

**Oklahoma State Department of Health
Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory Council
November 19, 2009**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Phil Reid	Kellie Swim	Susan Harper
Gary Ligon	Clarence Fortney	Ron Feller
Jimmy Johnson	Rebecca Smith	Dr. Jeff Goodloe
Bob Hawley	Ellen Rockenbach	Sean Lauderdale

Members Not Present:

Mike Greene	Dr. Michael Ogle	Ernie Moore
Dr. Gerald Doeksen	Steve Williamson	Dr. Robert Salinas
Lester Branch		

Staff Present:

Patrice Greenawalt	Shawn Rogers	Sharon DellaVecchio
Eddie Manley		

Guest Present:

Tim Pickering	Dr. Angela Selmon	Stacy Morton
Dr. Greg Dupuis	Paul Marmen	Rodney Johnson

I. Call to Order / Roll Call:

Jimmy Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm. Quorum present.

II. Introductions and Announcements:

Jimmy Johnson introduced and welcomed Sean Lauderdale, Ellen Rockenbach, Bob Hawley, Dr. Jeff Goodloe and Dr. Michael Ogle as new members to this council.

Jimmy announced that this will be Sharon DellaVecchio's last meeting to staff ERSDAC and thanked her for your service to this council for the last 10 years.

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 20, 2009: Review and Approval:

It was moved (C. Fortney) and seconded (R. Feller) to approve the August 20, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

Voting in Favor: Reid, Swim, Harper, Ligon, Fortney, Feller, Johnson, Smith, Hawley, Rockenbach, Lauderdale

Opposed: None

Not present: Greene, Ogle, Moore, Williamson, Branch, Salinas,
Goodloe

IV. **Reports:**

- A. **Emergency Systems Update (P. Greenawalt):** EMS and Trauma reorganized under our new service area, Emergency Systems, and are working to realign our scarce resources to ensure continuity of work.

Trauma fund checks are being processed and work continues to develop an alternative model to disburse the Trauma Fund to EMS agencies, hospitals and physicians.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration EMS Statewide Assessment is occurring concurrently with this meeting and today is the final day the reviewers are on-site. The final report will be presented today by the review team, 3:30 pm, Residence Inn, Bricktown and everyone is welcome to attend.

B. **EMS Update (S. Rogers):**

- i. **OKEMSIS Update:** There about 250,000 runs in the system and approximately 95% of our agencies reporting. Titus Oyeladun, Epidemiologist, will manage the data system. It will take approximately two years to create a mature database with research quality data. One of our challenges is going to be linking the OKEMSIS data to the trauma registry data.
- ii. **Interim Study:** In October the legislation held an Interim Study on Emergency Medical Services.
- iii. **NHTSA Review:** As previously reported, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration re-survey is in progress. Oklahoma had an initial survey by this organization in 1992.
- iv. **OERSSIRF:** The Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund Emergency Rules were approved by the Board of Health. Pending Governor approval, a timeline for the process will be developed and EMS agencies will be notified via the website and EMS email distribution list.
- v. **Preparedness Grants:**
 1. **NW Regional Medical Response System:** Funding for this system is expected to extend until June 2010, and new funding ideas are welcomed. This project was a federal demonstration grant. Currently there are 13 agencies being dispatched and 17 agencies receiving medical direction.
 2. **REMSS:** Regional Emergency Services Systems There are REMSS teams in all 8 regions. Trailers are pre-positioned around the state now; we have two (2) large trailers, five (5) medium trailers and twenty (20) small trailers.

- vi. **State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)(E. Manley):** E. Manley provided a draft handout on the minimum standards for Communication Interoperability Equipment Purchases funded by Homeland Security. This is first major revision to the Area Wide Communications Plan since 1973.

TReC (P. Greenawalt): The TReC centers will merge into one center located in Tulsa, effective April 1, 2010, with dedicated staff We will begin implementing intra-regional transfers not just to Oklahoma City and Tulsa but also transferring within regions or neighboring regions as appropriate.

- C. **EMSC (S. Morton):** Met significant barriers in obtaining our hospital data, we achieved a 65% response rate and our goal is 80%. We are currently in the process of re-establishing our advisory council which will meet on December 2, 2009. Introduced Dr. Greg Dupris, who came to OUMC from Arkansas Children Hospital in Little Rock.

D. Subcommittee Reports:

- i. **Medical Direction (T. Cathey & S. Rogers):** This committee last week and continues to work on statewide protocols and medical direction.
- ii. **Training and Licensure (R. Feller):** This committee met this morning and discussed potential rules changes. Rep Roan is reportedly proposing a change to the Death Benefit fee to make it permanent, decreasing the fee from \$10.00 to \$2.50, including EMRs as eligible.
- iii. **Operational Protocol (J. Johnson):** This committee met this morning and discussed draft proposed rule changes, including the closest ambulance rule.

- V. **Presentation – Medical Directors Course (Dr. Goodloe):** Dr. Goodloe presented information regarding the proposed Medical Directors Course.

- VI. **New Business:** Kellie Swim asked that Specialty Care – Transfer license be put on the agenda for discuss at the next meeting. Shawn Rogers suggested starting a working group on this issue. Kellie Swim, Jimmy Johnson, and Rebecca Smith agreed to participate in this working group.

VII. Old Business:

- a. **2009 Rule Changes (P. Greenawalt):** P. Greenawalt responded to a question posed at the last meeting regarding the rule change to increase the fee for licensure renewal. There was confusion about two fees that were attached on to licensure renewal; the death benefit and fee increase. The Rulemaking process and information released by the Staff is intended to be transparent. P. Greenawalt stated that the fees that are paid by medics for licensure renewal do not support the cost of EMS function within the state.

VIII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm.