



**OKLAHOMA TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY COUNCIL (OTERAC)
Regular Meeting of the Medical Direction and Coordination Committee
Oklahoma State Department of Health
123 Robert S Kerr Ave, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102
Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 1:00 pm**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order..... Dr. Patrick Cody, Chair
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cody at 1:05 pm.
- II. Roll Call..... Samantha Hickson, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Hickson called roll and Dr. Behm, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Caughill (arrived @ 1:25pm), Dr. Cody, Dr. Gearheart, Dr. Knoles, Dr. McElyea (arrived @ 1:26pm), Dr. Olson were in attendance. Absent members were: Dr. Albrecht, Dr. DaVault, and Dr. Worden.
- III. Introductions and Announcements..... Dr. Patrick Cody, Chair
Dr. Cody introduced himself and asked that attendees go around the room and introduce themselves.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2022..... Dr. Patrick Cody, Chair
A motion to approve was made by Dr. Knoles and it was seconded by Dr. Cody. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes.
- V. EMS Activity Update..... Dale Adkerson, EMS Program Manager
Mr. Adkerson reported that the protocol approval process and EMS backlogs were very close to being completed.
- VI. Trauma Activity Update..... Chris Dew, Trauma System Coordinator
Chris Dew was not available, so Ms. Pelley gave the Trauma System update. She added a handout about critical specialist availability throughout the state, transfers and refusals to the packet and presented it to the committee. Ms. Pelley explained that the trauma team has been working to help improve transfer times and has asked the Region 7 and 8 RTABs how this can be best accomplished since most specialists necessary for trauma cases are in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. She stated that the discussion is ongoing and asks the committee for any recommendations that they may have. Ms. Pelley then talked about a discussion on telemedicine that came up at the Trauma Rotation Committee that pertained to imaging and radiological exchange and how it might also be helpful for critical and time sensitive consults in the state. This is already being used with stroke patients. Ms. Pelley introduced Dr. Celii, a trauma surgeon from OU Health, who published a paper on telemedicine in April. Ms. Pelley will share the paper with the committee via email. Ms. Pelley shared that a shorter version of OTEP is now available and the trauma team is going to try it out in region 2 and region 4, following the 3rd quarter RTABs. The trauma team hopes that having a condensed training will help to ensure that more healthcare staff members are able to receive the training. Ms. Pelley then asked Ms. Lee if there were any CQI updates and Ms. Lee didn't have any. Ms. Pelley told the committee that she was very proud that there is now a waiting list for CQI membership, and is very glad that so many professionals have given their time to help improve the trauma system in Oklahoma. She then opened the floor for questions and comments from the committee. Dr. Knoles said that he wanted to state on the record that the transfer issues also create an unnecessary burden on both ground and air EMS. With limited staff and resources, it would be very helpful to limit transport of patients that do not need to be transported and that doing so would be beneficial to the state. Ms. Pelley agreed and then said that a work group should be formed in

one of the committees in order to try to tackle this issue and be solution focused as a state trauma system.

VII. Business

- A. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve and advance proposed EMS regulatory amendments regarding medical directors, quality assurance, and benchmarks to OTERAC for consideration..... Dale Adkerson, EMS Program Manager
OAC 310:641-1-7 Definitions
OAC 310:641-3-10 License required
OAC 310:641-3-24 Medical control requirement
OAC 310:641-3-63 Ambulance service files

Mr. Adkerson presented the proposed EMS regulatory amendments and made the suggested changes in wording from the group. Dr. Cody asked about the regional medical director definition. Mr. Adkerson made it clear that a regional medical director is simply an option for local entities to utilize, not a requirement. There was also discussion about the refusal protocol. Members of the group asked that the language be made clearer. Mr. Adkerson will make changes in language and bring back to MDCC in the 4th quarter.

- B. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve and advance proposed Medical Director development program topics to OTERAC..... Dale Adkerson, EMS Program Manager

Mr. Adkerson presented the list of topics and opened up discussion. The group discussed and asked that reference to documents used regularly, what a new Medical Director can expect a contract to look like, liability insurance, a primer on the trauma system, and a possible annual conference. Continuing education, mentorship, credentialing, and NAEMSP chapter creation were also discussed. Mr. Adkerson will flesh those objectives out some and the group will revisit in the 4th quarter. A motion to approve the topics for the proposed Medical Director development program to OTERAC was made by Dr. Campbell, and seconded by Dr. Knoles. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes. The objectives will be revisited at the next meeting.

- C. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the current components of Trauma System Regional Trauma Plans..... Grace Pelley, Trauma Program Manager
Ms. Pelley presented the components of the Trauma System Regional Trauma Plans, and let the group know that she will be asking for MDCC approval every year at the 3rd quarter. Ms. Pelley answered questions from the group for clarification and facilitated discussion. She will take discussion to RTABs as well. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Gearheart, and seconded by Dr. Olson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes.

- D. Discussion, consideration, and possible feedback regarding proposed regional stroke plan components..... Grace Pelley, Trauma Program Manager
Ms. Pelley presented the proposed Regional Stroke Plan components to the group. She will be sending the RTABs a survey for additional input. There was discussion about critical care procedures from the group, and Ms. Pelley let the committee know that she was available for any questions.

- E. Discussion and consideration of current Oklahoma T3 in comparison to recent update of ACS National Guideline for the Field Triage of Injured PatientsDr. Patrick Cody, Chair
Ms. Pelley presented the new ACS guidelines and asked the chair if he would create a work group to compare the new ACS guidelines with the current Oklahoma T3 in order to make sure that the T3 was consistent with the new guidelines. Dr. Cody agreed and asked for volunteers.



The new work group will consist of Dr. Cody, Dr. Behm, and Dr. McElyea. They will work together and present their findings to the committee at the 4th quarter meeting.

F. Discussion and consideration of proposed 2023 meeting dates
..... Jamie Lee, Quality and Survey Analyst

1. February 1, 2023 – 1:00 pm
2. May 3, 2023 – 1:00 pm
3. August 2, 2023 – 1:00 pm
4. November 1, 2023 – 1:00 pm

Ms. Lee presented the proposed dates above, and also gave the option of having the meeting on the same day as OTERAC. Those alternative dates are: The members will look at their schedules and vote on the 2023 meeting dates at the 4th quarter meeting.

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

Dr. Cody opened the floor for new business and there was none.

IX. Next Meetings

- OTERAC
Oklahoma State Department of Health
123 Robert S Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-6406
October 5, 2022, at 1:00 pm
- Medical Direction and Coordination Committee
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123 Robert S Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-6406
November 2, 2022, at 1:00 pm

X. Closing, Adjournment, and Dismissal.

Dr. Cody made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Knoles. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Approved by:

Patrick Cody, DO, MPH, FACOEP, Chair
Medical Direction and Coordination Subcommittee
November 2, 2022