

Region 8 Trauma Rotation Subcommittee
Oklahoma State Medical Association
313 NE 50th Street
Oklahoma City, OK
August 15th, 2017 – 5:30 pm

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Jay Cannon at 5:35 pm.

The following members were present: Dr. Jay Cannon, Dr. Roxie Albrecht, Dr. Thomas Lehman, Dr. Eric Friedman, and Dr. David Smith. Dr. John Nalagan was present for Dr. Lance Watson. Dr. David Hunter was absent.

II. Acceptance of Minutes – May 16th, 2017

Dr. Cannon requested that the word INTEGRIS be added in front of that health system's hospitals. A motion was made to accept the correction and approve the minutes by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Lehman. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

III. EMSA Statistics – David Howerton

Mr. Howerton was not present at the start of the meeting, and there was no EMSA report.

IV. TReC Reports

Ms. Grace Pelley introduced Ms. Lisa Fitzgerald and Cathy Smith who attended on behalf of the Trauma Referral Center. Ms. Fitzgerald provided TReC interfacility calls, EMS data collection, and calls by specialty data over a two year period with no noted abnormalities. If there are any questions regarding the data, please contact TReC for further information.

V. Metro Call Schedule – Implementation of New Rotation Requirements

Dr. Cannon reminded the committee members that at the last meeting they had approved that the on-call facility would provide neurosurgical, maxillofacial, and hand services. A letter was sent to the metropolitan hospitals that do not participate in the on-call rotation to request information about capabilities, and no responses were received. It was mentioned that the subcommittee should speak with the Greater Oklahoma City Hospital Council to help facilitate conversation about the revised on-call implementation. There was discussion amongst the attendees as to why the change was implemented and where patients being transported from a scene outside Region 8 will be transported. Dr. Cathey led a discussion relating to appropriate air ambulance usage.

A motion to approve the October on-call schedule was made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Smith. A roll vote was taken with unanimous approval.

Ms. Timberlake asked if the notes on the schedule should be shortened. Mr. Brad Smith recommended that the following language within note "b" be struck: "Effective May 16, 2005, isolated Priority 1 neurologically-injured patients and time-sensitive non-traumatic neuro patients managed by TReC will be assigned to the on-call hospital."

Mr. Smith stated that the Region 8 Regional Planning Committee recently met to discuss an educational component to the revised on-call implementation and sought clarification as to whether it was necessary.

The topic then turned to Level III trauma centers not participating in the on-call system and how they have regulatory obligations to care for orthopedic and general surgery patients. Some attendees questioned whether those facilities have been or will accept those populations of injured patients appropriately. Dr. Albrecht stated that if the Medical Audit Committee could be reconstituted that they could review those issues if they occur. A brief discussion occurred of how the committee was removed, the composition of the members, and the utility of having a multidisciplinary panel.

VI. Subcommittee Resignation

Dr. Josh Carey from INTEGRIS Health Edmond submitted his resignation. There was discussion as to what preferred qualifications his replacement would have; some ideas discussed included a general surgeon, hand surgeon, oral maxillofacial surgeon, or a physician from a Level III trauma center that does not participate in the on-call rotation.

It was mentioned that Dr. Hunter may be retiring and resigning from the committee at that time. Dr. Hunter will be contacted prior to the next meeting to discuss his intentions.

Dr. Watson asked Dr. Nalagan to approach the committee about resigning and having Dr. Nalagan replace him on the committee. A motion was made by Dr. Friedman to replace Dr. Watson with Dr. Nalagan effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lehman and passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

VII. Miscellaneous

Dr. Cathey stated that Dr. Morgan from OU Medical Center recently hosted stroke and IT specialists from several Oklahoma City and Tulsa in order to discuss universal radiography compatibility. This will allow hospitals to share radiography studies easily and more information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Howerton asked the committee about the start date of the revised on-call practices as well as any educational material. He named several metropolitan facilities from which he received questions about the implementation. Dr. Cannon and Ms. Timberlake stated that representatives from those facilities were present at the last meeting when the decision was made, and that the committee received no feedback or questions from the letters to each facility describing the implementation.

VIII. Next Meeting

Dr. Cannon set the next meeting for November 7th at 5:30 pm.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Friedman. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Cannon, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jay Cannon, MD

Chair, Region 8 Trauma Rotation Subcommittee

November 7th, 2017