

**Southwest Regional Trauma Advisory Board
Great Plains Technology Center-Auditorium,
4500 W Lee Blvd, Lawton, OK 73505
November 5, 2009, 10:30 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Ron Feller at 10:34. A quorum is present.

Board Members					
Organization	Representative	Present	Organization	Representative	Present
Air Evac Lifeteam	Ron Feller	X	Kirks Ambulance	Don Knoles	X
	Jamie Hennessey			Regina Banks	
American Medical Response	Brian Womack	X	Mercy Memorial Health Center, Inc.	Connie Gaither	
	Charles Grady			Dave Manning	X
Chickasha Nation EMS	Roy Throne	X	Mercy Health- Love County Hospital	Richard Barker	X
	Michelle Powell			Tracy Walker	
Comanche County Memorial Ambulance	Kenneth Pack	X	Quartz Mountain Medical Center	Katy Baden	X
	Dawn Gibson			Erica Sollis	
Comanche County Memorial Hospital	Pam Underwood	X	Pauls Valley Ambulance	Don Gangwere	X
	Tamera Rice			Dale Brister	
Duncan Regional Hospital	Stacy Lignon	X	Southern OK Ambulance Service	Bob Hargis	X
	Patty Wininger			Jared Cheek	X
Elmore City EMS	Lisa Rollings	X	Valley View Regional EMS	April Wilson	X
	Gay (Gail) Martin			Gary Ligon	X
Elkview General Hospital	Angela Woodward	X	Valley View Regional Hospital	April Wilson	X
	Kim Goss			Gary Ligon	X
Chickasha Fire Dept.	Brian Zalewski				
	Allen Moore				
Grady Memorial Hospital	Bryce Pettitt	X			
	Brenda Oaks				
Jackson County Memorial Hospital	Cheryl Simco				
	Rachel Kruse	X			

General Members			
Facility	Present	Facility	Present
Anadarko Fire Dept. EMS	X	Lone Wolf Comm. Ambulance	X
Apache EMS	X	Medic West LLC	X
Arbuckle Memorial Hospital	X	Mediflight	X
Carnegie Tri-Co Municipal Hospital	X	Memorial Hospital & Phys. Group	
Carnegie Tri-Co Municipal Amb.	X	Mercy Health-Love Co. EMS	X
Cyrell Ambulance		Mountain View-Gotebo Ambulance	
Eaglemed	X	Murray County EMS	X
Eldorado Ambulance	X	Pauls Valley General Hospital	
Grady EMS District		Rolling Hills Hospital	X
Grandfield Ambulance		Rush Springs EMS	X
Greer County Special Ambulance	X	Sinor EMS	
Harmon Memorial Hospital	X	Southwestern Medical Center	
Healdton Municipal Hospital	X	Southwest Oklahoma Amb. Authority	X

General Members			
Facility	Present	Facility	Present
Jackson County Ambulance	X	Stratford Ambulance	
Jefferson Co. Hospital	X	The Physicians Hospital –Anadarko	X
Johnston County EMS		Tillman Co. EMS	
Johnston Memorial Hospital	X	Tuttle EMS	X
Kiowa County District 3 EMS		Velma Community Ambulance	X
Lindsay EMS		Walters Volunteer Ambulance	X
Lindsay Municipal Hospital		Waurika Ambulance	
		Careflight	

II. Special Announcement

Lee Martin accepted the Trauma Director position for OSHD. Stacy Jennings was introduced by Patty Winniger. She is the new ER director at Duncan Regional Hospital. Teresa has been having email problems. Please let her know if you are not receiving at least 2 emails before each meeting. You can go to the Trauma System website for minutes and agenda if you are not able to get my emails or the attachments I send along with them.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved with corrections of spelling on ASDAC to OTSIDAC and Patrice Grenweld’s name to Greenawalt. Motion made by Kenneth Pack and seconded by Don Knoles with the appropriate changes. Approved by show of hands. None opposed.

