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Tulsa Region (7) Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB)

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of the meeting: Ascension St John Medical Health Plaza  
 1819 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street • Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104

The Tulsa Region (7) 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-7-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State’s website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on 11/17/23.

Minutes

1. Krista Norrid, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Air EMS, Inc, Justin Graves	Bailey Medical Center Owasso
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow, Theresa Compos	Brookhaven Hospital
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Krisa Norrid	Country Corner Fire
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Paula Kaplan	Air Evac Lifeteam
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. David Gearhart	Bixby Fire Department
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin	Center for Orthopedic Recons & Excellence
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch	Post-Acute Medical Specialty Hospital
Hillcrest Hospital South, Dr. Russell Anderson	Select Specialty Hospital
Hillcrest Medical Center, Kristine Hill	St Johns Rehabilitation Encompass
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop	Tulsa Spine and Specialty Hospital
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, Aaron Burns	
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart	
Owasso Fire Department, Michael Blevins	
Saint Francis Hospital, Maryavis Howell	
Saint Francis Hospital South, Eric Flowers	
Skiatook Fire and EMS, James L. Annas Jr.	
Collinsville Fire Department	
Medical Control Board	
Miller EMS	

Parkside Psychiatric Hospital	
Region 7 RMRS/MERC	

3. There was no Introductions or announcements.
4. Krista Norrid moved to approve the October 17, 2023 minutes and seconded by Justin Graves. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air EMS, Inc, Justin Graves		
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow, Theresa Compos		
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Krisa Norrid		
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Paula Kaplan		
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. David Gearhart		
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin		
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch		
Hillcrest Hospital South, Dr. Russell Anderson		
Hillcrest Medical Center, Kristine Hill		
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop		
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, Aaron Burns		
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart		
Owasso Fire Department, Michael Blevins		
Saint Francis Hospital, Maryavis Howell		
Saint Francis Hospital South, Eric Flowers		
Skiatook Fire and EMS, James L. Annas Jr.		

5. Reports

- **Emergency Systems**  
Lori Strider shared with the group if they have any questions for our department, they need to email [esystems@health.ok.gov](mailto:esystems@health.ok.gov). EMS vehicle inspections are still being scheduled online and conducted by the State Capital. Trauma Registry compliance reports will be placed in BOX. For OKEMSIS and Trauma Registry, those reports must be submitted 30 days after the previous month. In the packets are the dates for Trauma Fund projected timeline.
- **Regional Planning Committee**  
Jeremy McLemore shared with the group that they will be changing the meeting time to after RTAB. The Trauma Plan revision have been complete. Mr. McLemore asked the group for topics to work on next. He shared a few topics that were mentioned in RPC; The Three Brain Rural Trauma, topics in Injury Prevention, and Surgical Extraction.
- **Quality Improvement Committee**  
Lori Strider shared with the group that the second quarter CQI meeting was held on April 10, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. There were eight members present. Five cases were reviewed by the

group. There were 11 letters authored. One letter required no response, the remainder did require responses. One response was reviewed and accepted by the committee. The next scheduled meeting date is July 10, 2024, at 1:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. They are still having difficulty receiving requested records in a timely manner. Please ask your medical records departments to closely review those requests.

- Regional Medical Response System

Melinda Belcher shared with the group that a survey will go out to ask what kind of training and exercise is needed. The survey should be out before June 30, 2024. The next comm drill will be June 6, 2024. Their next event will be April 25, 2024, at Tulsa Health Department.

6. Stroke System of Care:

Cameron Richardson shared with the group that they have a new OSSAC Chair/Co-Chair: Dr John Barghols, INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center & Dr Evgeny Sidorov, OU Health. They would like to recommend additions- stroke lytic, stroke clot retrieval, stroke level under facility description to EMResource. The Regional Stroke plan is still being worked on.

7. EMS for Children, Sarah Connally shared EMS-C is providing training courses such as CPR, ACLS, and PALS. Contact Ms. Connally at 405.271.3307 ext. 2 or [sarah-connally@ouhsc.edu](mailto:sarah-connally@ouhsc.edu) for further information.

