

Creating a State of Health

Southeast (5) Regional Trauma Advisory Board
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

Location of meeting: Pittsburg County Health Department
1400 East College Avenue • McAlester, OK 74501

The Southeast Regional Trauma Advisory Board regular meeting notice was posted on the OSDH website located at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/emergency-systems/trauma-division/rtabs-regional-trauma-advisory-boards-/region-5-rtab.html> as well as the Secretary of State's website located at <https://www.sos.ok.gov/meetings/notices/001302/0595932311171257.htm>

On November 17, 2023

Minutes

1. Pamela Cunningham, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken and recorded as follows:

Board Members Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
AllianceHealth Durant, Lisa Vowels	Air Evac Lifeteam 129, James Smith
Antlers (City of) EMS, Darrell Spalding	Atoka County Medical Center, Rusty Cole
Bryan County EMS, Nate Toews	Colbert EMS
Choctaw Memorial Hospital, Velvet Bullard	Holdenville General Hospital
Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority, Gerrick Johnson	
Creek Nation Community Hospital, Brandi Ray	
EMS of LeFlore County, Keith Lickly	
Hughes County EMS, William Biswell	
Konawa EMS, James Farris	
Mary Hurley Hospital, Jessica Partin	
McAlester Regional AirCare, Korey Langston	
McAlester Regional Health Center, Pamela Cunningham	
Paris Regional Medical Center, Samantha McDowell	
Pushmataha Co Antlers Hospital, Jauquetta Trotter	
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Atoka County EMS, Randy Bryant	Air Evac Lifeteam, James Smith – AELT 139, AELT, 149, AELT Durant, AELT 158, AELT 022, AELT 065, AELT 073.
Choctaw Nation EMS, Gerrick Johnson	Choctaw County Ambulance Authority
Choctaw Nation Healthcare Center, Gerrick Johnson	McCurtain Memorial Hospital
Coalgate Fire Department, Lance Cartlidge	
Community EMS, LLC, Jerald Stanford	
Creek Nation EMS, Brandi Ray	
Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center, Vanessa Afzali	
International Paper EMS, Scott Walls	
McAlester Army Ammo Plant, Joseph Thomas	
McAlester Fire Department EMS, Benny Brooks	
McCurtain County EMS, James Smith	
Medical Air Rescue Company, Ken Maraman	
Pafford EMS of Okla (McAlester), Megan Wollam	

3. No Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
4. Motion was made by Gerrick Johnson and seconded by Samantha McDowell to approve November 14, 2024 minutes. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
AllianceHealth Durant, Lisa Vowels		Air Evac Lifeteam 129
Antlers (City of) EMS, Darrell Spalding		Atoka County Medical Center, Rusty Cole
Bryan County EMS, Nate Toews		Colbert EMS
Choctaw Nation Health Authority, Gerrick Johnson		Holdenville General Hospital
Creek Nation Community Hospital, Brandi Ray		
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5. Reports

- Nate Toews shared with the Quality Improvement Committee. We have not met in about 1 year and as far as he knows we are still on hold across the state. Pamela Cunningham let the committee know that all the RTAB chairs have met with the chair from OTERAC and we are working on getting CQI working again. They have stated how important CQI is in the regions. For those on the committee stay tuned because it is coming, we just don't know how soon.
- Kari Beggs, Chair reported Regional Educational Planning Committee meet this morning and reviewed attendance and had a couple of concerns, but she will reach out to them. We did talk about stroke plans and are all in agreement we need to put a committee together. The committee oversees the committee. Mr. Darrell Spaulding said he would be happy to be in the working group. So, if you are interested, please let us know. Also, when the work group meets and develops a plan could you get the information to the RPC a couple of weeks before for them to review.
- Kari Beggs, Director RMRS shared the region 5 MERC is doing a redundant communication drill today from 10 to 12. All you have to do is respond back in some capacity. The next Regional Medical Planning Group meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday in June at 10:a.m. at Pittsburg County Emergency Management office.

6. EMS for Children looking at their funding to be cut this year so their training will be cut back, but if you have training you would like them to provide, please let them know.

7. Stroke System of Care OSSCAR/OSSSAC: Ms. Jesica Partin stated she does not have any information, and she has reached out to obtain future dates for the meetings. Pamela Cunningham asked if the RTAB could reach out and ask them if can send out the meeting notice sooner so the region can have representation at the meeting. Ms. Cunningham thanked Ms. Partin for agreeing to take the position on the committee for the region.

8. No presentation given.

9. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to.....Pamela Cunningham, Chair

- Add Jessica Parton as the Stroke Liaison for Region 5. Motion was made by Nate Toews and seconded by Samantha McDowell to approve Jeesica Parton to the OSSCAR/OSSAC as region 5 representative. The motion carried as follows:

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- Region 5 Stroke Plan discussion: Tabled till next meeting
- Solicit presentation from the RTAB group: Pamela Cunningham said they have talked in the past about documentation. Is there anything the group would like to see; Nate Toews states documentation would be a good topic. Also, maybe a response class for everyday perspective. Ms. Cunningham asked what other regions are doing for presentations. Region 4 had Dr. Spain come in and give a presentation on PE's and Thrombosis it was about 45 minutes long. He would be good if you could get him. Region 8 did a follow up on whole blood from EMSA. International Paper is ready to bring a presentation to next quarter. Several other ideas were suggested but no follow-up. Concussion would be a good one when school and football start up.

10. New Business: None

11. Public Comment: Jeremy McLemore brought up that region 7 has just voted in they are going to adopt the brain injury guidelines to reduce the transfers of lower acuity head traumas to the major trauma facilities. St Francis has offered to start going around to the RTABS doing RTAB 4 next month. That might be an option in the next few quarters. Lisa Fitzgerald talked about Baptist is now a level 2 facility and maybe the region review their trauma plan. Melody Bridges' stroke survey discussed the slides. Ms. Cunningham asked where the surveys went to.

12. Next Meeting

- August 14, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

13. Adjournment

Motion was made by Lisa Vowels and seconded by Darrell Spaulding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried as follows and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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