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**Oklahoma City Area (8) Regional Trauma Advisory Board  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City, OK  
4300 West Memorial Road  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120**

The meeting notice was filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 18, 2021 at 4:20 p.m. The meeting notice/agenda was posted on the Oklahoma State Department of Health website for the Region 8 RTAB on April 7, 2022 at 12:27 p.m.

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order.....David Howerton, Chair  
The meeting was called to order by Chair David Howerton at 1:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call.....David Howerton, Chair  
Roll call was taken with members present and absent reflected on the attached attendance sheet.
- III. Introductions and Announcements.....David Howerton, Chair  
David Howerton thanked Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City for hosting the meeting.
- IV. Approval of Minutes (January 11, 2022).....David Howerton, Chair  
A motion to approve the December 9, 2021 minutes as written was made INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Inc and seconded by EMSA-West Division. There was no discussion and the motion passed 14-0.
- V. Reports
  - A. Emergency Systems.....Jennifer Woodrow  
Jennifer Woodrow introduced EMResource Coordinator Anya Grether and Administrative Assistant Samantha Hickson and announced staffing updates to include Nena West as the new Medical Facilities Service Director and open positions to include EMS Administrator II and Epidemiologist II/III. The individual EMS license renewal season has begun with approximately 6,000 applications expected. The time to process and issue license renewals is approximately six to eight weeks; applicants are encouraged to submit their application as quickly as possible to get ahead of the rush. The new Trauma Fund application period for January through June 2021 opens April 18, 2022; application forms will be located on the Emergency Systems website. The application deadline is May 31, 2022 for hospitals and June 15, 2022 for EMS agencies and physicians; applications are required to be stamped and received by OSDH by 5:00 p.m. Trauma Fund webinars are tentatively scheduled on April 27, 2022 for hospitals, May 11, 2022 for physicians, and May 18, 2022 for EMS agencies. Questions and/or training request can be directed to Special Projects Coordinator Katrina Warden. The Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund (OERSSIRF) request for proposal period will be open and posted on the OSDH EMS webpage soon. Anyone interested in serving on the OERSSIRF review panel should submit an email and biography to Dale Adkerson for appointment by the Commissioner. OSDH has updated their COVID-19 response points of contacts which are available from Ms. Woodrow upon request. A Trauma Fund handout, a memorandum regarding the requirement for all licensed hospitals in Oklahoma to report assaults on medical staff to the Violence in the Workplace Registry, and a handout from the OU College of Public Health regarding geriatric trauma were provided in the member packet for review. Grace Pelley presented data regarding inter-state and intra-state trauma transfers reported to the Trauma Registry from 2018 to 2022, critical trauma specialist in Oklahoma, and TreC transfers from December 2021 through February 2022 as well as reviewed the number of Oklahoma and Region 8 Level III Trauma Centers. All licensed hospitals are required to report data to the Trauma Registry. Ms. Pelley reviewed the basic requirement for Level III Trauma Centers to have general and orthopedic surgery noted to be the common specialties needed for trauma. Ms. Pelley and Dr. David Smith reviewed the Region 8 Trauma Rotation system designed for the unassigned Priority 2 patients noting that Region 8 does not have a Level II Trauma Center. Ms. Pelley challenged members to take the data back to their



facility to see where they stand, look at how long they are keeping patients they are unable to treat, and think about how they are making transfer decisions. Data showed that Region 8 had 79 transfers within Oklahoma City; Ms. Pelley asked members to consider what is being done right, what can be done better, and how EMS and hospitals can communicate better so that patients get to the right place in the right amount of time for the right treatment. Anyone interested in facility or agency specific data should contact Trauma Systems Coordinator Chris Dew or the Region 8 Coordinator Jennifer Woodrow. Chair David Howerton stated that the data is not new to the region and that it would be interesting to look at the 79 cases to identify how patients arrived at the initial facility in order to determine system issues to include inappropriate destination or lack of patient education regarding appropriate destinations. Ms. Pelley responded that members should reach out to Chris Dew or Jennifer Woodrow to set up an appointment to look at their data more closely as well as work with their trauma registrars to determine ways for improvement. Ms. Pelley asked members if a patient does arrive by personal vehicle that they can't treat, why is it taking four hours to transfer the patient. Ms. Pelley clarified that any EMS agency transporting a patient into Regions 7 or 8 are required to contact TRc. EMResource Administrator Anya Grether provided members with an overview of changes included in the EMResource 4.0 Upgrade to include styling, navigational, and notification changes. Ms. Grether then provided information regarding Disaster Injury Reporting to include the origin, goal, and procedure for reporting. Members interested in utilizing the EMResource Application Programming Interface (API) feature should contact Anya Grether at [emresoure@health.ok.gov](mailto:emresoure@health.ok.gov).

