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### Oklahoma City Area (8) Regional Trauma Advisory Board REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

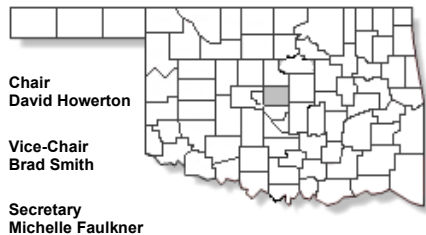
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#### Minutes

1. David Howerton, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 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-Mandi DeLaughter	INTERGRIS Southwest Medical Center –
EMSA West – David Gooshaw	Lakeside Women's Hospital
INTERGRIS Baptist Medical Center-Rhiannon Cunningham	Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City Inc -
INTERGRIS Baptist Physicians -Dr. Celii	Valir Rehabilitation Hospital of OKC, LLC
INTERGRIS Community Hospital - Council Crossing Samantha Mitchell - Late	
INTERGRIS Health Edmond – Julie Evans	
Medical Control Board-Dr. David Howerton	
Northwest Surgical Hosp-Mandi DeLaughter-Late	
OU Health-Lindsey Lindsay	
Pafford EMS of Oklahoma BWA-Jason Likens	
Pafford EMS of OK Del City-Jason Likens	
SSM Health St. Anthony Midwest EMS-Maxine Council	
SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital Midwest-George Benard	
SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital OKC EMS-George Bernard	
SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital OKC-George Bernard	
General Members	General Members
City of Oklahoma City Fire/EMS	American Medical Response Edmond - A
EMS for Children -	AMG – OKC Specialty Hospital - A
Inspire Specialty Hospital - A	Bethany Children's Health Center - A



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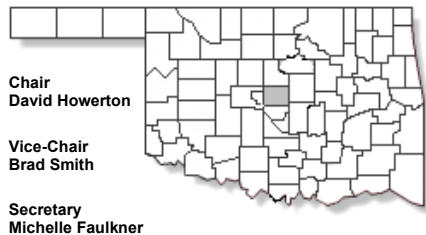
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McBride Orthopedic Hospital - A	Cedar Ridge – A
Mercy ER Physicians	Cura Health - A
EMS for Children - A	Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital OKC - A
Inspire Specialty Hospital - A	Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital South - A
Miller EMS – Tinker AFB – Jeremy McLemore	Oakwood Springs - A
OK CTR for Ortho & Multi-Specialty Surgery - A	Okla Center Children's Pediatric Trauma Center -
Oklahoma Heart Hospital	Oklahoma ER and Hospital - A
Oklahoma Heart Hospital South	ONECORE Health - A
Oklahoma Spine Hospital - A	Select Speciality -A
Okla State Stroke Systems Advisory Board – A	Summit Medical Center - A
OUMC Emergency Physicians	Surgical Hosp of Oklahoma -
Team Health Physicians	

- David Howerton asked if there were any introductions or announcements. David Graham introduced Ms. Kelli Rader, Mr. Lewis Robinson, as the new Trauma Coordinator, Ms. Lori as the interim EMS Coordinator, Ms. Norma Perez as the new person working with CQI, and Ms. Senait Tekle, who works with OKEMSIS and other areas in our department. Kelli announced to the committee if they have not received the invite to the American College of Surgeons meetings let David know so we can get the invite to you. If you know of people that are not on the list, please feel free to forward the invite to them.
- Motion was made by Jason Likens and seconded by David Gooshaw to approve April 8, 2025, minutes. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Community Hospital LLC – Mandi DeLaughter		
EMSA West – David Gooshaw		
INTERGIS Baptist Medical Center – Rhiannon Cunningham		
INTEGRIS Baptist Physicians Group – Amanda Celli		
INTEGRIS Health Edmond – Julie Evans		
Medical Control Board - David Howerton		
Northwest Surgical Hospital – Mandi DeLaughter		
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SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital OKC EMS-Michelle Faulkner		
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#### 5. Reports

- Quality Improvement Committee:

