

Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council (OTERAC)
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: James O. Goodwin Health Center • Tulsa Health Department
5051 South 129th East Avenue • Tulsa, OK 74134

The Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council meeting notice was posted on the OSDH website located at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/emergency-systems/oterac.html> as well as the Secretary of State’s website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/legacy/search.aspx> on 12/04/2023.

Minutes

1. Call to Order..... Dr. David Teague, Chair
Council Chair, Dr. David Teague called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
2. Roll Call..... Edith Smith, Secretary
Council Secretary, Edith Smith called roll.

Members Present at Roll Call	Members Absent at Roll Call
Dr. Alisa Cross	Dr. Julie Curry
Edith Smith	Melissa Gullatto
Dr. David Teague	Brad LanCaster
Matthew Young	

3. Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2024..... Dr. David Teague, Chair
The Council reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Matthew Young, and seconded by Dr Alisa Cross. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. Alisa Cross		
Edith Smith		
Dr. David Teague		
Matthew Young		

4. OSDH and OTERACAssistant Deputy Commissioner of Quality Assurance and Regulatory
Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joy Fugett provided a presentation to the Council on the functions and responsibilities of the Councils and its committees, including OSDH’s role as facilitators of the meetings.
5. Reports
 - EMS..... OSDH
Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joy Fugett gave the EMS report and announced that they were in the process of filling the open EMS coordinator, and EMS and Trauma Manager positions. Council

Member Matt Young asked if renewals had taken longer due to low staffing in the department. Assistant Deputy Commissioner Fugett stated that the renewals were on track, and approximately a quarter of licensees due for renewal have been processed to date. 1,887 renewals have been processed, and 4,136 licensees have yet to renew by the June 30,2024 deadline. She also reported that the EMS division is working on processes to better facilitate consistent dissemination of information to stakeholders.

- Trauma..... Grace Pelley, Trauma Coordinator
Reports were given on Trauma Fund disbursement numbers, EMResource, including the injury query for the recent tornado outbreak. System Regional Continuous Quality Improvement trends were presented, and responses appear low. Council Members, Matt Young, Dr. Teague, and Dr. Cross discussed how best to improve response rates and if nonresponses could be escalated. They discussed how education from CQI members and the RTABs, as well as OSDH sending letters in a timely manner will help to facilitate better responses.
 - Injury Prevention Service: Programs and resources related to TBI prevention, falls prevention, sports concussion..... Christian Bonds, Project Coordinator
Kenner Wignall from Injury Prevention reported on behalf of Christian Bonds, who was unavailable for the meeting. He gave program updates on Substance Misuse Prevention and Clinical Treatment Advisory Council formerly called the Oklahoma Opioids Prescribing Guidelines workgroup. The name change is due to the shift in focus and purview to more broadly address substance misuse. They will remain clinically focused, in order to discuss best practices in substance use and misuse to lower drug related morbidity in Oklahoma. They are updating Oklahoma Opioid Guidelines. He also spoke about the NEAR Science trainings (Neurobiology Epigenetics Aces and Resilience) for first responders, in order to help understand how traumatic experiences effect the brain and its development during exposure too different stimuli. He then updated Council on the Pediatric Concussion workgroup and their charge to review the CDC Pediatric MTBI guidelines. Council Chair, Dr. Teague asked if athletic trainers are in that work group and Mr. Wignall confirmed. Lastly, he spoke about STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Death, and Injury). Council Chair, Dr. Teague asked for information about the Oklahoma Opioid Guidelines and Mr. Wignall said that he would be happy to connect Council with someone that could give more information about it. Dr. Teague then asked Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joy Fugett if the opioid guidelines would have problematic interactions with statute. She said that would not be under the Quality Assurance and Regulatory purview, but she said that she could try to bring in someone to speak about it at the next meeting. Dr. Teague affirmed that he would like that.
 - Emergency Preparedness and Response Service: Healthcare coalition, healthcare plans.....
..... Scott White, Emergency Response Manager
Scott White is responding to the aftermath of the recent tornado outbreak and was unable to come to the meeting to give a report.
6. Trauma Transfer Referral Center (TReC): trends and frequencyJesse Leslie, Director
No report.

