



**Oklahoma City Area
Regional Planning Committee
Oklahoma County**

**OU Medical Center
Presbyterian Tower, Lawson Center, Room C
700 NE 13th, Oklahoma City, OK
February 25, 2014 at 10:30 A.M.**

Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chair David Howerton at 1041.

- II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sean Oats, Trauma Systems Coordinator with the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) stated that there are two new EMS Administrators with Emergency Systems, Brian Wilson and Caitlin Holland. Emergency Systems also has a new Statistical Research Specialist, Dr. Yang Wan.

- III. ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

David Howerton	Present
Ann Ford	Absent
Brad Smith	Present
Cyndi Basch	Present
Jennifer McGuire	Absent
Larry Terry	Present
Renae Kirkhart	Present

Also present:

Brandon Bowen	OSDH
Sean Oats	OSDH
James Wilkins	OSDH

- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 09, 2013: Motion to approve the minutes as they stand by Brad Smith. Seconded by Renae Kirkhart. Roll call vote, motion passes unanimously.

- V. BUSINESS
 - A. Helicopter Update: Brad Smith discussed the possibility of real time GPS tracking of air ambulance assets in Oklahoma. Mr. Smith stated that he would like to invite the representatives from the air ambulance companies in Oklahoma along with state government officials to the next Trauma Rotation Subcommittee to discuss the issue. Brandon Bowen stated that the language to require real time GPS tracking of air assets as a condition of licensure is in the proposed EMS rules that will be reviewed by the Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC) and sent to the legislature in



Oklahoma City Area Regional Planning Committee Oklahoma County

2015. Sean Oats discussed the Pre-Existing Landing Area (PELA) site database that OSDH is putting together with the end goal of having every PELA site in the state listed in EMResource. He reported that to date Region 8 has not submitted any sites through the Survey Monkey Link. David Howerton committed to entering the sites that he knows EMSA uses in the Oklahoma City Metro area, and Cyndi Basch indicated she would enter the site for OU Medical Center. In the RPC packets there is a sheet with instructions on how to enter the PELA site information and a list of data you will need prior to completing the survey.

- B. Hand Issues: Cyndi Basch said that there have been no real issues with hand coverage lately. She would like to see transfer agreements for re-implant surgeons within the state and possibly even outside of the state.
- C. Decrease in transfer times for Priority 1 patients in Level III and Level IV facilities: Brandon Bowen spoke about the data presentation that Dr. Cathey and Dr. Stewart gave at the 2nd Quarter 2013 RTAB that showed it is taking 4 hours or longer for high acuity trauma patients to reach definitive care, even in Region 8. Brandon talked about engaging the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) Chair to put together an Efficiency Study Workgroup, comprised of hospital and EMS representatives, to start looking at the processes in place for dealing with Priority 1 trauma patients. RTAB Chair Brad Smith stated that he would like to pursue that by utilizing the ED Managers meeting that is traditionally held prior to the quarterly RTAB and inviting EMS representatives from the region. The workgroup will initially look at what each agency/facility does for Priority 1 trauma patients, and then try to identify best practices and see where the delay to definitive care is actually happening.
- D. PELA Sites: Discussed earlier
- E. Region 8 Trauma Plan: Tabled until next meeting
- F. Time Sensitive Medical Conditions: Tabled until next meeting
- G. Goals and Objectives for 2014: Tabled until next meeting

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VII. NEXT RPC MEETING: James Wilkins will send out dates in late March for the next meeting to RPC Chair David Howerton.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Brad Smith, seconded by David Howerton