IV. REPORTS

Trauma Division by Lee Martin:

Trauma Registry:

The next Trauma Registry training is scheduled for December 7 and 8, 2009 at OU Medical Center. If you are interested email TRAUMAR@HEALTH.OK.GOV with you contact information or contact Tabitha. Tabitha wanted to let you all know if you are having any troubles just let her know and she will be happy to come out and assist you with them.

OTSIDAC meet yesterday. They are moving forward with simplifying the Trauma Fund methodology. So there will be work groups put together to move forward with the basic principles that they agreed on. Please be looking for those emails so that you can attend those meetings and put in your input. Rob stated “I would strongly advise all small hospitals to attend or give put in your input into that process. OTSIDAC is looking to change their reimbursement and in the way that hospitals are reimbursed for there uncompensated trauma care. They are trying to simplify the whole process itself. But they need to know that the grass roots people, those small places, like almost everybody in this room. Needs to have some fair and equal compensation for the care that they give that is not

compensated.” Patty asked “what are the proposed changes about?” Rob stated “They are no details to them really. Bishop and Associates did a couple of studies on our trauma system compared to others states trauma systems. They looked at reimbursement from Missouri, Florida, Kansas, Texas, Washington, Arizona, Mississippi, kind of all over. And OTSIDAC thought that it is cumbersome they way we applied for reimbursement. So they wanted to make that simple. They wanted to reward hospitals for doing a good job with their care. Getting patients to the appropriate destinations. Right now if you look at all the cases that go into the trauma system, time of transfer is 2.7 hours which is actually unacceptable. It is 2 hours to decide and 2 hours to transfer. This is the standard that we are held too. They are looking at improving the system. To improve the trauma system in the state of Oklahoma. Right now 9% of the money goes to the larger facilities that take care of the majority of the uncompensated care. Those facilities are in Regions 7 and 8. They are looking at Enid, Comanche County, and some others to step up and functioning as a level 2 facility and not a level 3. They have the resources. So the issue is do they push those patients into the system or keep them. So that is all being looked at. There are no details. Part of the proposal that was on the table was doing a point system with patients, or something else. These are all things that are going to be worked out at the OTSIDAC meetings.” Ron stated “One point to be clear on is that they are trying to get away from the wording reimbursement. They want to compensate people for appropriate trauma readiness.” Teresa stated “They want to pay for the system that we want instead of reimbursing for what you are not getting like an insurance company. They want to put the money to build the system instead of reimbursing for uncompensated care.” Lee stated “There are a lot of factors that go into it. They are looking at readiness cause, grants which would change the way you get the money. You would get it upfront instead of a year and half later to do the reimbursement. And that is what the working groups are for. You need to be there to put in your input.” Patty asked “Ron you go to OTSIDAC meetings for our region. Who is the chair of OTSIDAC?” Lee stated “Cole Hislinger. I would say when the meeting dates come, for you to come to the meetings. I will work with them to make sure that you get notices of when the meetings are taking place. Any time you have questions you are welcome to send me an email or Patrice and we will make sure that it gets to the right person.”

EMS Division Report by Shawn:

A couple of things to hit the highlights such as the revolving fund. There is just at a million dollars in this fund. You can not get the money if you do not apply for it. The money is given on a point system and the smaller places get more money. Go to the website and click on the link. Hopefully if all the legislator stuff goes well, you will start receiving in April/May 2010.

No OKEMSIS training this month but there will be one in December. Hospitals you need to be thinking about getting the decoders for the incoders. The EMS is required to have an incoder. Do remember that it is going to be narrow band.

Shaun has made a pretty good commitment that he is going to find a grant to purchase the incoders.

Committee by Ron Feller:

CQI meet and we had quorum. We were able to review several cases. It is going good. If anyone is interested you will have an opportunity later when we talk about the CQI regional education committees. Gail will no longer be with us after the end of the year. So they will be looking to hire someone again. If you know someone who might be interested, please let Lee know.

RMPG/SW MERC by Cara:

We have an RMPG meeting this afternoon.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Attendance Resolution:

Teresa sent letters to the licensure authority. It is up to them what they do with the letters. But they have been notified. I do believe that some of the EMS services in southwest Oklahoma have been cited. So action is being taken on those for failing to attend.

