

Creating a State of Health

Oklahoma City Area (8) Regional Planning Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

Location of Meeting: Oklahoma State Department of Health
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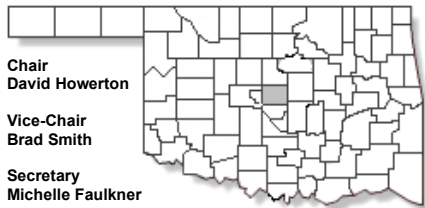
Draft Minutes

1. Brad Smith, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken and recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Brad Smith	Jason Likens
Dr. Amanda Celii Late	Zachery Sinsheimer
David Howerton	
Denni Wilson	
Lindsey Lindsay	
Dr. David Smith	
Larry Terry	
Zakia Yazdanipour	
Rhiannon Cunningham	
Dr. Alisa Cross	
Lindsey Rasmussen Late	

3. Brad Smith welcomed Dr. Albrecht back
4. The motion was made by Dr. David Smith and seconded by Larry Terry to approve the October 8, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Brad Smith		
David Howerton		
Denni Wilson		
Lindsey Lindsay		
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Larry Terry		
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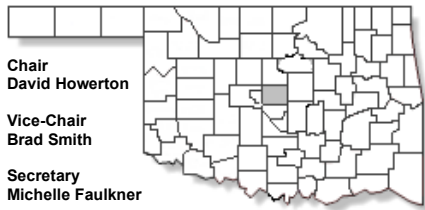
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5. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to:..... Brad Smith, Chair
Brad Smith stated two topics for discussion and consideration.

- Approve Region 8 Trauma Plan Edits

Dean Henke started the discussion stating they have two trauma plans Infront of them the one with the map on the front is the strike through copy the one with 1.14 on the front is the clean copy. Ms. Yazdanipour states she only got the strike through copy. Brad asked if everybody had a chance to review edits on the clean version. Dr. Smith commented that in the glossary of terms appendix K. It lists the on-call facility definition, and he thinks that it can be a strikethrough eliminating the paragraph. Appendix E Twice OMD is listed as OMO and that needs to be corrected. Dr. Albrecht asked if she received a copy of the trauma plan. She advised she did and will wait until everyone has commented before she comments. The Committee discussed the plan, page by page making recommendations in areas where they felt changes needed to be made. Look at changing 1b on page 3. Look at changes VI. B last sentence about pregnant patients are Priority II unless Priority I criteria is met. Page 5 under 10 b remove priority III. Page 6 A 5 remove Trauma Committee. Dr. David Smith said that commented that CQI should remain since it is in statute. David Howerton commented that being chair of the RTAB he has not been contacted at all about the CQI committee. Dean was asked by the committee what he could tell them about because everyone here is in the dark. Dr. Smith said he has been on the CQI committee for 15 years and is in the dark as to why they are not meeting. Dean said that is for the RTAB. Brad said that Dr. Cody had requested a meeting he did not cancel the meeting. Dr. Smith said speaking to the chair and vice chair of that committee and neither one of them has had any formal notification as to why they are not meeting. They were told they are not scheduled. Dr. Smith stated he does not think every facility is listed. He said he does not see OU Edmond listed or Integris Portland listed. DR. Smith said he thinks that the list be complete, and we add Integris Portland and OU Edmond and include the free standings in the system. He does not understand why we wouldn't. The committee added Jim Thorp to the rehab facilities. Ms. Heather Yazdanipour said if Dean is okay with it she will update the list. Page 11 changes EMSA to EMSA Western Division and adds Oklahoma City Fire Department to the list of EMS agencies. Dean advised that the Trauma Triage cannot be changed because it was approved by OTERAC. Change Age should be greater than or equal to 65. David Howerton told Dean he would send Dean a pdf version of the document. The trauma plan will be reviewed at least annually. Dr. Smith asked who is over EMResource. Dean said he is not in a position to answer that question. It should be sent to esystems. EMResource needs to



Chair
David Howerton

Vice-Chair
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Secretary
Michelle Faulkner

