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

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of the meeting: Ascension St John Owasso •  
12451 East 100TH Street North • Owasso, Oklahoma 74055

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/notices/001304/0586352306231601.htm>

Minutes

1. Nathan Phillips, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Leslie Skalla	Bailey Medical Center Owasso
Gina Newby	Tulsa Spine and Specialty Hospital
Justin Graves	Hillcrest Medical Center
Laurie Williamson	Hillcrest Hospital South
Paula Kaplan	Skiatook Fire and EMS
Tony McGill	C.O.R.E.
Kerry Harlin	Laureate Psychiatric Clinic and Hospital
Brianne Smedley	Post-Acute Medical Rehab Hospital of Tulsa
Aaron Burns	Post-Acute Medical Specialty Hospital
Coby Nirider	Select Specialty Hospital
Michael Blevins	St John Rehabilitation Encompass
Dr. David Gearhart	Miller EMS
Nathan Phillips	Ascension St John Medical Center
Eric Flowers	EMSA East
AELT Claremore	
Parkside Psychiatric Hospital	
Collinsville Fire Department	
Region 7 RMRS/MERC	
Medical Control Board	

3. No introductions and announcement.
4. Aaron Burns moved to approve the July 18, 2023 minutes and Justin Graves seconded. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tony McGill		
Gina Newby		
Leslie Skalla		
Justin Graves		
Paula Kaplan		
Laurie Williamson		
Brianne Smedley		
Dr. David Gearhart		
Nathan Phillips		
Eric Flowers		
Michael Blevins		
Kerry Harlin		
Coby Nirider		
Aaron Burns		

5. Reports

- Dean Henke reported that EMS/EMRA surveys are coming out in December of each year. He explained there are two options due to the years you are to renew. Initial vehicle inspections can be scheduled on the OSDH website. Region 6 RTAB hosted an Oklahoma Trauma Education Program at their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting. The goal is to make updates and post the course on the OSDH website.
- Xana Howard reported **Trauma Fund**: In your packet is the Projected Timelines and Activities for April 2024 for claims July 1 to December 31, 2022 and October 2024 for claims January 1 to June 30, 2023. The application period will open on October 27, 2023. The deadlines are as follows: Hospitals – November 30, 2023 **and** EMS & Physicians – December 15, 2023. **Trauma Registry and OKEMSIS**. All trauma and EMS data for January thru August 2023 is past due. If you did not receive your compliance report when signing in, please see me after the meeting so that you can take the report back to your CEO. If you have no cases or PCRs to report each month, please email [esystems@health.ok.gov](mailto:esystems@health.ok.gov). The Trauma Registry Vendor, ESO, has implemented national changes to Trauma Registry. Both OSDH and ESO are aware of the NTDB Discrepancies and are working on the issues. Training Opportunities: Our next virtual training will be Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> for Basic and Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> for Advanced. Our next virtual training for OKEMSIS will be November 29<sup>th</sup>, training for Medics will be in the morning and training for Directors will be in the afternoon. If you would like to be put on the training list, please email [esystems@health.ok.gov](mailto:esystems@health.ok.gov)
- **OERSIRF**: The application period was closed on October 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. We are currently taking applications for reviewers. The date to be determined. If you are interested, please send an email and an updated resume to [esystems@health.ok.gov](mailto:esystems@health.ok.gov).
- No Quality Improvement Committee report was given.
- No Regional Planning Committee report was given.
- Melinda Belcher reported there will be a communication drill on November 16, 2023. For further information about the RMRS contact Ms. Belcher.

6. Sarah Connally shared information about the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) and the training required. During COVID the number of PECC's decreased. Having a PECC is recommended by numerous agencies such as American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Emergency Physicians, and many more. If you have questions, please Contact Ms. Connally her information is in your packets.
  
7. Cameron Richardson gave an update on the Oklahoma State Stroke Systems Advisory Committee (OSSSAC) and Oklahoma State Stroke Coordinators and Resources (OSSCAR). There has been a change to the policy from "administration of an FDA-approved thrombolytic agent" to "administration of an appropriate thrombolytic agent", the bid for vendors for a Stroke Registry has been closed out by OMES. The data dictionary has been completed. Regional Stroke plans are being developed now. They are looking for volunteers to help create a Stroke plan for Region 7. The committee is voting for Chair and Co-Chair. At one point they would like to add on EMResource something that is specific to stroke. The committee is trying to get a level of care similar to trauma patients. In your packet there is a list of learning opportunities, helpful resources, and 2 articles.
  
