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**Southeast Region (5)
Regional Education Planning Committee**
Pittsburg County Health Department
1400 East College Avenue
McAlester, Oklahoma
February 9th, 2017 09:00 a.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair James Wilkins at 9:13 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Kari Beggs, Chelsea Bishop, Robyn Baldrige, Jauquetta Trotter, David Grovdahl, Brian Norton, and James Wilkins. The following member was absent: Diana Walters.

III. Introductions and Announcements

Daniel Whipple from OSDH – Emergency Systems introduced Samuel Curatola as a new EMS Administrator. Mr. Whipple also re-introduced Chris Dew.

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 10th, 2016

A motion was made by Robin Baldrige to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Chelsea Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Business (Discussion and appropriate action)

A. Regional Stroke Plan – Vote to Approve Plan

James Wilkins began the discussion by offering Chelsea Bishop to talk about it. Oklahoma City and Tulsa regions want the time frame to be at 3 hours. Ms. Bishop stated 4 ½ hours have been successful and suggests Region 5 should stay at 4 ½ hours. OTERAC approved the Region 6 Stroke Plan without being formally introduced based upon professional opinions of Stakeholder but did not approve the Region 5 plan after having in for a year that is based on objective data. OTERAC suggested the Region 5 Stroke Plan go back to the working group. The plan went back to the working group the next day. The working group did not understand the 4 ½ hours. Ms. Bishop offered the Physicians to come see for themselves how the Region does it. The Physicians agreed and suggested a luncheon while the data was presented. Ms. Bishop advised the presentation needed to be a Region presentation and not a McAlester presentation. Ms. Bishop recommended the Regional Education Planning Committee present the data to the working group. Ms. Bishop informed that OTERAC does not have the authority to approve the plan but can only advise and provide direction. Ms. Bishop stated the Region has success with the 4 ½ hour time and it is currently working. Ms. Bishop stated there is a quality improvement plan built in and changes can be made when needed. James Wilkins asked if this plan is approved for a third time, can it be enforced. Daniel Whipple stated the new EMS rules require EMS agencies to follow Regional Plans and could issue a deficiency if the plan was not followed. A motion was made by David Grovdahl to approve the Region 5 Stroke Plan and was seconded by Kari Beggs. The motion passed unanimously.

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B. Discuss Regional Envenomation Plan Draft

Kari Beggs began by providing an overview of recommended changes to the plan by Daniel Whipple. There were concerns about definitions. There were questions about the re-ordering of the plan to allow easier navigation from pre-hospital providers. Suggestion was made to change wording of apparent signs of envenomation. All information in the plan was provided by CroFab however; information articles and journals were reviewed to compare with CroFab and were found to be consistent. It was recommended to make reference to the research in the plan. There were concerns about endorsing a pharmaceutical company. CroFab was described to be worldwide recognized, leading and only option. CroFab is backed just like AHA. It was recommended that the backing be obtained and referenced. The group is open to reviewing other options for referencing and wording. Hospital classifications were discussed. Treatment for patients were discussed and does not mean the facility keeps the patient for the duration. Treatment may only be for the loading dose. A system is recommended so agencies are aware if a hospital goes on divert with hopes of adding something to the app. It was discussed to add snakebite ready acute vs. snakebite ready or snakebite comprehensive and snakebite primary. Requesting to add columns to EMResource was suggested. Kari Beggs suggested information be sent to the MERC and information could be sent out. It was decided to change language to comprehensive and primary and provided definitions for each. David Grovdahl recommended Arkansas hospitals be added to the plan. The use of CroFab for pediatrics was discussed and what hospitals would accept pediatric patients. James Wilkins reminded the group this plan is mainly attended for pre-hospital use. It was recommended that pediatrics be removed from the plan and all destination locations would be reviewed. David Grovdahl had concerns about the removal of pediatrics. An update/summary will be provided to the RTAB. A recommendation for language to be added showing this plan is for pit vipers only. It was recommended to add language for agencies to contact poison control if the snakebite was unknown or not a pit viper. It was recommended that a quality assurance process be added to the plan.

C. Review and Amend Regional Trauma Plan Air Ambulance Communications

Kari Beggs sent out a query on EMResource to obtain a list of radio frequencies that were used to communicate with air ambulances. The response showed multiple frequencies were used but the most common channels were State Fire and VMED28(HEARS). Discussion was open to ascertain what types of radios were used in the Region. It was decided that a 1 common frequency should be used. It was also discussed that VMED28 be used due to it being a rule requirement. James Wilkens reminded everyone of the agenda item to review and amend the regional trauma plan. Brian Norton motioned to keep the plan the same and elevate it to OTERAC with change in language to frequency VMED28. The motion was seconded by Chelsea Bishop. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Discuss RTAB Attendance

Chelsea Bishop recapped Region 5 Bylaw changes. Ms. Bishop suggested and issue with Board Members not meeting attendance or proxy rules as outlined in the Bylaws. Colbert and LeFlore County did not meet attendance requirements. Ms. Bishop suggested the issue be brought to the attention of the RTAB with a recommendation to waive any action due to very quick changes being made to the Bylaws. A better explanation of what a proxy is and when a proxy is to be submitted was suggested. Examples of excuses were given of why a member could not attend the meetings. Ms. Beggs requested clarification of Bylaws on excused absences. Mr. Whipple advised General Members under paragraph E in section 3 states. Mr. Whipple reminded everyone the process to submit a proxy in writing on agency letterhead or work email account. It was also recommended to put

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the 2 agencies mentioned up to a vote at the next RTAB meeting. Ms. Beggs advised the General Member attendance had improved after reaching out to the agencies. Mr. Whipple advised Weleetka-Graham EMS had surrendered their license this week. Ms. Beggs advised Lane Frost had surrendered their license. Mr. Whipple advised he would confirm the surrender of the Lane Frost license. Ms. Bishop recommends some type of presentation/education as it relates to changes in the Bylaws.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Next Meeting:

- A. OTERAC – March 1st, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. Oklahoma State Department of Health
- B. REPC – May 11th, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. Pittsburg County Health Department
- C. RTAB – May 11th, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. Pittsburg County Health Department
- D. CQI – May 11th, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. Pittsburg County Health Department

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was to adjourn was made by Robyn Baldrige and seconded by Keri Beggs. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

James Wilkins, Kari Beggs Co-chairs

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REGIONAL EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

MEMBER	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD
Baldrige, Robyn	X				
Beggs, Kari	X				
Bishop, Chelsea	X				
Grovdahl, David	X				
Norton, Brian	X				
Trotter, Jauquetta	X				
Walters, Diana	A				
Wilkins, James	X				
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