- B. Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council.....David Howerton, Chair  
The April 6, 2022 meeting was canceled with the Council scheduled to meet next on June 1, 2022. Grace Pelley noted that Council Chair Dr. David Teague always asks for input from the regions regarding their needs and concerns.
- C. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Committee.....David Gooshaw, Committee Vice Chair  
The second quarter CQI meeting was held on April 4, 2022 via Microsoft Teams with 11 members present. The committee reviewed eight cases with 10 letters authored requiring response and one response accepted with no further action needed. David Gooshaw reminded members that responses are required noting a first quarter response rate of 11%. The next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2022 at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams.
- D. Trauma Rotation Committee.....David Smith, MD, Committee Chair  
The Committee last met on March 29 and will meet next on June 14. The committee reviewed the Trauma Rotation schedule with small changes to the verbiage approved. EMSA prehospital transport and TRc data was reviewed to assist the committee with determining the expected needs for hand, face, neurosurgery, and orthopedics and the identification of deficits in care and additional resources needed. Continued work to develop data sets from the other Region 8 pre-hospital providers will assist the committee to better understand what the regional needs are and how to better serve those needs. Lastly, the committee reviewed and approved a letter for distribution regarding the Code of Conduct for Region 8 Trauma Call System Providers.
- E. Regional Planning Committee.....Brad Smith, PA, Committee Chair  
The committee has confirmed regional resources for burns with OU Health to accept up to 20% TBSA adult burns, OU Children's to accept all pediatric burns, and INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center to accept all adult and pediatric burns. The committee was unable to meet due to quorum with the meeting to be rescheduled for review of the final burn plan for approval for recommendation to the RTAB. Brad Smith noted that Grace Pelley is also working on regional burn planning and thanked her for her work.
- F. Regional Medical Response System.....Heather Yazdanipour  
Heather Yazdanipour was not available for report. Chair David Howerton encouraged members to be weather aware with severe weather possible in the evening.
- G. EMS for Children.....Delores Welch  
Delores Welch announced she has come out for retirement to work two days a week until her replacement can be found. Ms. Welch stated that her position is posted with the job description rewritten and salary negotiable. Ms. Welch also expressed appreciation to all the EMS agencies who completed the annual national survey.



- H. OU Health University of Oklahoma Medical Center Community Outreach.....Lindsay Lindsey  
OU Health has conducted water safety and Stop the Bleed trainings. No Rural Trauma Team Development Courses have been conducted due to facility restrictions and staffing issues. Safe Kids Day at the zoo is scheduled for May 7, 2022. The position for Education Outreach is open with anyone interested encouraged to apply.
- I. Stroke.....Dayla Hall/Kathy Stilwell  
OSSSAC last met in January with Dr. Evgeny Sidorov of OU Health and Dr. John Barghols of INTEGRIS Southwest appointed as Co-Chairs. The Council recently sent out a statement for members to vote on regarding the approval of TnKase for use in stroke patients in addition to TPA. The Council next meets on July 13, 2022 to review the results and continue discussion.
- J. Region 8 Prehospital Trauma Transports.....Zachary Sinsheimer  
David Gooshaw presented data from the EMSA-West division regarding the number of Priority 1, 2, and 3 trauma patients by trauma patient destinations and initial acuity impressions from November 1, 2021 through March 23, 2022 which was provided to members in the member packet for review. Mr. Gooshaw noted that the data shown on the second page for critical (red) patients transported to Oklahoma Heart Hospital reflect cardiac calls that could have a trauma complaint to it such as an abrasion with the medical aspect causing the patient to be prioritized as critical rather than the trauma. Any facility or agency with questions regarding the data should contact David Gooshaw. Chair David Howerton noted that call numbers increased rather than decreased during COVID. Jennifer Woodrow noted that the data reflects only numbers from EMSA-West and does not include data from all Region 8 prehospital EMS providers. An email requesting data was sent to the remaining pre-hospital providers with no responses received. David Howerton requested all pre-hospital provider in Region 8 submit data for RTAB and Trauma Rotation Subcommittee review.

VI. Business

- A. Appointment of Secretary by Chair.....David Howerton, Chair  
Chair David Howerton appointed Michelle Faulkner as Secretary.
- B. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to approve proposed Region 8 letter for distribution regarding the approved Code of Conduct for Region 8 Trauma Call System Providers.....David Howerton, Chair  
Members reviewed the proposed letter provided in the member packet with Dr. David Smith providing a brief overview of the letter already approved by the Trauma Rotation Committee for distribution to the committee members and frequent guest. A motion to approve the proposed letter as written for distribution to RTAB members was made by INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Inc and seconded by INTEGRIS Health Edmond. There was no discussion and the motion passed 14-0.