Dr. Patrick Cody stated he has good news that CQI is starting again. Will be having the next meeting at the regular meeting in October at 10:00 am. He reminded them if they are on the committee to be looking in your electronic inbox for confidentiality agreements. They can then start distributing cases. David Howerton asked if the CQI committee members have received their confidentiality form. Several members stated they are unable to get into their box account. David Howerton stated he thinks that is going to change. Ms. Norma Perez let them know that the box account will no longer be used and if they have not received an email please let her know so she can obtain a correct email to send you the documents. The new way to send and receive CQI information is [CQI@health.ok.gov](mailto:CQI@health.ok.gov). The cases will be sent to the chair to review what they would like to review and then the information will be collected and the chair will then send the cases to the committee members.

- Trauma Rotation Committee:

Dr. Smith no meeting no report.

- Regional Planning Committee:

David Howerton asked Zakia Yazdanipour if she would like to let the committee know what happened in the RPC this morning being Brad was unable to make it. The committee had interesting discussion about the bylaws. The committee made a motion to add to their next agenda to review the bylaws along with the state statute just to make sure we are actually meeting the requirements. The way our RTAB has grown we are actually exceeding what the bylaws state we can have. That is why we really need to look at them. We are a very large systems and we want to make sure we are meeting the requirements. David Howerton stated he will address this later in the meeting.

- Regional Medical Response System

Zakia Yazdanipour reported they were rather busy during the month of June and early July. We had several large events happening in our area that were threats to our medical systems and want to thank everybody to actually stepping up and being ready to respond to those events.

We had the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon which was the 25th anniversary of the marathon and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing. Both of those events were very large with President Clinton attending the memorial. The marathon had the largest registration they have ever had at 25,756 passes. Due to bad weather we had to cancel the Saturday events and incorporate the 5K run into the Sunday event which affected Saints but was able to adapt and overcome the situation. Out of the 25,000 we had 1300 medical contacts along the race route. We had the college world series which again set record attendance. The LA 28 group came down to watch how we handled the event because in 2028 we will have Olympic softball as well as the canoe slalom. They came back to observe how we handled the Thunder finals. They did not stick around for the parade. So, we had a president setting event downtown with



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about 600,00 folks in a 1.7-mile route. She thanked OU Health enough for taking on the task with the med tents. We would not have been able to handle what we did that day without those tents. We had roughly 1300 medical contacts that day also. For that number of people in the middle of June to have 1300 contacts is good. That speaks to the comradery and partnership of this medical system. We could not have done it without you.

Grant wise we are starting a brand-new budget period, and I know we mentioned in the last meeting we threatened with a 50% grant cut we have been announced a 30% cut. So, all the RMRS have to revise our budget and figure out how we are going to maintain the system we provide. We are looking very closely at where we can make those cuts and maintain the need of our healthcare coalition.

- Region 8 Prehospital Trauma Transports Data Report

Chairperson David Howerton asked the group if they want to talk about their data. Mr. Zachery Sinsheimer stated everybody got their data into David in a timely manner. With what I saw everything pretty much stayed the same. The good news is that with all the activity we did not stir up a very large percentage change in trauma.

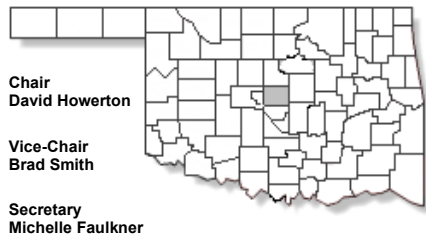
The data work group committee has been meeting and putting together, and we have a draft template we should be able distribute for trial in the third quarter and go live in the fourth quarter. We also have a date set for a data boot camp for all EMS agencies, Fire agencies and health care system partners. It does not matter which data you pull up they are all about the same with the exception of SSM Midwest EMS might go to SSM Saints. You can look at the rest and the distribution of patients is about the same.

David Howerton asked if they have a plan to come up with a total graph?

Jason Likens states it will be a composite. Jason states he would like everyone to come to the boot camp. This is a composite of 8 different EMS agencies and 27 hospital facilities. The end result is to create a composite of the system of one systems set of data. We are then working off one sheet of music.

