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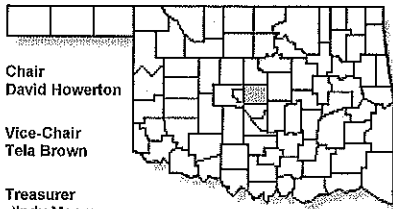
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# Oklahoma City Area Regional Trauma Advisory Board Oklahoma County

**INTEGRIS Edmond**  
**4801 INTEGRIS Parkway**  
**Edmond, OK 73034**  
**October 11, 2016, 12:30 PM**

## Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 12:30 PM by Chair David Howerton.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** None
- III. **Roll Call:** Quorum Met
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2016:** A motion was made by Courtney Breckenridge of McBride Orthopedic Hospital to approve the minutes and seconded by Jason Likens of Samaritan EMS. The roll call vote was approved unanimously.
- V. **Treasurer's Report.** Cindy Moore presented the Region 8 RTAB Account balance of \$1,437.47.
- VI. **Reports/Updates**
  - A. **OSDH – Emergency Systems:** Brandon Bowen introduced Dan Whipple as the new Trauma Systems Coordinator and Marva Williamson as the new Trauma Fund Coordinator. Brandon also explained the importance of the upcoming presentations as well as identified points of contacts within Emergency Systems.
  - B. **Continuous Quality Improvement Subcommittee –** Heather Booher, CQI Coordinator, presented cases reviewed at the last quarter Region 6 & 8 CQI Meeting. System issues and deviations from the Regional Trauma Plan noted in the presented cases included: a delay to definitive care secondary to delay with radiology results and non-therapeutic diagnostic testing; a delay with initiating inter-facility transport with a delayed scene time when EMS arrived to provide transport; issues with facility choice; and patient prioritization by an air service. Letters were sent to all facilities/agencies that did not properly utilize the Trauma Triage Algorithm with the committee awaiting response. A good job letter was awarded to an initial facility of the second case reviewed for proper use of the Trauma Triage Algorithm and expediting patient care. Heather also reviewed a follow up case regarding inappropriate choice of initial destination with a Priority I Trauma Patient. This case was closed after the committee accepted the agency's response of acknowledging the inappropriate destination. Heather encouraged CQI submissions noting that the process is educational, not punitive. She also noted that cases can be submitted anonymously emphasizing the need to include either a name or date of birth with all submissions. Submissions should only be submitted regarding system issues, not personnel issues.
  - C. **Trauma Rotation Subcommittee:**
    - At the request of David Howerton, Brandon Bowen explained the history and purpose of the Trauma Rotation Subcommittee and the Trauma Rotation On-Call System as well as issues within the system. There has been discussion concerning the need to reevaluate the effectiveness of the call rotation. Recently, the committee made a motion to accept and present to the Region 8 RTAB a proposal from one facility participating in the on-call rotation regarding the way they handle patients on their call day. Before this proposal could be brought before the RTAB, the facility chose to rescind the proposal. Omission of both motions from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Region 8 Agenda is compliant with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. He also explained the Centers for Medicare Service (CMS) has sent out an opinion accepting the Trauma Rotation On-Call System as a community wide system. If this system is not followed or a system is not in place, all facilities will have to follow the regular rules of EMTALA. He noted that a problem experienced by all facilities, regionally and nationally, is bed space/capacity. This is a very real problem that needs to be addressed at these meetings as the problem is only expected to grow. The regions rely on members of the RTAB to relay the information presented at the meetings to their leadership.
    - Chair David Howerton informed the RTAB that there will be a motion made to the Trauma Rotation Subcommittee to see if anything can be changed with the rotation to improve things moving forward. David also emphasized the seriousness of the issues being seen and encouraged participation of all in finding a solution. Numbers are needed from Region 8 Hospitals and EMS agencies to determine if the system is still working as well as it did in 2005. He also noted that if any one facility drops from the rotation, the system will crumble.
    - David Smith, ER Physician for INTEGRIS Baptist, addressed the RTAB regarding issues within the Trauma Rotation. Dr. Smith discussed legislation regarding the Trauma Rotation. He also explained to the committee that capacity and capability are becoming an issue and the system in place is becoming strained. He is looking to see in the data gathered why facilities are not participating, where patients are not going, and how all facilities can participate in caring for the unassigned trauma patient. He emphasized that creating a system that works will require participation by all facilities in caring for trauma patients. Dr. Smith emphasized that until there is more commitment from the community in caring for these patients, there will be continued problems at the hospitals who are receiving these patients. He also noted that in addition to participating in the Trauma Rotation, INTEGRIS Baptist is also the burn destination for all of Oklahoma. Other topics of discussion between RTAB members included transfers into Region 8 from outside regions, capability and capacity of facilities in these regions to care for trauma patients, inter-facility transfers within region 8, and the current culture among specialist and surgeons. Suggestions were given by members in addressing some of the issues discussed. Rowdy Anthony of OU noted that 80% or greater of Priority II Trauma can be cared for at a Level III facility by general surgery or orthopedics.