VII. New Business (For matters not reasonably foreseen 48 hours prior to the meeting)

Dr. John Nalagan stated there has been an increase in the number of on call facilities declaring divert while on call for trauma and noted a past agreement between participating institutions to not go on divert while on call. Dr. Nalagan asked the participating members if the divert policy is still being honored and if not, what are the alternatives for fixing the issue. Janice Statzer of INTEGRIS Baptist stated that it is her facility’s expectation that the facility may go on divert only for something other than trauma noting the need to report deviations to the facility. David Howerton noted that it is the unwritten rule of Medical Control Board that EMSA not transport unassigned medical patients to the on-call facility in order to not overload that facility. Members discussed possible actions for the on-call facility to take when overloaded with Jennifer Woodrow noting the Region 8 Trauma Plan outlines steps for the on-call facility to take in the event that a facility needs to go on divert. Dr. David Smith noted that the discussion was not a unique discussion as the Trauma Rotation Committee has discussed the issue many times with discussions documented in the meeting minutes. The committee has reviewed CMS and legal documents regarding divert while on call for trauma with a statement available on the bottom of the Trauma Rotation call schedule stating other facilities may have to provide backup coverage. Dr. Smith also noted the precedent of OU Health advising that they may need to divert Priority 1 patients is different from diverting Priority 2 patients as Priority 1 patients may be unstable and require an action to be taken procedurally or an operating room within minutes. Dr. Smith stated a Level III Trauma Center should be ready to receive



stable trauma patient regardless of if that facility is on call or not. Dr. Smith then discussed the expectation that pre-hospital EMS providers and trauma rotation providers conduct their business on EMResource and utilize the platform as a communication tool noting this has been voted on and approved by the committee and all facilities as well as reiterated through OSDH. EMResource should be utilized as the communication platform until the region changes the communication plan or unless there is an extraordinary circumstance such as a Level III facility being asked to take a Priority 1 patient. Monica Sanders noted that OU Health has only been on divert for a little under four hours over the last two years with the first time due to all of the facility's neurosurgeons encumbered and the second time due to a burst pipe resulting in flooding of the trauma bay. David Howerton suggested that the Board begin tracking facility hours of divert while on call for trauma with Anya Grether acknowledging this data should be able to be tracked by EMResource. Ms. Grether also noted that options are available to set up notifications through EMResource that are triggered by a diversion. Dr. Smith stated the Trauma Rotation Committee last met in March with no request to discuss trauma divert. Dr. Smith offered to take the issue back to the Trauma Rotation Committee for continued discussion noting an administrative working group may be helpful to allow for detailed discussion. David Howerton stated it would be good to take the discussion to the Trauma Rotation Committee as the Committee made the rule that facilities would not go on divert while on call for trauma in 2006. Jennifer Woodrow noted that the regional trauma plan approved in 2021 directly conflicts any rule put in place in 2006 with the plan stating that patients should be transported to the closest most appropriate facility in the event the on call facility goes on divert. Grace Pelley discussed the utilization of NEDOCs as a clear and transparent communication tool to assist in identifying when a facility is becoming overcrowded noting that a hospital that is busy does not have time to make calls. In preparation for the EMResource working group, Ms. Pelley challenged members to offer solutions for moving forward emphasizing the need for communication throughout the entire system. Dr. Smith reminded members that the Trauma Rotation Committee meetings are open meetings, noted a decrease in administrator attendance, and asked members to encourage their administrators to attend meetings and/or working groups to help facilitate discussions. Monica Sanders agreed with the need for administrator attendance noting every facility will have a different threshold for divert when it comes to NEDOCs. Members discussed utilization of the regional CQI process to address facilities who deviate from the regional plan with CQI Coordinator Jamie Lee encouraging participation in the process and referral submissions. David Howerton requested a follow-up discussion be added to the next RTAB meeting agenda to continue discussions.

VIII. Public Comment

David Howerton announced the Medical Control Board has been working with OU Health to develop a field amputation protocol with approval of the protocol planned for July. Mr. Howerton will work on developing a presentation regarding the protocol to present to the RTAB with Monica Sanders to send Mr. Howerton OU Health's approved field amputation protocol for review.

IX. Next Meeting

- A. Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council  
June 1, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
  - B. Combined Regions 6 & 8 Continuous Quality Improvement Committee  
~~July 4, 2022~~ July 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
  - C. Region 8 Regional Planning Committee  
July 12, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.
  - D. Region 8 Regional Trauma Advisory Board  
July 12, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
- Chair David Howerton reviewed the next meeting dates as shown above.

X. Closing, Adjournment, and Dismissal

A motion to adjourn was made by SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital – Oklahoma City and seconded by OU Health University of Oklahoma Medical Center. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



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Approved

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Howerton", written over a horizontal line.