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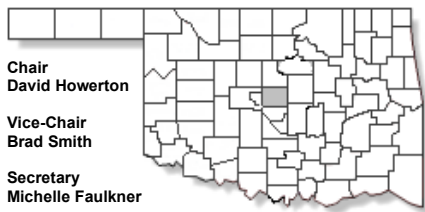
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be updated, because OHP was performing an operation and checking EMResource. They found that two of the facilities on EMResource are no longer open. David Howerton said it would be interesting to see what EMResource looks like in Texas as compared to Oklahoma. Dr. Smith said it looks drastically different. Dean advised the changes could not be brought to RTAB today. We can vote on it at the next RTAB.

- “One Agency One Vote” for Board Members.

Mr. Brad Smith asked if someone could give him some history on this or why it came up. Dr. Smith said he brought up the issue, there is history that David Howerton can speak to as well as others here as why there are general members and board members, and what is different about region 8 20 years ago that caused it to have a different regulatory structure for voting than any other region I know of. Region 8 is the only one that has this. Brad Smith asked what the difference. Dr. Smith said if I am in a small region then I might only have one pre-hospital and one hospital and so the people that attend the RTAB for that region it is very easy for them to understand common sense why everyone has a vote and who participates because there is not anyone else. But in region 8 we have a plethora of people that provide care and a plethora of people that provide aftercare, and they are required to participate in MERC and be general members of region 8 such as Valiar. When you look at the focus of region 8 is when we meet, we don't really need to discuss the particulars of faculties like Bethany Children's or Valiar. We vote and meet to discuss the issues at hand about the care and delivery of trauma patients to level I, II and III trauma facilities and talk about the prehospital systems that deliver those patients. If you think about who affects change then the agency that provides those patients. When you look at the board members there is a large number of complicative. Mr. David Howerton asked if they could put up the board members. Dean Henke then started reading the bylaws and put up a list of the board members. New pre-hospital agencies are Oklahoma City Fire., Miller EMS Tinker and AMR Edmond. Dr. Smith said this may have made sense 20 years ago, but it has never been inherent in RTAB structure elsewhere it is something we kind of worked to make fit. What he was getting to in pre-hospital I have to have a medical control board in name or purpose that tells me what I am supposed to be doing, and it would make sense that's who would be represented at the RTAB as far as having a vote. He would say the same thing for the level I, II or III facilities that if you are a system that has a level I, II or III facility within region 8 then you should have a vote. David Howerton asks for this to be brought to the committee. David Howerton said he gets what Dr. Smith is saying. Dr. Smith says the problem he is trying to solve is when you look at the roll call for the board members there is a



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disproportionate amount of representation for certain entities and that creates inequities with voice in this collegial and collaborative group that is trying to come up with policies. Dr. Smith explained on the voting members on the board that there is a disproportionate number of votes that are garnered to single individuals and that not everyone is represented. That the people that need to be represented are people that have systems that have level I, II and III facilities. Dr. Smith said he thinks we need to discuss what voting members are trying to accomplish. Why is region 8 split up into voting and non-voting members in the first place. Brad Smith said they reviewed the voting process a few years ago. David Howerton said he does not disagree with Dr. Smith, and we probably separate out children's out. Dr. Albrecht said looking at the minutes from the last meeting SSM has 4 members and 4 votes.

6. New Business

The RPC notes in the documents of the regional trauma plan would like some clarification on what is going on with CQI. Does the committee want the response in a letter or email, or do we put it on OTERAC.

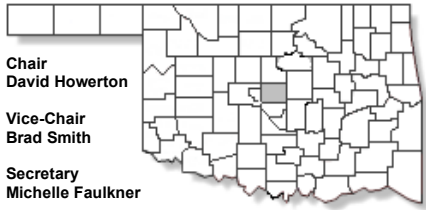
7. No Public Comment

8. Next meeting

- Tuesday, April 3, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

9. Motion was made by Brad Smith and seconded by Jason Likens to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
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Dr. Alica Cross		
Lindsey Rasmussen		