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- D. Regional Planning Subcommittee – The need for a regional planning committee meeting was voiced with plans to schedule a time after the meeting.
- E. TReC Update – Dan Oller presented data to Chair David Howerton for use in the Trauma Rotation Update. Mr. Oller offered the data to anyone interested, and he is available after the meeting if anyone has questions or would like additional information.

#### VII. Presentation

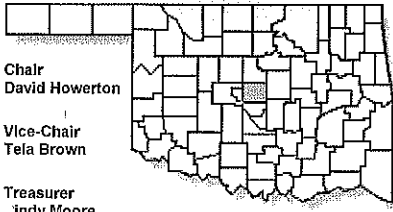
- A. EMS Wellness Study – Martin Lansdale presented the findings from the EMS Health and Wellness Survey distributed by Emergency Systems from January 11, 2016 until June 9, 2016. Because previous studies have shown that EMS professionals have some of the highest rates of on-the-job injuries, obesity, and smoking along with a high prevalence of post-traumatic stress symptoms, this study was conducted to assess factors that affect the overall health of EMS professionals on a state level. This survey included questions relative to EMS work force characteristics, on the job injuries, and the physical/mental health of EMS professional in Oklahoma. Findings from this survey could be used to help support the development of programs/policies for improving the health of EMS professionals by identifying risk factors that affect the physical and emotional health of EMTs in the State of Oklahoma.
- B. OSDH Review of 2016 Rules – Robert Irby presented an overview of 2016 OAC 310:641 to include General EMS programs, General ambulance service, Personnel licensed and certification, Specialty care ambulance service, Emergency medical response agency, and Stretcher aid van services. The changes made with the 2016 EMS Rules were noted in each section.

#### VIII. Business: Brandon Bowen clarified agenda items noting handouts are available in the packet to include current and proposed subcommittee members and proposed draft Region 8 Rotation including proposed 2017 Board Members. The RTAB moved to table Agenda Item A until the next meeting. Chair David Howerton then asked for a motion to combine agenda items B, C, D with the exception of #1, and E to be voted on as one agenda item. Motion made by Jason Likens of Samaritan EMS and seconded by Richelle Rumford of OU. Roll call vote with motion passed unanimously.

- A. Use of Region 8 RTAB Funds - Tabled
- B. Subcommittee Membership – The following additions to the RTAB subcommittees approved.
  - CQI Subcommittee – Chris Prutzman
  - RPC Subcommittee – Chris Prutzman
  - Correction to the handout: Richelle Rumford is a member of the CQI Subcommittee, not the Regional Planning Committee.
- C. Board Rotation – Approved
- D. 2017 Board Officer Nominations – Approved with the exception of RTAB Chair.
  - Chair – Brian Bottom of EMSA – D.1 excluded because Brian Bottom will be leaving EMS and not available to serve as Chair. This will be added to the next meeting agenda to be voted on at the 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting.
  - Vice Chair – Brad Faulkner of AllianceHealth Deaconess
  - Treasurer – Cindy Moore of OUMC
  - Secretary – Jason Likens of Samaritan EMS
- E. 2017 Board Meeting Dates, Times, and Venues – Approved
  - January 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM hosted by Oklahoma Heart Hospital - South
  - April 11, 2017 at 12:30 PM hosted by Mercy Health Center
  - July 11, 2017 at 12:30 PM hosted by INTEGRIS Southwest
  - October 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM hosted by INTEGRIS Baptist

#### IX. Public Comment

- A. Brandon Bowen discussed the importance of RTAB attendance by every licensed hospital and EMS agency to attend the RTAB. Although facilities may not treat trauma on a regular basis, at any given time something could happen at the larger hospitals requiring an evacuation of the facility. Facilities in the region need to be aware because they may be asked to receive the evacuated patients at their facility.
- B. Brian Wilson announced that 130 ventilators are available through Emergency Preparedness and Response Services (EPRS) for anybody in need. The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant is worth \$6,000 for hospitals and \$4,000 for EMS. He invited members to the Regional Medical Planning Group (RMPG) meeting the first Tuesday of every month at the INTEGRIS Cancer Center.



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- X. **Next Meeting** RTAB  
Oklahoma Heart Hospital - South  
January 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM
- RPC – As called
- CQI  
Oklahoma Heart Hospital - South  
January 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM
- XI. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Bottom of EMSA – West and seconded by Jason Likens of Samaritan EMS to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

David Howerton, Chair