David Howerton said this is great because in the we don't share data between hospitals and agencies. For years we have only been looking at one agencies set of numbers. He asked SSM Midwest EMS if the priority one patients taken to SSM midtown transferred out to OU or Baptist after arriving at SSM downtown. The answer was the only ones that would be transferred out would probably be neuro patients. They also advise they audit 100% of transfers.

Dr. David Smith asked for data integrity if there are any caveats to the data to the nonparticipants or data you feel are outside the data set we need be aware of interpreting the data. Zachary stated the initial set is going to be trimmed down from what you see from the agencies. It will be destinations and impression to start with, because the way it breaks down is six pages per agency. Once we get that down we might be able to get that into OKEMSIS high level training. That is the eventual goal. We are starting small so we can get all the key elements. Dr. Smith asked will everyone be able to get to the data. Zachery states there will be a dashboard. Dr. Smith asked if the contributing agencies are region 8. Zachery stated 6 & 8 currently. Dr. Smith mentioned way back when the trauma evaluations at the state that were



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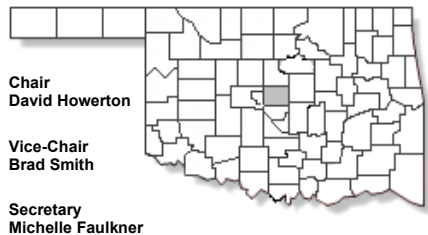
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paid for pre-ACS one of the recommendations made is we consider forming super regions. Zakia Yazdanipour stated it has been recommended several times. She stated that next year Homeland Security is going back to 5 regions. So, there are conversations going on now on how to break out the regions. Yazdanipour states she already has region 6 & 8. Zachary states December 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for the data boot camp, and they are still hammering out the exact location because it depends on the amount of people who will be attending. The question was asked if there would be a virtual option. The answer was probably yes.

6. Stroke System of Care:  
No report
7. EMS for Children:  
Sarah Connolly, I don't have much for the group. Last month we received our second MOA and found out that we are 100% funded. She advised If you know of anyone that needs rural training let us know. June was safe sleep month so if you need any updated information on infant safe sleep we have some updated materials.
8. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve
  - Discussion of 2026 Board member rotation  
David Howerton told the committee if you look at the list of current board members and it states that if you are an EMS agency you have to be a board member. So, that will put us at or above our maximum members. Mr. Howerton stated as Ms. Yazdanipour stated earlier, he has asked the RPC to go back and look at all the membership and rotation being that is the committee that changes the bylaws and the way we operate. If you have any questions on this chart are the voting members. We are going to look at updating the bylaws and discuss the board rotation membership and bring back a proposal to the committee at the next RTAB meeting for a vote.
  - Proposed meeting dates, times and venues.  
David Howerton asked if anyone have any questions about the ones listed. He asked if we they want to keep all the meetings at 123 Robert S. Kerr. David Graham advised we will try to keep all the meetings here. Mr. Jason Likens advised that Pafford is getting ready to move into a new building that is about 9 minutes from here and would be willing to offer their facility if we are unable to have meetings at the current location.  
Ms. Norma Perez stated that next CQI meeting will in the next quarter and she will be sending out the information. If you have not received information, please send the to her at [CQI@health.ok.gov](mailto:CQI@health.ok.gov) inbox and let her know your name and email address so she can updated the information.  
David Howerton stated we will be holding all meeting at the current location and if not we will use Pafford's new location. He also stated they would be going back to the old



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rotation of RPC, then CQI, then RTAB at the next meeting. 8:30 RPC will meet, 10:00 CQI  
will meet and 1:00 RTAB will meet.

### 9. New Business

David Howerton asked if there was any new unforeseen business. None was presented.

### 10. Public Comment – No Public Comment

### 11. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 123. Robert S. Kerr. – 1:00 p.m.

### 12. Adjourn

Motion made by Dr. Amanda Celli and seconded by Jason Likens to adjourn at 2:44 p.m.

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