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Oklahoma City Area (8) Regional Trauma Advisory Board REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 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 1:01 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call was taken and recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Board Members	Board Members
Community Hospital-Madni DeLaughter	INTERGRIS Southwest Medical Center – Callie
	Ward
EMSA West – David Gooshaw - Late	Lakeside Women's Hospital
INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center-Rhiannon	Valir Rehabilitation Hospital of OKC, LLC
Cunningham	
INTEGRIS Baptist Physicians -Dr. Love	Northwest Surgical Hosp-Mandi DeLaughter
INTEGRIS Health Edmond – Julie Evans	INTEGRIS Community Hospital - Council
	Crossing Samantha Mitchell
Medical Control Board-Dr. David Howerton	Pafford EMS of OK Del City-Jason Likens
Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City Inc -Skye	Pafford EMS of Oklahoma BWA-Jason Likens
Statum	
OU Health-Lindsey Lindsay	
SSM Health St. Anthony Midwest EMS-	
Maxine Council	
SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital Midwest-	
Michelle Faulkner	
SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital OKC EMS-	
Michelle Faulkner	
SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital OKC-Justin	
Lopez	
General Members	General Members
City of Oklahoma City Fire/EMS-A	American Medical Response Edmond - A
EMS for Children -	AMG – OKC Specialty Hospital - A
Inspire Specialty Hospital - A	Bethany Children's Health Center - A
McBride Orthopedic Hospital-A	Cedar Ridge – A
Mercy ER Physicians	Cura Health - A
Team Health Physicians	Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital OKC - A
Inspire Specialty Hospital - A	Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital South - A
Miller EMS – Tinker AFB – Jeremy	Oakwood Springs - A
McLemore-A	
OK CTR for Ortho & Multi-Specialty Surgery	Okla Center Children's Pediatric Trauma
	Center

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Oklahoma Heart Hospital-A	Oklahoma ER and Hospital - A
Oklahoma Heart Hospital South-A	ONECORE Health - A
Oklahoma Spine Hospital - A	Select Speciality -A
Okla State Stroke Systems Advisory Board	Summit Medical Center - A
OUMC Emergency Physicians	Surgical Hosp of Oklahoma - A

- David Howerton asked if there were any introductions or announcements.
 David Graham Introduced Tyler Alan, EMS and Trauma Development Navigator for OSDH, OU introduced Dylan Gerred as EMS Liaison.
- 4. Dr. Smith introduced Dylan Gerred EMS Liaison for OU Health. Bobbie Sue Miller was introduced as Vice President of Operations for OU Medical Center. Dr. Love was introduced as the new Trauma Medical Director for Integris Medical Center. David Graham introduced Tyler Alan as new Trauma and EMS Development Navigator for OSDH.
- 5. Motion was made by Lindsey Lindsay and seconded by Rhianon Cunningham to approve the April and July 2025, minutes. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Community Hospital LLC – Brad Smith		
EMSA West – David Gooshaw		
INTERGIS Baptist Medical Center – Rhiannon Cunningham		
Medical Control Board - David Howerton		
Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City, Inc. – Skye Statum		
Integris Health Edmond, Inc-Julie Evans		
OU Health-Lindsey Lindsay		
SSM Health St. Anthony Midwest EMS-Maxine Council		
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6. Reports

Quality Improvement Committee: Case Review, Trends

Dr. Cody started off with informing the RTAB CQI was able to meet for the first time today in about a year. He stated they spent their time discussing what the new CQI system would look like and what improvements they would like to make. Dr. Cody stated they will be meeting monthly instead of quarterly.

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Trauma Rotation Committee:

Dr. Smith stated he is getting notifications on Hand rotation for EMResource which is still managed through the Oklahoma County Medical Society. Some facilities have to change dates for the rotation. There have been no issues with EMResource in the Hand rotation for fulfilling the schedule.

Regional Planning Committee:

Brad Smith stated the RPC was unable to meet today because they did not meet quorum. Nothing to report further.

Regional Medical Response System: Healthcare Coalition, Grant Deliverables, Drills, Exercise, Training:

Rachel states they have their initial planning meeting November 19th for emergency exercise which will be held on March 3rd. She stated they are going to use EMS activation instead of hospital activation.

Region 8 Prehospital Trauma Transports, Data Report:

Maxine Council-SSM Midwest, David Gooshaw-EMSA WEST, Carl Cobb-OKC Fire Department Maxine stated there is a slide show which shows reports, however, it was not present at the time. Maxine stated she can email it out to everyone. David (chair) asks if there are new data trends, trauma data or a spike in anything? David Gooshaw answers with they are going to have a meeting about the data but as of right now he is not able to share that information. David Gooshaw states everything for data is on track. The data reports for EMS will be emailed out. The discussion moved on to a main central data bank which would host this information for EMS which Dr. Smith has been urging the committee and subcommittee for. RMRS may be able to host the server for this information.

- 7. Stroke System of Care: No update at this time.
- 8. EMS for Children: Bobbie Keith states they are getting the Autism training back up.
- 9. Presentation-Dr Shellenberger (BIG) Brain Injury Guidelines

Dr. Shellenberger asking, "do all brain injury patients need to be transferred to a major hospital?" If a patient is severely altered, GCS of 4, they are going to have a big head bleed. Most patients have very small head bleeds a few mm in width and do not need to be transferred. If the patient is not intoxicated, no AMS and presenting with no symptoms they should be discharged. With a follow-up with PCP. The physician can call a stroke hospital and talk to the Physician, but most can be observed for a few hours in the ED and sent home. They do not need to be admitted, and do not need a neurosurgery consult, they do not need seizure medication prescribed. The goal is to have them follow up at their home clinic. Prehospital treatment is not really going to change.

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10. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to 2026 Board Member Rotation. Motion was made by David Howerton and seconded by David Gooshaw to table Board Rotation/RPC/CQI for special RPC meeting to nominate and remove members. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Community Hospital LLC – Brad Smith		
EMSA West – David Gooshaw		
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INTEGRIS Baptist Physicians Group – Dr. Love		
INTEGRIS Health Edmond-Julie Evans		
Medical Control Board - David Howerton		
Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City, Inc. – Skye Statum		
Northwest Surgical Hospital - Mandi DeLaughter		
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• David Gooshaw motions to approve 2026 proposed meeting dates and time second by Maxine Council. Motion carries as follows:

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11. New Business

Dr. Nalagan spoke about issues with EMS and interfacility transports. He states there is a significant demand for interfacility transfers, and it is an increasing problem. He wishes to meet with the EMS agency and gather information regarding this. Region 8 in particular has a very high rate of interfacility transfers which the RTAB would like to gather information to determine the cause of this.

12. Public Comment

RMRS stated her check-ins for hospitals and redundant communications drills. They have been 124 check-ins. She wanted to give kudos to the hospitals for that.

13. Next Meeting

• Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 123. Robert S. Kerr. – 1:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Motion made by David Gooshaw and seconded by Maxine Council to adjourn at 3:11 p.m. Motion carries as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Community Hospital LLC – Brad Smith		
EMSA West – David Gooshaw		
INTERGIS Baptist Medical Center – Rhiannon Cunningham		
INTEGRIS Baptist Physicians Group – Dr. Love		
INTEGRIS Community Hospital – Council Crossings – Samantha Mitchell		
INTEGRIS Health Edmond-Julie Evans		
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