8. Business
  - RTAB Officers for 2024;
    - A. Chair – Krista Norrid
    - B. Vice Chair – Leslie Skalla
    - C. Secretary – Brianne Smedley

Dr. David Gearhart moved to accept the above 2024 RTAB Officers and was seconded by Laurie Williamson. The motion carried as followed:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tony McGill		
Gina Newby		
Leslie Skalla		
Justin Graves		
Paula Kaplan		
Laura Williamson		
Brianne Smedley		
Dr. David Gearhart		
Nathan Phillips		
Eric Flowers		
Michael Blevins		
Kerry Harlin		
Coby Nirider		
Aaron Burns		



- 2024 RTAB Board Members

Hospitals	EMS
Ascension St John Broken Arrow	Air EMS
Ascension St John Medical Center	Broken Arrow Fire Department EMS
Ascension St John Owasso	Creek County Ambulance
Ascension St John Sapulpa	EMSA-East
Bailey Medical Center	Mercy Regional of Oklahoma
Hillcrest Medical Center	Country Corner
Hillcrest Hospital South	Owasso Fire Department EMS
OSU Medical Center	Skiatook Fire and EMS
Saint Francis Hospital	
Saint Francis Hospital South	
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital 2023-2024	
Brookhaven Hospital 2023-2024	

Brianne Smedley moved to approve the above 2024 RTAB Board members and was seconded by Dr. David Gearhart. The Motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tony McGill		
Gina Newby		
Leslie Skalla		
Justin Graves		
Paula Kaplan		
Laura Williamson		
Brianne Smedley		
Dr. David Gearhart		
Nathan Phillips		
Eric Flowers		
Michael Blevins		
Kerry Harlin		
Coby Nirider		
Aaron Burns		

- 2024 Committee Members

2024 Regional Planning Committee	2024 Quality Improvement Committee
Jeremy McLemore – Chair	Russell Martin
Harold Call	Barbara Still
Justin Graves	Dr. John Shellenberger
Russell Martin	Krista Keuchel-Norrid
Paula Kaplan	Dr. John Lowe
Vanessa Bearden	
Nathan Phillips	

Dr. David Gearhart moved to approve the above 2024 Committee members and seconded by Michael Blevins. The motion carried as followed:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tony McGill		
Gina Newby		
Leslie Skalla		
Justin Graves		
Paula Kaplan		
Laura Williamson		
Brianne Smedley		
Dr. David Gearhart		
Nathan Phillips		
Eric Flowers		
Kerry Harlin		
Coby Nirider		
Aaron Burns		

- 2024 RTAB meeting dates, times, and venue:
  - A. January 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – EMSA East
  - B. April 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – Ascension St John Medical Center
  - C. July 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. - Ascension St John Broken Arrow
  - D. October 15, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. - Ascension St John Owasso

Dr. David Gearhart moved to approve the above 2024 meeting dates and venues and seconded by Michael Blevins. The motion carried as followed:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tony McGill		
Gina Newby		
Leslie Skalla		
Justin Graves		
Paula Kaplan		
Laura Williamson		
Brianne Smedley		
Dr. David Gearhart		
Nathan Phillips		
Eric Flowers		
Michael Blevins		
Kerry Harlin		
Coby Nirider		
Aaron Burns		

9. They committee discuss goals for 2024 RTAB. They decided to complete the new Region 7 Trauma Plan, explore a surgical extraction team for Region 7, and they would like to advocate to update the Trauma Registry Databa since it is so outdated.

10. No new business.

11. Future meeting dates for 2024:

- January 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
- April 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
- July 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
- October 15, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

12. Public Comment:

- Maryavis Howell discussed Trauma Funds data collections.
- Melinda Belcher asked about the new Trauma Plan.
- Nathan Phillips shared the RPC is still working on some new edits to be sure the plan meets rules.

13. Aaron Burns moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Laurie Williamson at 1:40 p.m.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Tony McGill		
Gina Newby		
Leslie Skalla		
Justin Graves		
Paula Kaplan		
Laura Williamson		
Brianne Smedley		
Dr. David Gearhart		
Nathan Phillips		
Eric Flowers		
Michael Blevins		
Kerry Harlin		
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