David Howerton, Chair

Oklahoma City Area (8) Regional Trauma Advisory Board

July 12, 2022

# OKLAHOMA CITY AREA (8) REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD

## BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBER	REPERESENTATIVE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	2022
<b>Community Hospital, LLC</b>	Brad Smith PA-C	X	X			100%
	Mandi DeLaughter-COX					
<b>EMSA - West Division</b>	David Gooshaw	A	X			50%
	Zachary Sinsheimer					
<b>INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Inc.</b>	Janice Statzer	X	X			100%
	David W Smith, MD					
<b>INTEGRIS Baptist Physicians Group</b>	David W. Smith, MD	X	X			100%
	Jeffrey Sparkman, MD					
<b>INTEGRIS Health Edmond, Inc.</b>	Tesha Loven	X	X			100%
	Angie Kamermayer					
<b>INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center</b>	Tela Brown	X	X			100%
	Jennifer Campbell					
<b>Lakeside Women's Hospital</b>	Alexandra Hensley	X	X			100%
	Whitney Palmer					
<b>Medical Control Board</b>	David Howerton	A	X			50%
	David Smith					
<b>Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City, Inc.</b>	Holli Howard	X	X			100%
	Tracy Brown					
<b>Northwest Surgical Hospital</b>	Dusty Ervin	A	A			0%
	Christina Mueller					
<b>OU Health University of Oklahoma Medical Center</b>	Monica Sanders	X	X			100%
	Lindsey Lindsay					
<b>Pafford EMS of Oklahoma - BWA</b>	Jason Likens	X	A			50%
	Daniel King					
<b>Samaritan EMS - Tinker AFB</b>	Jason Likens	X	A			50%
	Daniel King					
<b>SSM Health St. Anthony (Midwest EMS)</b>	Larry Terry	X	X			100%
	Maxine Council					
<b>SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Midwest</b>	Karen Nguyen	A	A			0%
	Meghan Ayotte					
<b>SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Oklahoma City</b>	George Benard	X	X			100%
	Michelle Faulkner					
<b>SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Oklahoma City EMS</b>	George Benard	X	X			100%
	Jack Watkins					
<b>Valir Rehabilitation Hospital of OKC, LLC</b>	Susan Laney	X	X			100%
	Missy Trent					

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## GENERAL MEMBER ATTENDANCE

GENERAL MEMBER	REPERESNTATIVE	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	2022
Cedar Ridge	Heather Jospeh	A	A			0%
	Debbie Dahl					
CuraHealth Oklahoma City	Cecilia Pitts	A	A			0%
Edmond - AMG Specialty Hospital	Erick Heflin	A	A			0%
	Shana Branum					
Emergency Physicians of Midwest City, LLC	Michael Kalcich, MD	X	A			50%
	Michael Padgham, MD					
EMS for Children	Delores Welch	A	X			50%
	Bobbie Keith					
Inspire Specialty Hospital	Keith Kalinich	A	X			50%
	Amy Clark					
INTEGRIS Community Hospital - Council Crossing	Samantha K. Mitchell	A	X			50%
	Chris McAuliffe					
McBride Orthopedic Hospital	Courtney Breckenridge	A	X			50%
	Jeremy Podany					
Mercy ER Physicians	Juan Nalagan	A	X			50%
	Lance Watson					
Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Oklahoma City	Sharon Smeltzer	A	A			0%
	Jamey Garner					
Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital Oklahoma City South	Gina Clemens	A	A			0%
	Charita Chavez					
Oakwood Springs, LLC	Karen Walker	A	A			0%
	Patrick Waters					
OK Ctr for Ortho & Multi-Spec. Surg.	Jerry Forehand	X	X			100%
	Marva Harrison					
OKC-AMG Specialty Hospital	Kelli Schenk	A	A			0%
	Ayeh Simmons					
Oklahoma ER & Hospital	Tom Vo, MD	A	A			0%
	Judy Farrar					
Oklahoma Heart Hospital South, LLC	Devin Hamilton	A	X			50%
	Sarah Hering					
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	Devin Hamilton					
Oklahoma Spine Hospital	Peter Lewis	X	X			100%
	Ann Ford					
OneCore Health	Valerie Henry	A	X			50%
	Stacy Sargent					
Pafford Medical Services of Oklahoma - Del City	Jason Likens	X	A			50%
	Daniel King					
Select Specialty Hospital - Oklahoma City, Inc.	John Yakel	A	A			0%
	Michelle Belote					
Summit Medical Center, LLC	Curtis Summers	A	A			0%
	Tom Weston					
Surgical Hospital of Oklahoma	Mindy Burkhart	A	X			50%
	Kacy Pinnick					
Team Health Physicians Southwest	Mark Keuchel, DO	A	A			0%
The Children's Center, Inc.	Amy Clevenger	A	A			0%