Bylaw Revisions:

The educational committee has looked at the bylaws and all the motions that have been made. We have looked at all the changes of the years. The bylaws were approved in 2005. So we went through. Probably the biggest change you are going to see is on page 2; we changed most of the membership things to just say membership instead of general or board membership. Under general membership, it states attendance expectations. We are going to quarterly meetings. The committee thought that their should be 100% attendance. There is no reason why you can not attend all four of the meetings next year through being here yourself, proxy, or alternate representative. We changed the attendance to 100% for board members and non-board members.

Bob stated "Attendance if absent due to emergency for work approval by the board on a case by case basis. Therefore we should add a line that states Exceptions involving emergencies to be reviewed by a case-to-case basis." Motion made to add this line to the bylaws by April Wilson. Seconded by Richard Barker. Role call vote done. Passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes to the Trauma Triage Algorithm:

See attachment. The CDC came out with recommendations for hospital trauma guidelines. Several people at the state have reviewed these and with proposed changes. I have sent a copy out to you via email with the proposed changes. The changes were based on the CDC guidelines. Before we make it final we wanted to get input from everyone in all 8 regions. We need the changes in the next

week. I have taken this to 4 regions and we have had 4 suggestions. If I get a duplicate change I will let that person know that request has already been made. This has not gone to OTSIDAC yet. It will be put on the February agenda for OTSIDAC. If these changes are made then there will be changes made to the inner facility. One of the goals is to have bigger and better posters. We are also working on pre-hospital trauma algorithm.

Train the Trainer (In house instructors):

This came from the education committee. We looked at how many people are new that end up being assigned to come to the RTAB just because someone has to come to the meetings. We felt that training in the facilities was of vital importance to the RTAB. We wanted to come up with a welcome package containing a welcome letter, the senate bill that requires participation, the region bylaws, the region trauma plan, the DVD, and some other stuff. Putting all this together and sending it to each facility. And whoever signed for it, it is their responsibility to take the information back from this meeting to their facility. That is probably the biggest breakdown of communication between taking the information from this meeting back. The person signing for the package would be held responsible. We want people to know where the meeting is, how we want it to go and where we want it to go. This is just a concept. If you have any input, please let me know. You can email me your input also. My email is bswietek@texoma.net. There is going to be a meeting in December to put together this program to take to the facilities. This is also for bettering patient care. Patty suggested that the PowerPoint presentation from Dr. Cathey be added to the welcome package.

Confirmation of Subcommittee Members 2010:

If you look at the attachments, you have a list of names of the people that are on the CQI and Regional Education Committee. I need to know if there is anyone that no longer wants to serve on that committee. Is there anyone that wants to be added to those committees? Add Patty Winniger to the Regional Education committees. Remove Sheila Lewis from the Regional Education Committee. Roy Rhone made a motion to accept the committees with present members and the two changes. Motion seconded by David Manning. Roll call vote done, passed unanimously.

Officer Nominations:

- i. Bob Hargis- chair
- ii. David Manning- vice-chair
- iii. Pam Underwood- secretary
- iv. April Wilson- treasurer

Motion made to accept all nominations by Gary Lignon. Seconded by Kenneth Pack. Role call vote done, passed unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Rural Trauma Development Class

If you are having problems getting dates set up to have this class in your facility please let Teresa know and she will help you.

VII. Public Comment

I was asked previously to tell the group how he was doing .Jay had an MI several weeks ago. He drove himself of course. It was a severe MI. They put him on 2 weeks bed rest. He is going to have a stent placed. Then 2-4 more weeks of bed rest. Then a triple bypass will be done. He is doing well and looks better than I have seen him look in a long time. He was set to retire in March 2010. We are not sure how much he is going to be back. He was hospitalized at Baptist but he is home now. He is up and moving. Alert and oriented. Good pulses in all extremities. He knows what is going on.

A. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. January 7, 2009 at 10:30am, Great Plains Technology Center.

B. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to table meeting at this time by Roy Throne, seconded by Don Knoles. Motion carries with a show of hands. None opposed.
Adjourned at 11:37 a.m.