8. Maryavis Howell and Cameron Richardson gave a presentation on geriatrics and STrauma. Geriatrics is the fastest growing segment of the US population. The number of geriatric patients for trauma is due to the patient living longer, having a healthier lifestyles, and engaged in riskier activities. Irrespective of mechanism older age is an independent risk factor for mortality. Frailty is a strong predictor of poor outcomes and there is not a correlation between age or mechanism of injury and injury severity. Falls in geriatrics are the leading cause of fatal injuries, motor vehicle collision is the seconded, and burns is the eight-leading cause of death. Suicide rates are highest among older adult men and women, they are more commonly associated with physical conditions and bereavement. The most common method is self-inflicted gun shot wounds. Another issue is elder abuse, 1 in 10 who are 60 and older experience abuse, they are under reported, and the family members are responsible 60% of the time. Geriatrics can't be treated as an older adult; they have numerous physiological changes, and most geriatric trauma patients are under triage. Another comorbidity is frailty. Frailty is the loss of ability to rebound from trauma. Patient centered care includes interdisciplinary care: pharmacy, social work, case management, geriatrician, physical medicine, hospital care, the goals of care, and the family. Post-acute care includes: skilled nursing home, inpatient rehab, home rehab, outpatient care, long care, and prevention of care; falls and home risk assessment. STrauma is a time sensitive condition. A suspected CVA with signs of trauma; falls or motor vehicle collision. Expedited concurrent evaluation of both stroke and trauma should be done.

9. Discussion, consideration, possible, action and vote to.....Krista Norrid, Chair

- Leslie Skalla made a motion to change the venue for the RPC and RTAB October 15, 2024, meeting to Saint Francis Hospital and seconded by Theresa Compos. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air EMS, Inc, Justin Graves		
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow, Theresa Compos		
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Krisa Norrid		
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Paula Kaplan		
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. David Gearhart		
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin		
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch		
Hillcrest Hospital South, Dr. Russell Anderson		
Hillcrest Medical Center, Kristine Hill		
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop		
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, Aaron Burns		
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart		
Owasso Fire Department, Michael Blevins		
Saint Francis Hospital, Maryavis Howell		
Saint Francis Hospital South, Eric Flowers		
Skiatook Fire and EMS, James L. Annas Jr.		

- No action to add Secretary for 2024.
- Theresa Compos made a motion to add Kerry Harlin to Regional Planning Committee and seconded by Justin Graves. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air EMS, Inc, Justin Graves		
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow, Theresa Compos		
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Krisa Norrid		
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Paula Kaplan		
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. David Gearhart		
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin		
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch		
Hillcrest Hospital South, Dr. Russell Anderson		
Hillcrest Medical Center, Kristine Hill		
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop		
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, Aaron Burns		
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart		
Owasso Fire Department, Michael Blevins		
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Saint Francis Hospital South, Eric Flowers		
Skiatook Fire and EMS, James L. Annas Jr.		

- A motion to accept the revision of the Trauma Plan was made by Brianne Bishop and seconded by Theresa Compos. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air EMS, Inc, Justin Graves		
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow, Theresa Compos		
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Krisa Norrid		
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Paula Kaplan		
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. David Gearhart		
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin		
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch		
Hillcrest Hospital South, Dr. Russell Anderson		
Hillcrest Medical Center, Kristine Hill		
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop		
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- A motion to move incorporate into the Regional Trauma Plan the roles and responsibilities of stand-alone emergency rooms within the trauma system to include expected participation in trauma communication tool to the RTAB’s July 16, 2024, agenda was made by Theresa Compos and seconded by Thomas Boomer Riter. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air EMS, Inc, Justin Graves		
Ascension St. Johns Broken Arrow, Theresa Compos		
Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Krisa Norrid		
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Paula Kaplan		
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. David Gearhart		
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin		
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch		
Hillcrest Hospital South, Dr. Russell Anderson		
Hillcrest Medical Center, Kristine Hill		
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop		
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, Aaron Burns		
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart		
Owasso Fire Department, Michael Blevins		
Saint Francis Hospital, Maryavis Howell		
Saint Francis Hospital South, Eric Flowers		
Skiatook Fire and EMS, James L. Annas Jr.		

- A motion to recommend advancing to OTERAC the need for statewide EMS training regarding the importance of proper triage and appropriate destinations in the trauma system was made by Maryavis Howell and seconded by Leslie Skalla. The motion carried as follows:



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Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Air EMS, Inc, Justin Graves		
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Ascension St. Johns Owasso, Krisa Norrid		
Ascension St. Johns Sapulpa, Paula Kaplan		
Broken Arrow Fire Department, Dr. David Gearhart		
Creek Co. Emergency Ambulance, Kerry Harlin		
EMSA – East Division, Shawn Burch		
Hillcrest Hospital South, Dr. Russell Anderson		
Hillcrest Medical Center, Kristine Hill		
Mercy Regional of Oklahoma, Brianne Bishop		
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital, Aaron Burns		
OSU Medical Center, Dr. David Gearhart		
Owasso Fire Department, Michael Blevins		
Saint Francis Hospital, Maryavis Howell		
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Skiatook Fire and EMS, James L. Annas Jr.		

10. No new business

11. No public comment

12. Next meeting

- Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

13. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.