7. Committee/Regional Trauma Advisory Board Reports

- Education and Training: EMS training, instructional guidelines, scope of practice, National Registry testing..... Dr. Justin Hunter, Committee Chair
EMS Administrator, David Graham gave the report on behalf of Dr. Justin Hunter. The committee continues to work through defining scope of practice for EMT and AEMT. He will address National Registry testing in item 9 on the agenda. Council Member Matt Young spoke about the change in National Registry requirements and that he appreciates the committee working on it.
- Medical Direction and Coordination Committee: Trauma Triage Algorithm, Medical Director training..... Dr. Patrick Cody, Committee Chair
Dr. Cody reported that the committee continues to work on reviewing and updating the State EMS Protocols as a group.
- Regional Trauma Advisory Boards: trauma trends, CQI reviews, standards of patient care
 - Region 1 NW - Angie Clinton – No report
 - Region 2 NE - Heidi Gilbert – Heidi Gilbert informed that Region 2 had active threat training, and geriatric trauma training for the second quarter scheduled.
 - Region 3 SW - Brad LanCaster – Council Member and Region 3 RTAB Chair Brad LanCaster was not at meeting due to tornado response and recovery efforts in Sulphur.
 - Region 4 EC - Dr. James Campbell – Dr. Campbell informed that Region 4 RPC is working on EMS and facility feedback, and STEMI plan. RTAB had a presentation on field amputation.
 - Region 5 SE - Pamela Cunningham - Pamela Cunningham informed that Region 5 is working on member engagement, specifically with CQI responses. Attendance is up, 40 out of 44 members attended Quarter 1 meeting. She spoke about CQI feedback responses received where there were responses from the agency and individual directly involved with the incident. She is hoping more agencies will follow suit. Council Chair, Dr. Teague expressed his pleasure with Region 5 on their robust attendance and engagement; and commented that he would like to send a letter to the RTAB congratulating them on a good job.
 - Region 6 Central - Jason Likens – No report
 - Region 7 Tulsa - Krista Norrid – Jeremy McLemore informed that the had a presentation on geriatric trauma, and RPC finished updating the Region 7 Trauma Plan. The RPC has three new projects: examining brain injury guidelines, surgical extraction, and injury prevention.
 - Region 8 OKC - David Howerton – No report

8. Stroke System of Care/OSSSAC Report: regional stroke plans, national initiatives.....
..... Dr. John Barghols/Dr. Evgeny Sidorov, OSSSAC Chair
No report

9. Business - Discussion topics

- AEMT Student Minimum Competency requirements.....
.....Dr. Justin Hunter, Chair, Education and Training Committee
David Graham presented on behalf of Dr. Hunter, on the committee’s solution to the National Registry removing the psychomotor testing for AEMT students effective July 1, 2024. The National Registry’s recommends for AEMT Student minimum competency of 50 patient

contact of all ages and specialties. With limited AEMT programs in rural areas, students may not have an opportunity to access 50 patients across ages and specialties in a timely manner. The committee provided recommendation that AEMT students meet minimum requirement of patient contact through varying patient age, disposition and specialty, working with local physicians and facilities, and using simulators. This may be adjusted as time goes on. The committee asks the Council for comments and guidance in order to meet this benchmark. Council Member Matt Young stated concern with EMS staff shortage. and gave their support to the committee to continue to work on best practices. Joy Fugett, Assistant Deputy Commissioner informs that OSDH has interested to hear the Council’s recommendation while it is roles out the state’s AEMT minimum competency guidelines, and assures that the department would not be an impediment and would provide the guidance quickly.

- Oklahoma State Department of Health Trauma and Emergency Operative Services classification verification to include American College of Surgeons (ACS) verification requirement for Level II Trauma Centers Dr. Alisa Cross, Council Member
Dr. Cross explained that she is seeking to understand the Oklahoma verification process. At the recent American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma meeting, she and other state’s representatives spoke about best practices and how their states survey and verify trauma levels of hospitals. Some states require ACS verification for Level II trauma centers, and others have a process through their state to do verification. Dr. Cross asked if Oklahoma should require ACS verification for Level II trauma centers, and also asked what the current process is for verifying hospital trauma levels and how that differs from ACS verification. Matt Young shared the importance of verifying hospital capabilities. The Council requested that OSDH bring more information on the current verification process to the next meeting.
- Identifying additional funding sources for Trauma Fund..... Dr. David Teague, Chair
Dr. Teague began the discussion and spoke about how the money available for the Trauma Fund is slowly dwindling, and would like some insight on the best way to request that OSDH solicit more funding from the legislature. Assistant Deputy Commissioner Joy Fugett explained that the Council may make a formal recommendation to OSDH to look into requesting appropriations from the legislature. Dr. Teague asked Grace Pelley add this to the next meeting’s agenda.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment

11. Next meeting

- August 7, 2024 in Oklahoma City at 1:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Matthew Young made a motion to adjourn, and Dr. Cross seconded the motion. Council Chair, Dr. Teague announced adjournment was unanimously approved at 2:32 pm.