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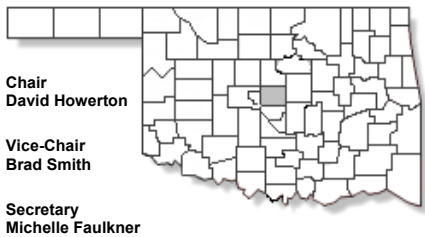
Oklahoma City Area (8) Regional Trauma Advisory Board REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

Location of meeting: Oklahoma State Department of Health • 123 Robert S. Kerr • Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma • 73102-6406

Minutes

1. David Howerton, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken and recorded with quorum met.
3. Introductions and Announcements:
 - David Graham announced he is now the Trauma Coordinator for OSDH.
4. Zack Sinsheimer made the motion to approve the November 21st, 2025, minutes with Maxine Council seconding the motion. Motion passes.
5. Reports
 - Quality Improvement Committee: Case Review, Trends
David Gooshaw stated CQI has scheduled meeting with the members to meet the month following the RTAB meetings. Hospitals will meet on the second month and EMS will meet following. They will then reconvene all together for the third. David stated they are still in the planning phase. Goal is to reduce interfacility transfers and still maintain quality patient care across regions 6 and 8.
 - Trauma Rotation Committee: Dr. Smith reported nothing at this time.
 - Regional Planning Committee:
Brad Smith stated the RPC did not meet last quarter due to quorum not being met. However, a special meeting was scheduled for November 21st of 2025 with extensive talks about board members and how rotation should be developed and implemented across the region with consolidation to ensure equal voting across the region. With the board having 20 members it was then condensed to 16 members. RPC is also reaching out to the VA hospital to become a active participant in region 8 as well.
 - Regional Medical Response System: Healthcare Coalition, Grant Deliverables, Drills, Exercise, Training: Yaz stated the first coalition meeting went well with a good attendance rate. Grant deliverables were discussed. They approved HBA, The risk report, readiness plan and readiness assessments and HCC guidance document. Those approvals will be available for the members as well as a host of other plans that are in review now, until June. Yaz also stated they are in review of of the response plan and surge analysis. Yaz also informed the committee about the financial stability and the opt to not take on extra money at that time. However, come July 1 she hopes they are offered the same amount to be good stewards and spent that money appropriately on training and exercises. Yaz then discusses the national disaster simulation and surge response at 10% capacity. This training will occur March 3rd, 2026.



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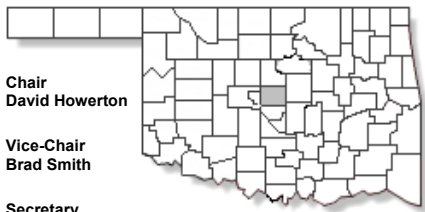
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Region 8 Prehospital Trauma Transports, Data Report:

Maxine Council-SSM Midwest, David Gooshaw-EMSA WEST, Carl Cobb-OKC Fire Department Zack Sinsheimer gave an update on SSM EMS for their data reports. The breakdown of priority patients, included in the report was initial impressions. Anatomical injury location and type of priority transport. He states the goal is to have a large clear picture and the needs of specialties in region 8 area. Which, he can share with hospitals such as OU, Integris and SSM St. Anthony.

6. Stroke System of Care: No update at this time.
7. EMS for Children: Bobbie Keith Introduced Julia Smith the program manager for pediatric pandemic network at OU Children's Hospital. Julia informs the committee they are new with a year of operation. Julia then explains they are hosting a statewide pediatric patient tracking and reunification virtual tabletop exercise on February 25th from 11am to 2pm. She is also seeking regional representation for emergency response coordinators. If anyone is interested contact Julie Smith.
8. Presentation CJ Lance with Pulsara
CJ discussed Pulsara, a free application for EMS for communication and patient tracking. This is a application that has multiple lines and channels for communications. EMS can talk to hospitals, create a patient report, this can be sent to the hospital with pictures of any injuries, identification the patient may have and any other relevant information that the hospital would need from EMS. This application can also be used in the event of an MCI and incident where clear communication and patient tracking is critical. CJ discussed the floods in Texas as an example of this. They were able to reunite families, establish MCI chain of command and determine which hospitals were taking patients and which hospitals were overwhelmed. This was also used by the Texas rangers that allowed children to be reunited with their families. This also included pictures to ensure the Texas rangers had accurate, protected information of the patients and families.



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9. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to 2026 Board Member Rotation.
Motion was made by Maxine Council and seconded by Dr. Cross. Motion passes unanimously.
10. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to 2026 RTAB Officers-Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Motion was made by George Benard and seconded by David Gooshaw. Motion passes unanimously.
11. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to adding Dr. Love and Dr. Johnson to CQI. Motion was made by George Benard and seconded by David Gooshaw. Motion passes unanimously.
12. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to adding Bobbie Sue Miller to RPC. Motion was made by George Benard and seconded by David Gooshaw. Motion passes unanimously.
13. New Business
14. Public Comment
15. Next Meeting
 - Tuesday, April 14, 2026, – 1:00 p.m. Pafford EMS Corporate Office
16. Adjourn
 - Motion made by Dr. Cross and seconded by Rhiannon Cunningham to adjourn at 14:50 p.m. Motion passes unanimously.