 hospitals can provide. The goal has always been since the beginning to get the right patient to the right hospital the first time.

If you are interested in being on this committee, please see us. It is a great committee to be on to get things done.

Chair Heidi shared that she is on the board of directors for the Emergency Nurses Association and they received an email that ACS is currently developing new standards for level 4 trauma centers nationally since they do not offer level 4 trauma verification at this time. They have a survey so she is going to send out the survey for you to fill out for better data for ACS.

- Regional Medical Response System: Healthcare coalition, healthcare plans.....Kristie Harris, Region 2 Response Coordinator  
Landon Sweeney gave the report; they completed the Mercy exercise in April with good turnout. Finished EMS capability and jurisdiction project. Finishing up plans for resource sharing and grants. The RMPG is 5/14/25 at 11:00 a.m. in Claremore. If anyone needs help with EMResource we can help with that. The people who attend the (RMPG) Regional medical planning group meetings are primarily hospital safety or operations people. The reason for this is they are the ones who plan and talk about the safety for healthcare and hospitals. The focus is typically on Risk 2.0 but this year will be a little different.
- 6. Stroke System of Care: OSSAC/OSSCAR, stroke plans, national initiatives.....Lauren Clark, Region 2 Stroke Liaison  
Lauren Clark reported that OSSAC is asking for information from facilities and agencies; they can fill out paper copies or use the QR code to do it electronically. Please do this as soon as possible so they can get the data that is needed for the new stroke plans. There are some good resources so look for those in your emails. There is a need to someone to work the stroke plan for Region 2.
- 7. EMS for Children: grant and training.....Sarah Connally, Grants/Contracts Administrator
  - Sarah Connally informed the Region she did not have any updates. There was a huge cut in funding of 16% from the government which has affected things. Hoping to get virtual for autism training soon. Working on it.
- 8. New Business
  - Stillwater Medical is back to training Stop the Bleed across the state education. There are hundreds of backpacks that were made prior to covid to hand out to schools. Contact Heidi if you are interested in training or finding out about getting them into schools across the regions, it takes more than one person. Stop the Bleed training is on their website and is free of charge to take the class to become a trainer.
  - Communication systems across the state are not in sync between EMS agencies and the hospitals. OTERAC brought this up and they are asking us to review different options. There is an app called Pulsara which some agencies and hospitals are using. EMSA is going live July 1<sup>st</sup>. Many other states are already using it and it is completely HIPAA compliant. More conversation will be continued on this issue. A representative has been requested to come present at the next meeting.

9. Public Comment  
No public comment

10. Next meeting
- August 12, 2025 – 1:00 pm – Tri-Technology Center – 1601 Nowata Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006

11. Adjourn
- Steven Barnes made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Judy Dyke at 1:50 p.m. The motion carried as follows:

<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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